1. **Authorities:**
   1. Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, and 19 U.S.C. 2345; Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015 (P.L. 114-27)
   2. Section 27, 28, 29 and 30 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722); Title V of the America Competes Reauthorization Act of 2014; as amended by the CHIPS Act of 2022
   3. Title I of the Public Works Economic Development Act (PWEDA) of 1965
   4. Community Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1977 42 U.S.C. 5184 note
2. **Types of Grants/Grant Programs:**

In FY 2024, EDA has made its first awards in two new grant programs: (1) the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs and (2) the Recompete Pilot programs. A summary of these programs are provided below.

Note: In FY 2024, all new grant awards will use EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. Grants from the legacy systems will be migrated to EDGE starting in Q2 2024. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.

* 1. Technical Assistance (Program 41) – typically given to universities for research to provide expertise/tool box/resource database for certain studies. Grant award period of performance - 3 years or less. New awards are processed in Grants Online. This program operates under PWEDA authority.
  2. Trade Adjustment (Program 43) – Funds 11 universities that are located in all regions. Grants are processed through EDA’s Head Quarter Office. Grant award period of performance – 1 to 3 years. New awards are processed in Grants Online. This program operates under Trade Adjustment Assistance Act authority.
  3. Research and Evaluation (Program 47) – contracts/grants that are given to non-profit organizations to conduct studies that typically last 1 to 3 years in duration. These grants are managed by EDA’s headquarter office. New awards are processed in Grants Online. This program operates under PWEDA authority.
  4. STEM Apprenticeship Pilot Program (Program 28) – provides grants to communities to create and expand STEM apprenticeship and other workforce training models, as directed in section 312 of the American Innovation and Competitiveness Act, (Public Law 114–329). This program operates under the 2014 America Competes Reauthorization Act authority.
     1. Quarterly reimbursements which are mostly salaries. As a result, the grant recipients will want the funds right away.
     2. All payments are through ASAP.
     3. Grant awards began in calendar year 2020.
     4. These grants are managed at the Headquarters using EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.
  5. Disaster/Supplemental (Programs 71 through 83 and 02 through 07) – primarily construction type grants. The grants help communities for the long-term. As a result, the grants can linger for 7 years. These grants are administered by region. Funding for these grants are Category B and is supplemental to EDA’s regular appropriations. These Grants are processed manually through CBS, i.e., they are not processed through ASAP or Grants Online. These programs operate under the Community Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1977 authority.
  6. Planning (Program 40) – Administered by region. Helps communities that do not have the resources to develop grant papers. The grants are small dollar amounts and represent approximately 15% of the total grant awards. However, there are a high number of withdrawals since there are approximately 350 – 380 economic development districts. Drawdowns occur on a quarterly basis. The grant award period of performance is 1 to 3 years. Most of the costs relate to salaries of the grantee. This program operates under PWEDA authority. New grant awards are made using Grants Online.
  7. Public Works (Program 20) - Construction grants managed by EDA’s regions. They represent approximately 70% of the funding and approximately 20% of the total grant awards, and are typically 5 years in duration. Construction grants are processed manually through CBS, i.e., they are not processed through ASAP or Grants Online. (Note: 70%/20% mentioned above also relates to Program 70, which is explained below). This program operates under PWEDA authority.
  8. Economic Adjustment Assistance (Program 70) – Managed by EDA’s regions, this provides grants, including construction grants, to communities or geographic areas that are depressed economically. There are approximately 830 districts. This grant program is the 2nd largest in terms of funding. Grant award period of performance – 3 to 5 years. These grants are processed manually through CBS, i.e., they are not processed through ASAP or Grants Online. This program operates under PWEDA authority.
     1. CARES Act (PL 116-136) (Programs 8 and 81)
     2. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act (PL 117-2) (Programs 9, 10, and 13)
  9. Regional Innovation Strategy (Program 30) – composed of 3 parts Science and Research Park, Build to Scale and Cluster grant for Seed Capital. This program operates under the 2014 America Competes Reauthorization Act authority.
     1. Quarterly reimbursements which are mostly salaries. As a result, the grant recipients will want the funds right away.
     2. All payments are through ASAP.
     3. Grant awards began in March 2015.
     4. These grants are managed at the Headquarters using EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.
  10. Assistance to Coal Communities (Program 11) – Administered by region. Provides grants to coalitions of regionally-driven economic development and workforce development organizations anchored in impacted coal communities. This program operates under PWEDA authority.
      1. Grant awards began in September 2015.
      2. These grants are managed at the Headquarters using EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.
  11. Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities (Program 12) – Administered by region. Provides grants to coalitions of regionally-driven economic development and workforce development organizations anchored in impacted nuclear communities. This program operates under PWEDA authority.
      1. Grant awards began in 2020.
      2. These grants are managed at the Headquarters using EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.
  12. Assistance to Biomass Power Plant Closure Communities (Program TBD) – Administered by region. Provides grants to coalitions of regionally-driven economic development and workforce development organizations anchored in impacted biomass power plant communities. This program operates under PWEDA authority.
      1. Grant awards to begin in 2024.
      2. These grants are managed at the Headquarters using EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.
  13. Recompete Pilot Program (Program 19) – provide grants to communities experiencing persistently high prime-age employment gaps to develop 10-year comprehensive economic development plans (“RECOMPETE Plans”) and invest in the implementation of those plans. The projects funded through this Pilot will meet local economic development needs, create good-paying American jobs, invest in workers and businesses, connect local residents to opportunities and resources for long-term success, and rebuild communities stronger with lasting opportunity and economic growth. This program operates under is sec. 29 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (as enacted by sec. 10621(a)(2) of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, Pub. L. 117-167).
      1. Grant awards to begin in 2024.
      2. These grants are managed at the Headquarters using EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.
  14. Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Program 21) – Administered by region. Provides a robust array of resources that can be brought to bear to support construction, technical assistance, and financing projects that help communities become more competitive and more prosperous. A particular focus of EDA’s Technology Hubs funding is to assist communities to become more competitive globally in emerging technology fields. The Technology Hubs Program provides strategic investments to spearhead economic transition in regions other than the coastal areas that are the current locus of venture funding for new technologies. This program is required by statute in the Steveson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. § 3701 et seq.), as amended by the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 (Pub. L. 117-167).
      1. Grant awards to begin in 2024.
      2. These grants are managed at the Headquarters using EDA’s Economic Development Grants Experience (EDGE) system. EDA is scheduled to begin transitioning to the Department’s Grants Enterprise Management Solution (GEMS) in FY 2025.