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## Business Resources & Incentives



# Grow your business

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 Development Department

### PARTNERSHIPS TO GROW YOUR BUSINESS:

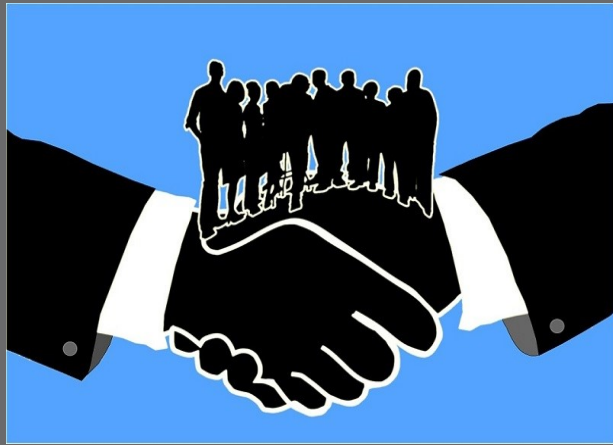
- Georgia Broadband Initiative
- Georgia Main Street
- Geospatial Information Office
- Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation
- Regional Commissions
- Local and County Government



**OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:**

**Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)**  
 Funds used for projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas including training, land development, and business plans.

**Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program**  
 Includes funding for healthcare facilities, public facilities, community support services, educational service, utility services, and local food systems



### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG):**

Competitive funding from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 for comprehensive, multi-activity projects

#### **CDBG– Disaster Recovery Program**

Addresses extensive damage caused by declared natural disasters

#### **Employment Incentive Program**

Projects creating opportunities for low-to-moderate income individuals

#### **Immediate Threat and Danger**

50% matching funds for community development activities

#### **Redevelopment Fund**

Provides grants and loans for economic and community development

### **INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR BUSINESSES:**

#### **Bond Allocation Program**

Economic Development projects must commit to create or retain 1 job for every \$125,000 for financing.

#### **Enterprise Zones**

Provides a toolbox of possible tax incentives and/or free reductions

#### **Military Zones**

Provides tax credits to businesses creating jobs near military installations

#### **State Opportunity Zones**

Provides tax credits to target impoverished areas that are in decline

#### **Rural Zones**

Provides tax credits for job creation activities, investment in downtown properties and renovation of properties.

#### **Job Tax Credits**

Available to businesses engaged in manufacturing, warehousing and distribution, tourism, or research and development industries

#### **Tourism Development Act**

A state tax and use tax refund for expanding tourism projects



### **FEDERAL & STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS:**

#### **Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF)**

Assists in efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas

#### **Innovative Program**

Program to encourage transformation efforts within a community

#### **OneGeorgia Authority**

Provides grants and loans for multiple projects including land acquisition, economic development, and entrepreneur support

#### **Regional Economic Business Assistance (REBA)**

Incentive program to enhance competitiveness in attracting sizeable economic development projects

#### **State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)**

Stimulate private financing for small business growth

#### **Edge Fund**

Provide financial assistance to relocation or expansion promoting employment opportunities

#### **Equity Fund**

Provide financial assistance that includes grants, loans, and any other form of assistance