

# Alabama Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE BROADBAND PLANS AND ESTABLISH A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

Last Updated: July, 2023

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Alabama used the Statewide Planning Grant to conduct technical assistance in 10 counties across the state to advance broadband plan development. Meetings were held in each county to engage local leaders and those providing broadband services, discussing the state's vision and barriers towards broadband implementation. The remaining 57 counties were covered through Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funding. A profile for each county was developed, featuring important broadband data, an interactive dashboard and a comprehensive final report with recommendations for expanding broadband access in the state.

The grantee indicated that this funding assisted in conducting county-specific technical assistance and prepared each county during on-site meetings to take advantage of broadband-related funding opportunities.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The Digital Expansion Office within ADECA does not have a history of collaborating with EDDs. However, the EDDs were invited to partner, although most did not participate. ADECA stated that in the future, the office intends to collaborate more extensively with EDDs once there is a better understanding of how to involve them in broadband-related projects.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges using the online portal
- Procurement process challenges

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Short term: Successful implementation of broadband plans for the initial 10 counties included in the project
- Long term: Achieve 100% broadband access for all previously unserved addresses in Alabama over the next decade

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- CTC Technology and Energy
- AARP
- League of Municipalities
- EDDs

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- CTC Technology and Energy

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# Alaska Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Alaska Department of Commerce Community and Economic Development \(DCCED\)](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO DEVELOP A NEW STATEWIDE CEDS, ESTABLISH A NEW STATEWIDE BROADBAND OFFICE, AND CREATE A MAP OF THE MARICULTURE REGULATION LANDSCAPE.

Last Updated: August, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Alaska's project aims to develop a new Statewide CEDS, create and staff a new broadband office to evaluate Alaska's eligibility for federal programs, and to assess and improve the mariculture regulatory environment. The grant will enable Alaska's new Broadband Office to review compliance requirements for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) through a broadband task force. Additionally, Alaska will gather stakeholders in the mariculture industry to understand regulatory barriers affecting turn-around times and to produce a report that will be considered for legislation.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

EDDs contributed to the development of Alaska's new statewide CEDS. Other aspects of the project were managed by industry and local organizations. DCCED maintained regular communication with EDDs during the plan's development, informing them about the subawards to support their efforts. EDDs were instrumental in advising the DCCED on the Statewide CEDS Strategy Committee and utilized their subawards for regional outreach, planning, and hosting community forums. After drafting the CEDS, EDDs assisted DCCED in refining the strategies, focusing on local community needs.

DCCED recognized the significant role of EDDs in this project and acknowledged their essential assistance in achieving the project objectives.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- US Economic Development Administration Build Back Better Grant, awarded to [Southeast Conference](#) (EDD)

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITRE

- Delays in receiving approval for the Grant Administration Plan from EDA
- Administrative burden associated with providing subawards

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Usage of the CEDS as a business case for projects, investments, or as a guide for improvements to state services

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- University of Alaska Center for Economic Development

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Industry, business, legislative, and native organization representatives

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# American Samoa Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[American Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Industry](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO UPDATE THE TERRITORY'S CEDS AND CONDUCT ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLANNING.**

*Last Updated: January, 2024*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The American Samoa Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Governor's Office, has entered a contract with Pan Pasifika to update the territory wide CEDS plan. Additionally, the Chamber is exploring other economic development needs within the community through surveys and research on export-import flows. The overarching goal of this project is to align resources with the needs of American Samoa.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

American Samoa does not have EDDs. Nonetheless, it is surveying local organizations and stakeholders to gain a better understanding of the territory's economic needs.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Other ARPA funding

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITRE

- Changes in gubernatorial administration
- Staff turnover
- Challenges managing an influx of post-COVID recovery funding

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Success completion of the CEDS update
- Comparison of the final project outcomes with the original proposal submitted to EDA

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- The Governor's Office of American Samoa

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- The Governor's Office of American Samoa
- Consultant: Pan Pasifika

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# Arizona Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Arizona Commerce Authority](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO ADVANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIX WORKFORCE TRAINING ACCELERATORS.

Last Updated: July, 2023

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Arizona's project is dedicated to creating preliminary construction and engineering plans for workforce training accelerators, focusing on equipping workers for advanced manufacturing sectors, including electric vehicle production. The grant will support planning for the architecture, ventilation, power sources, and training concepts for these workforce centers. Initially designed as a state-wide initiative under the Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC), the focus has shifted to six training centers due to not securing BBBRC funds. The grantee has indicated that this funding is instrumental in mitigating overall costs and addressing inflationary pressures that could jeopardize the project.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Arizona's EDDs are currently not engaged in the specific areas this project targets. For enhanced future alignment, EDDs could consider focusing on advanced manufacturing or workforce training, which would resonate with the objectives of this and subsequent projects.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

#### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITRE

- Challenges in identifying suitable projects
- Difficulties in aligning resources with state needs
- The administrative complexity of the EDA reporting process
- Changes in project scope and direction

#### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Number of residents trained and subsequently hired by employers

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Community colleges
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)
- Arizona Commerce Authority's workforce team

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Business First "One Stop" local workforce centers

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# Arkansas Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Arkansas Economic Development Commission](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF STATE ASSETS THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE DASHBOARDS AND RESOURCE GUIDES, ALONGSIDE ASSESSMENTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPETITIVENESS AND THE ARKANSAS WORKFORCE.

Last Updated: April, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Arkansas's project included a site readiness analysis, a manufacturing workforce needs assessment, a targeted industry assessment, and dashboards for Community Development and Entrepreneurship.

The state noted that the grant was helpful with leveraging other funds; the site readiness analysis was presented to the Governor's Office, resulting in an allocation for a new site development program for the state.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Arkansas approached the EDDs and Planning Development Districts (PDDs) to receive feedback on the projects. The EDDs also provided technical assistance to the applicants for the site readiness program. The state has a good relationship with all of the EDDs; Arkansas does not have a formal, organized regional group for economic development, so the state often works directly with the local communities.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITRE

- Challenges in the procurement process
- Fiscal challenges with processing funds on Grants Online

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Applying recommendations from the studies: improve site readiness, improve issues occurring internally in the workplace, and maintain the resource guide.

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Arkansas Department of Commerce

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs and PDDs
- VisionFirst Advisors
- Burns and McDonnell
- Tooling U
- Delta Center for Economic Development at Arkansas State University

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# California Statewide Planning Grant Profile

CA Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY TEAM TO FOCUS ON RESOURCE AND CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT, SUPPLY CHAINS, WORKFORCE RESEARCH, PANDEMIC/DISASTER RECOVERY, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND STRATEGIC PLANNING.

Last Updated: July, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

California's project supports the formation of a regional economic recovery team, concentrating on resource development as part of a broader initiative known as the Community Economic Resilience Fund (CERF). Additionally, Go-Biz aims to foster a network of Economic Development Districts (EDDs) and build cohesive Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) across the 13 regions delineated under CERF.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Currently, California has six EDDs with limited geographic coverage and engagement. Consequently, there was limited coordination between the state and the EDDs. The active EDD indirectly contributed to California's project by participating in roundtable discussions regarding the PWEAA grant.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA)

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Internal procedural delays resulted in postponements in drawing down funds from EDA

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Completion of the resource toolkit
- Generation of additional funding for community and economic development organizations

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Universities
- Industry partners
- Local government agencies
- Private businesses
- Workforce development partners
- Community development organizations
- Nonprofit organizations

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# Colorado Statewide Planning Grant Profile

Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE CEDS, ASSIST EDDS WITH DEVELOPING REGIONAL CEDS, AND TO BUILD ECONOMIC RESILIENCY.

Last Updated: July, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Colorado has concentrated on developing a statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and assisting regions without a current CEDS to develop one. The statewide CEDS aims to foster alignment among economic development entities within the state and to address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic while enhancing future economic resilience against potential disruptions. Moreover, Colorado is facilitating future alignment by aiding regions in regaining official EDA economic development district status. Having a CEDS is crucial for being competitive for EDA funding and this project focuses on increasing such competitiveness while ensuring future funding is distributed across all regions.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Colorado is committed to strengthening its relationship with EDDs and improving partnership throughout the grant process. The state involved EDDs in focus groups to better comprehend the economic development planning needs of the four regions that are developing a CEDS. Additionally, the grant enabled the state to propose consistent EDD funding as a legislative request. While the project goals were well-received by the EDDs, some challenges emerged due to the grant timeline and the capacity of EDDs, especially in rural areas.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- US Economic Development Administration CARES Act grant

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITRE

- Challenges in internal management of federal funding flows

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Number of regional CEDS plans achieved
- Increase in statewide funding opportunities

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Community development organizations
- Workforce development partners
- State agency partners

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# Connecticut Statewide Planning Grant Profile

## [Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development](#)



### PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO COORDINATE EXISTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO CREATE A STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROACH AND APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS THAT SUPPORT THE ECONOMIC ACTION PLAN.

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Connecticut's project involved hiring three planning advisors and an economic development coordinator to develop a statewide strategy as its primary objective. As part of this effort, the team interviewed each economic development district (EDD) to synthesize challenges and successes, incorporating their CEDS plans into the state's plan. Following development of the plan, efforts were directed to implement a long-term strategy across multiple state agencies. Additionally, staff contributed to drafting the Food Insecurity Plan as requested by the Connecticut General Assembly and assisted in federal funding applications.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

According to respondents, EDDs were involved from the development of the application to its execution, offering feedback throughout the process. A major component of the project was interviewing all EDDs in the state to incorporate their perspectives in the statewide strategy.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

The project allowed the grantee to provide analysis and support for multiple federal opportunities during this planning period, including:

- CHIPS Manufacturing Incentives and R&D Programs
- DOD Microelectronics Commons
- DOE State Manufacturing Leadership Program
- DECD Regional Technology & Innovation Hubs
- EPA Solar for All
- EDA Recompete Program
- Inflation Reduction Act
- Planning grant from the Department of National Institute of Standards and Technology

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITRE

- Timeline challenges
- Staff turnover

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- The number of policy proposals resulting from the strategic planning document

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Community development organizations

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Community development organizations

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# District of Columbia Statewide Planning Grant Profile

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP A DISTRICTWIDE 2023-2027 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The District of Columbia (DC) updates its economic development strategy every five years to identify challenges and opportunities, establish goals and priorities, guide actions and investments, and align stakeholders around a shared vision. Utilizing the Statewide Planning Grant, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development spearheaded the development of DC's Comeback Plan, the district's economic development strategy for 2023-2027. This strategy focuses on four broad objectives: 1) retaining and growing DC's tax base, 2) supporting business vitality, 3) strengthening neighborhoods, and 4) promoting the economic mobility of DC residents. DC noted that the Statewide Planning Grant significantly enhanced the scope and quality of stakeholder engagement, data collection, and research throughout the plan's development. This process culminated in an actionable document that is poised for implementation

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Although DC doesn't have EDDs, DC employed data-driven storytelling techniques to carry out an in-depth and comprehensive stakeholder engagement process. This approach aimed to align the plan's strategic priorities with those of the District's diverse communities, neighborhoods, and residents.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCK TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- None

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Number of stakeholders engaged in the planning process
- Access to amenities in disadvantaged neighborhoods
- Number of minority-owned businesses
- Jobs in high-growth sectors
- Median Income of Black Households
- Districtwide Population

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Executive Office of the Mayor of the District of Columbia
- District of Columbia government agency leaders

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- District of Columbia government agency leaders
- Business Improvement Districts
- DC Work, Infants, and Children
- Federal City Council
- Other community and neighborhood stakeholders

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# Delaware Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Delaware Department of Labor](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF REPORTS TO ADDRESS CURRENT GAPS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENCOURAGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TANGIBLE IMPACT.

Last Updated: April, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Led by Social Contract as the project manager, Delaware's project involves multiple consulting organizations to produce a diverse set of reports. These reports encompass an equity-centered workforce development analysis, the creation of an internal operations manual, an analysis of the state policy landscape, distinct gap analyses for entrepreneurial resources and wraparound services, and a comprehensive labor force and skills assessment.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

While Delaware lacks EDDs, the [Workforce Development Board](#), with its 53 members, is intrinsically linked to local economic development and plays a pivotal role in the project's progress evaluation.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Difficulties using the online portal.
- Administrative challenges with the fiscal agent
- Staff turnover

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Aspirational metrics include labor force participation rates, median earnings, educational attainment, racial disparities, business revenue, job postings, and overall community well-being
- Adoption of recommendations
- Stand-alone reports with low-hanging fruit

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Division of Small Business
- Delaware Prosperity Partnership

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Social Contract
- EDSi
- Tech Impact
- United Way
- University of Delaware
- Urban Institute

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# Federated States of Micronesia Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Department of Resources and Development \(RD\)](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD THE UNITED NATIONS' 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND ADDRESS THE HEALTH CRISIS IN MICRONESIA.

*Last Updated: November, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Micronesia is focusing on combating the epidemic of noncommunicable diseases (NCDs) and meeting the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The grant project will produce a report and recommendations for four projects aimed at addressing four major NCDs in Micronesia, while also working toward the achievement of the UN SDGs.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Micronesia does not have EDDs, but it has worked closely with the governments of its four regional states to better understand the challenges at the local level. These state governments are integral members of the working group that Micronesia has formed to address the health and development challenges it faces.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Funding from the Department of Health

### ROADBLOCK TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Internal administrative challenges
- High cost of travel to constituent states

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- An increase in healthy food consumption and a reduction in NCDs
- Increased general public awareness of, and participation in, development efforts in Micronesia

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Micronesia national government
- UNPP
- UNICEF
- Four Micronesian state governments
- Consultant

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Micronesia national government
- UNPP
- UNICEF
- Four Micronesian state governments
- Consultants

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# Florida Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Florida Department of Commerce, Office of Broadband](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE BROADBAND STUDY AND DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF BROADBAND SERVICES.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Florida Office of Broadband used the Statewide Planning Grant to fund a study on the status of broadband and to develop the [Florida Strategic Plan for Broadband](#). In collaboration with the EDDs, the Office hosted ten virtual workshops within their respective jurisdictions to discuss broadband. The feedback from these events helped the Office concentrate on the foremost concerns of residents and develop the state plan. The University of Florida Public Utilities Research Center conducted the research and community engagement components of the project, ending with the delivery of the completed and agency-approved statewide strategic plan.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The respondent notes that EDDs are an important resource to Florida's communities, as they are at the forefront of economic development planning and resource identification for counties. The Office of Broadband's Strategic Plan aligns with the goals of the EDDs, in that the work undertaken as a result of the plan supports all the economic development initiatives and projects planned by local governments as well as private commercial entities. These initiatives and projects include business development and recruitment, public infrastructure improvements, and community development.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

## ROADBLOCK TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- None

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Successful development of the state strategic plan for broadband, new broadband expansion initiatives, and increased access to federal funding

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Small County Coalition
- Rural Economic Development Initiative
- Tribes
- Florida Association of Counties
- Internet service providers
- State government agencies
- Local government agencies
- Private businesses
- University of Florida Public Utilities Research Center

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- University of Florida Public Utilities Research Center

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# Georgia Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Georgia Department of Economic Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP PROMISING INDUSTRY CLUSTERS AND WORKFORCE STRATEGIES TO GROW AND ATTRACT BUSINESSES TO GEORGIA.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Georgia's overarching goal focused on conducting a comprehensive study of the workforce across the state, encompassing five main activities: a statewide workforce assessment to gauge overall employment health, regional assessments to understand local labor markets, site-specific evaluations for targeted insights, planning sessions with state talent partners to strategize workforce development, and analyses of underemployed and unemployed residents to identify gaps and opportunities. Key to this endeavor was a focused collaboration with education partners, aiming to strengthen the workforce by aligning educational outputs with labor market needs.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

In the past, Georgia's Office of Economic Development collaborated with EDDs, but they were not involved in this project. Instead, the Office partnered with educational institutions, believing they would be better suited for local-level implementation due to their experience in workforce development and their ability to help bridge educational gaps.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Timeline challenges

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Completion of workforce studies and activities
- Completion of the five main identified activities and implementation of recommendations to improve workforce and education needs in the state

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia
- Local government agencies
- Education partners

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# Guam Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Guam Bureau of Statistics and Plans](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO SUPPORT GUAM'S ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND STRENGTHEN DOMESTIC PRODUCTION.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Guam's project will finance two feasibility studies: one on the development of additive manufacturing and the other on the development of the transshipment industry. Additionally, the project aims to create an agriculture master plan to enhance food security and develop an economic impact model to assess the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Guam's economy.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Although Guam lacks EDDs, the Bureau of Statistics and Plans has engaged closely with local stakeholders to advance their plans. This engagement involved hosting both virtual and in-person discussion sessions and gathering feedback on project proposals.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Ensuring adherence to Guam's procurement laws
- Completing the Request for Advance of Reimbursement form

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Achieving the project objectives within the timelines specified in the Grant Administration Plan

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- The Guam Economic Development Authority
- The Guam Office of the Governor
- The Guam Department of Labor

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- The Guam Economic Development Authority
- The Guam Office of the Governor
- The Guam Department of Labor
- The Applied Science and Technology Research Organization of America

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# Hawaii Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Hawaii Office of Planning and Sustainable Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO CREATE A STATEWIDE ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND RESILIENCY PLAN.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Hawaii Economic Recovery and Resilience (HIERR) plan is designed to aid Hawaii in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to prepare the state for future disasters. The project comprises three main workstreams: 1) identifying economic vulnerabilities exacerbated by COVID-19, 2) identifying projects and resources to alleviate economic hardship, and 3) developing an action plan to address economic impacts of future disasters.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Although Hawaii lacks EDDs, the state has engaged in thorough planning and implementation with local development organizations and county governments. The Hawaii Office of Planning and Sustainable Development proactively engaged with local groups to discuss their economic development needs and data gaps. Additionally, the Office conducted surveys and interviews to better understand local needs and challenges.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- National Telecommunications and Information Administration

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Limited capacity of local partners

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Speed of project implementation
- Success in attracting additional federal funding
- Strengthened relationships with local partners

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Local economic development organizations
- County governments
- Economic development boards

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Local economic development organizations
- County governments
- Economic development boards

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# Idaho Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Idaho Department of Commerce](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO DEVELOP FOUR REPORTS TOUCHING ON RURAL STRATEGIES, MANUFACTURING SUPPLY CHAINS, AN ENERGY ISSUE ASSESSMENT, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TRAINING.

Last Updated: April, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Idaho Department of Commerce's project utilized contractors to deliver four components:

- Development of comprehensive rural strategy report and online tool,
- Analysis of the supply chain serving the state's manufacturers (you can find the report [here](#)),
- Creation of training guides and products to train local government officials on key topics, and
- Review and analyze key energy issues facing Idaho.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

EDDs and other stakeholder provided a variety of project concepts to Idaho Commerce. Ultimately, the Department identified four key project topics and selected four contractors to complete the work. The grantee has indicated that EDDs may be involved in implementation, depending on the program gaps identified by the consultant and whether EDD competencies can address those gaps. Generally, the Department desires a closer relationship with EDDs and enhanced dissemination of information about Idaho to strengthen future cooperation.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Department of Energy grant

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Lengthy state request for approval process
- Limited time Idaho Commerce had to develop comprehensive project plan prior to submitting application which resulted in the need for an amendment.
- Unexpected length of time needed for EDA approval of project amendment

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Metrics for evaluation have not yet been established but it is expected that the projects are laying the foundation for future work in each of the four report areas.

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Idaho Manufacturing Alliance
- Association of Idaho Cities
- Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium
- Local businesses and industry leaders
- EDDs

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- TIP Strategies
- Idaho Manufacturing Alliance
- Association of Idaho Cities
- Idaho Advanced Energy Consortium
- EDD

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# Illinois Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO CONDUCT RESEARCH AND OUTREACH TO FACILITATE THE CREATION OF A STATEWIDE COVID-19 ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Illinois worked with a consultant to analyze industries in the state and how they have changed due to the pandemic. The state was divided into 10 economic development regions to analyze the workforce and supply chain for each selected industry within each region. Finally, a roadmap was developed for each region to identify action steps to take over the next five years to increase growth and resiliency.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

EDDs in Illinois were involved in the planning process by conducting one-on-one meetings with prominent regional players and stakeholder discussions to better understand the conditions in each of the 10 identified regions. The intention was also to involve the EDDs in the implementation process by applying the developed roadmaps in their respective regions.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges with the procurement process

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Developing implementable actions within the roadmaps. Each roadmap will contain key performance indicators (KPIs) for each specific region to track.

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Boston Consulting Group
- Universities and education partners
- Major employers
- Local governments

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Key partners in the planning process are also supporting the implementation process.

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# Indiana Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Indiana Economic Development Corporation \(IEDC\)](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
**TO DEVELOP A CONCEPT PLAN FOR AN INNOVATION DISTRICT, CREATE A STATEWIDE MEGASITE IDENTIFICATION STRATEGY, AND ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE CEDS WITH SUPPORT FOR EXISTING TECH HUBS.**

*Last Updated: December, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Indiana's project encompasses three main elements: developing a strategy for tech park development, creating a strategy for megasite development in the state, and developing a statewide CEDS. The goal is to extend the projects beyond the typical scope of economic development, which usually focuses on business development and infrastructure. By including considerations for population, access to transit, and access to higher education in site selection, the approach will be more inclusive. The grantee has indicated that this funding is facilitating strategic long-term planning, which would not have been otherwise possible.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

IEDC actively partners with EDDs across the state. The grantee stated that the agency aligns with the EDDs' priorities by offering state support and additional funding, while the EDDs contribute local expertise back to the state. Buy-in from the EDDs is essential for successful economic development in Indiana; a major takeaway from this project was the importance of incorporating these local units into statewide planning.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Other ARPA funding

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Staying within the grant requirements during project development
- Utilizing the online portal

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Population growth, GDP growth, per capita income, and educational attainment

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- State government agencies
- Regional organizations

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- State government agencies
- Regional organizations
- Higher education institutions
- Workforce development organizations
- Nonprofit agencies

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# Iowa Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Iowa Economic Development Authority](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
**TO ATTRACT TOURISTS, ADDRESS EMERGING AND FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS, AND IMPROVE STATE COMPETITIVENESS.**

Last Updated: April, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Iowa pursued multiple research initiatives with the funds:

- Tourism economic impact study
- Visitor profile consumer research
- Bioscience industry analysis
- Workforce strategy for targeted clusters
- Workforce attraction research
- Site selection research

The research initiatives were designed to support tourism expansion, workforce attraction, and long-term economic growth. Key outcomes included drawing visitors to the state, attracting new residents to fill a growing number of high-demand job openings and encourage new business investment, especially in a select targeted industries: advanced manufacturing, biosciences, finance, and insurance. Research included surveys of HR staff and other targeted audiences in Iowa to identify key workforce attraction challenges, analyses of the supply and demand of needed workers in key areas, and development of business recruitment tools, and marketing resources.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Iowa collaborates with EDDs in various areas, including business attraction, site selection, and Main Street programs. Although EDDs were not key partners in this grant process, the state intends to share the research findings to enhance this work at the regional level and provide resources for EDDs to engage more deeply.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- US Economic Development Administration Tourism Funds

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges with state's online reporting systems
- Unclear approach to amend application
- Grant management fatigue

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- New state policies and programs
- Expansion of marketing efforts targeting business and tourism

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None (Much of the planning was done with stakeholders prior to the grant)

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Iowa Innovation Council
- Iowa Workforce Development
- Industry Organizations
- Contractors were used for all projects

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# Kansas Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Kansas Department of Commerce](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO BOLSTER INTERNAL CAPACITY AND COMMUNICATION.**

*Last Updated: November, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Kansas is utilizing their grant to implement a new Public Sector Salesforce database and to develop an updated central intranet hub. This hub is designed to inform employees about internal resources available for collaboration and communication. Due to organizational and staffing changes, Kansas has pivoted their project narrative towards initiatives that will improve employee efficiency and equip them with the necessary resources to address daily challenges.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Due to the nature of the project, Kansas has not collaborated with EDDs.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Staff turnover
- Changes in project scope

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- None

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- None

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# Kentucky Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE BROADBAND MAP AND DEPLOYMENT PLAN AND CONDUCT A SKILLS GAP ANALYSIS OF KENTUCKY'S WORKFORCE TO ENSURE THE ABILITY TO BUILD OUT BROADBAND PROJECTS.

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Kentucky's project involves activities related to broadband planning, mapping, and deployment, as well as conducting a skills gap analysis to evaluate the state's current workforce in terms of the skills and jobs necessary for successfully building out broadband projects across the state. The grantee is coordinating with the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to integrate efforts and proceed with the development of a comprehensive broadband map and deployment plan. The state has conducted a 'Better Internet Listening Tour,' which included 14 in-person meetings and two virtual meetings to gather stakeholders for discussions on broadband. An asset inventory and residential survey have also been conducted to help guide future investments. Additionally, the state developed Broadband Workforce Pipeline maps to illustrate the components of broadband supply and demand.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Although Kentucky's EDDs were not heavily involved in the project, they did help host listening tours and recruit participants for these meetings. Kentucky maintains a strong relationship with the EDD Council, meeting with them quarterly.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Internal personnel changes and staff turnover
- Challenges in managing these funds alongside other funding sources

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Developing a clear roadmap for broadband development across the state

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Kentucky Infrastructure Authority
- Kentucky Center for Statistics
- Kentucky Office of Broadband Development
- Local government agencies
- State government agencies

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# Louisiana Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Louisiana Division of Administration](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP A CAPACITY-BUILDING AND RESILIENCY PLAN AND ENHANCE THE PLANNING CAPACITY OF LOUISIANA'S STATE PLANNING AND RESILIENCE OFFICE.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The grant led to the establishment of the State Planning and Resilience Office (SPRO) within the Governor's Division of Administration Office of Planning and Budget. The office's establishment unfolded in three phases: convening stakeholders to assess current capacity for resiliency planning, developing an analysis of needs and opportunities, and ultimately crafting an overall framework for resilience planning capacity. The Center for Planning Excellence, a non-profit that organizes planning efforts in Louisiana, set the foundation for the office by outlining the framework and developing phase reports. Fast forward to today, and the SPRO now leads the Louisiana Grid initiative, seeking funding from the Inflation Reduction Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and spearheading the Louisiana Climate Action.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Before the SPRO's formation, many state agencies operated independently, managing programs in parallel with local partners. Although they did not work closely together, SPRO has facilitated improved communication and coordination between agencies. Moreover, the State Planning Grant has encouraged EDDs to establish Memorandum of Understandings and work together on broader strategic goals. The 2023 CREC Policy Academy on state-EDD alignment played a crucial role in establishing a relationship between EDDs and Louisiana Economic Development.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Staff turnover

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Durability and long-term impact of the work accomplished
- Perceived value of the office among stakeholders
- Implementation of policies and recommendations

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- The Center for Planning Excellence (CPEX)

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# Maine Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Maine Department of Transportation](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
**TO CONDUCT COASTAL FLOOD RISK MODELING AND STATEWIDE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS OF MAINE'S TRANSPORTATION ASSETS TO BUILD CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND IMPROVE HAZARD MITIGATION.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Maine utilized the Statewide Planning Grant to develop a high-resolution, dynamic, and probabilistic model of flood risk along the Maine coast, accounting for storm events and projected sea level rise. The Maine Coastal Flood Risk Model will leverage a new (NOAA) LiDAR dataset, providing consistent, high-quality topographic and bathymetric data covering nearly the entire Maine coast.

Additionally, the state is conducting a Statewide Vulnerability Assessment of all transportation infrastructure assets. This assessment aims to understand the infrastructure's sensitivity and adaptive capacity to climate hazards and to recommend mitigation and resilience-building measures.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Due to the highly technical and specialized nature of developing the Maine Coastal Flood Risk Model and the Statewide Vulnerability Assessment, opportunities for significant EDD involvement are limited. However, upon the model's completion, the state plans to engage EDDs to disseminate insights from the model and to educate the public about climate resilience in Maine's coastal communities.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Delays in developing Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Discrepancies between proposed vs. actual project schedule
- Changes to project scope and direction

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- LiDAR data collected and released by NOAA
- Completion of the Main Coastal Flood Risk Model and Statewide Vulnerability Assessment

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Maine Climate Council
- Maine Governor's Office

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Consultant: Woods Hole Group
- Climate Advisory LLC
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- EDDs

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# Marshall Islands Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Marshall Islands Office of Commerce, Investment, and Tourism \(OCIT\)](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO ASSESS THE CAPACITY OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS TO ENHANCE RENEWABLE ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE.**

*Last Updated: November, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The OCIT project is centered on agriculture, solar energy, and other renewable energy sources. It aims to evaluate the capacity of the constituent atolls to develop agriculture and energy projects, contributing to overall economic development.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Marshall Islands does not have EDDs; therefore, OCIT initiated their project by engaging with other executive agencies and local atoll governors to pinpoint needs. These discussions underscored agriculture and renewable energy as critical areas requiring investment. Subsequently, OCIT began feasibility studies, relying on atoll governments, councils, and leaders to foster trust and collect data. Given the relatively isolated nature of the atoll populations in the Marshall Islands, OCIT employed local surveyors to compile information for their studies, aiming to establish enduring institutional relationships.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- OCIT anticipates leveraging additional funding through this grant

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- The cash-based nature of society presents significant challenges to grant reimbursement process

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- OCIT is assembling an evaluation team to oversee the grant process
- Ensuring community ownership of the project's implementation

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Office of the President of the Marshall Islands
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Commerce
- National Energy Office
- Department of Finance
- Atoll governors

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Atoll governors
- Local mayors
- Local community and religious leaders

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# Maryland Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Maryland Department of Commerce](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
TO CONDUCT BROADBAND ACCESSIBILITY MAPPING, CONDUCT AN INDUSTRY CLUSTER STUDY AND ASSET MAPPING, PERFORM A SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYSIS, AND DEVELOP A RACIAL EQUITY MAP.

*Last Updated: April, 2024*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Maryland is undertaking five projects with the Statewide Planning Grant. Approximately 40 percent of the grant funds are allocated to a statewide broadband mapping initiative to assess broadband accessibility across the state. The remaining 60 percent supports the development of an industry cluster study and asset map, a high-level supply chain analysis, and an initiative to map and analyze racial equity within the state.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Maryland state agencies leveraged EDD resources and expertise to implement the statewide broadband mapping initiative and the resiliency plan.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- National Telecommunications and Information Administration

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Delays in project planning
- Delays in budget approval

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Local governments

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Other state government agencies
- Universities
- Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative

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# Massachusetts Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Massachusetts Executive Office of Economic Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO CONDUCT A BROADBAND MAPPING STUDY TO ASSESS BROADBAND AVAILABILITY AND THE QUALITY OF BROADBAND SERVICE.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

As part of its broader goal to prepare Massachusetts for a post-COVID economy, the state utilized the Statewide Planning Grant to conduct a comprehensive broadband mapping study. This initiative reflects the state's understanding of broadband as a critical facilitator for workforce participation in the post-COVID economy. The Massachusetts Broadband Institute, a division of the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, spearheaded the project with support from an engineering consultant. Upon completion, the state plans to make the broadband map publicly accessible.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

EDDs in Massachusetts contributed significantly to the broadband mapping effort. They are active participants in digital equity planning groups and receive state funds for economic development projects. Moreover, EDDs have strong representation on state councils and commissions, facilitating natural pathways for state-regional alignment.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges encountered with the Statewide Planning Grant reimbursement portal

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Percentage of Massachusetts mapped for broadband availability

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
- EDDs

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Massachusetts Technology Collaborative
- EDDs

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# Michigan Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO CREATE THE MICHIGAN FUNDING HUB TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND COMMUNITIES TO INCREASE CAPACITY FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES.**

Last Updated: April, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Michigan's project developed a technical assistance program for local governments and communities by creating the [Michigan Funding Hub](#), an online grant and resource portal. In collaboration with the Michigan Municipal League, the hub includes:

- Help Desk, where communities can reach out for personalized assistance on funding needs
- Online resource portal
- Webinars and newsletters
- Justice 40 communities training

The state has indicated that without this funding, the launch of the online hub would not have been possible.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The Michigan Municipal League often meets with EDDs to share ideas and discuss TA opportunities. However, the capacity of some EDDs is limited, making it difficult to be involved in activities outside of their daily tasks, and the way Michigan organizes EDDs, Councils of Governments, and Michigan's Prosperity Regions do not align, making it challenging to work together. However, EDDs were partners in planning and implementation with TA development.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Michigan requires authorization from the state legislature to receive federal funding, leading to a delay in starting the project
- Timeline challenges due to the delay

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Short-Term goals in 2024 include: Help Desk TA to at least 150 local governments, train at least 500 communities on using the resource portal, train at least 30 J40 communities on how to be grant ready
- Long-term goals include: More than 35% of local government leaders knowing about the hub when surveyed and 50% are successful in getting an external grant

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Michigan Municipal League
- Regional EDOs and COGs
- Local government associations: Michigan Township Association and Michigan Association of Counties
- MI Infrastructure Office
- State agencies (Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE))
- Other TA providers and consultants, such as Crimson
- University of Michigan

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Key partners in the planning process are also supporting the implementation process.

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# Minnesota Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development \(DEED\)](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP REPORTS ON EQUITY, WORKFORCE, INDUSTRY CLUSTERS, AND CLIMATE CHANGE TO IDENTIFY LOCAL STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Minnesota's project focuses on hiring staff, developing reports and recommendations, and conducting surveys in four priority areas: equity, workforce, industry clusters, and climate change. DEED assigned the Labor Market Institute the task of surveying 1,400 firms to create a green job and business inventory. Consultants were hired to conduct five other activities, which included: Economic Development Sustainability Review, Ecosystem for Innovative Startups, Process Improvement Planning for Business and Workforce Development Workflow, Cluster Analysis, and a Talent Attraction Assessment Survey. Internally, the DEED team has hired a digital equity workgroup coordinator to develop the Minnesota Digital Equity Plan. In addition, DEED is conducting a BIPOC Small Business Needs Assessment.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

According to the state, although Minnesota collaborates with a variety of regional organizations, the state's relationship with EDDs isn't universally collaborative. A few years ago, the Brookings Institution produced a report titled "[The Pillars of Prosperity](#)" for DEED. Among several recommendations was increased coordination with regional partners.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- High turnover impacting financial management support
- Difficulty completing the RFP processes
- Communication difficulties

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Success metrics are project-dependent but generally focus on meeting the needs of different teams within DEED

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- GDS Associates, Inc.
- Labor Market Institute

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# Mississippi Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Mississippi Development Authority](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP A TARGETED, INNOVATION-DRIVEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIC PLAN THAT LEVERAGES MISSISSIPPI'S RESEARCH EXPERTISE.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Mississippi's project is centered on developing a targeted, innovation-driven economic development strategy that further leverages the state's research expertise through a strategic innovation plan. In collaboration with the Mississippi Research Consortium, the Mississippi Development Authority has explored ways to enhance the connection between academic research and product development with the private sector. The ultimate goal is to produce a strategic plan that emphasizes entrepreneurship, technology, and research in legislative priorities. This plan aims to collaborate with research institutions to surpass traditional methods of attracting new industries.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Mississippi works closely with the 10 EDDs within the state. These EDDs were consulted during the planning process, and they are expected to aid in the implementation phase by helping to disseminate major findings at the local level. Mississippi notes that the EDDs represent local communities. Both the state and the EDDs prioritize the same stakeholders, enhancing value through their presence at the local level. In a state characterized by both rural and urban areas, incorporating local insights into the diverse regional economies is essential.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Delays due to challenges with contractors or partners

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Utilizing metrics established in the strategic innovation plan to monitor implementation progress over time

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- TIP Strategies
- Mississippi Research Consortium (Mississippi State University, University of Mississippi, Southern University and A&M College, and Jackson State University)
- EDDs

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- TIP Strategies
- Mississippi Research Consortium
- EDDs

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# Missouri Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Missouri Department of Economic Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO REVIEW MISSOURI'S REGIONAL CEDS, CONDUCT INDUSTRY CLUSTER STUDIES AND A STATEWIDE SKILLS ASSESSMENT, BUILD A STATEWIDE CEDS REPORT, AND DEVELOP ACTION PLANS TO IMPLEMENT THE CEDS GOALS.

Last Updated: July, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Missouri is leveraging the Statewide Planning Grant to undertake a comprehensive assessment of industry clusters across the state. This assessment aims to identify key clusters to target for future development initiatives. Findings from the industry cluster assessment will contribute to a critical component of a statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The development of this strategy is scheduled for 2024 or 2025.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The Missouri Association of Councils of Governments (MACOG), serving as Missouri's statewide association for EDDs, played a pivotal role as key partners in the design and implementation of the industry cluster assessment. Staff from the Missouri Department of Economic Development routinely attended MACOG meetings to gather input for the development of the Request for Proposals. As the consultant finalizes the project, EDDs are anticipated to contribute valuable insights and feedback on the dynamics of Missouri's industries and opportunities for further growth.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Delay in the project's start due to change in administration

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Long-term GDP, productivity, and job growth

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- [Missouri Association of Councils of Governments](#)

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- [Missouri Association of Councils of Governments](#)
- Industry stakeholders
- Local governments
- Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness

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# Montana Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Montana Census and Economic Information Center](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO BUILD A CENTRALIZED PUBLIC DATA PLATFORM FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING PROJECTS.**

*Last Updated: November, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Montana utilized its funding to develop the Montana Community Planning Platform (MCP), a centralized public data platform that offers critical information for businesses and governments engaged in community planning projects. The goal of the MCP is to simplify and enhance the efficiency of accessing information and tools needed for understanding community needs. This platform aims to support state, tribal, and regional planning efforts and projects. Upon completion, the state plans to use the platform to identify high-priority regional and statewide projects within key industries and conduct feasibility studies to assess their viability.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Montana actively involved the community in the development of the MCP and its associated data tools. The state engaged local-level partners early on to ensure their buy-in and gathered essential information on what the platform should feature through both surveys and expert interviews. EDDs were included in this process and will continue to be engaged in discussions about the platform's purpose and direction after its launch.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- US Economic Development Administration Tech Hubs

#### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Internal timing and capacity issues

#### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Usage of community planning platform for developing plans and conducting feasibility studies
- Reduction in the time required for economic development planning

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Tribes
- Community development organizations
- Chambers of Commerce
- Workforce and education providers
- Industry organizations

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Consultants

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# Nebraska Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Nebraska Department of Economic Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO EXAMINE WORKFORCE NEEDS AND SKILL GAPS, ALONG WITH IDENTIFYING EMERGING INDUSTRY CLUSTERS.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Nebraska conducted a two-part study to examine workforce needs within the state. The first part was a statewide skills gap study aimed at understanding future employer and industry needs as the state evolves in a post-pandemic economy. This included determining the skills gaps between employer requirements and the expected growth of the workforce. The second part assessed industry changes related to the pandemic to identify emerging industry clusters. Nebraska is synthesizing the findings from this study to chart a path forward for the state's economy.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Nebraska's EDDs were not involved in the Statewide Planning Grant process due to the study's nature and limited engagement capacity on both sides. Although the state collaborates with EDDs in distributing RFPs, current collaboration faces challenges due to the diverse economy across the state and staffing or resource constraints on both sides.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Internal administrative and capacity issues

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Identification of skills gaps and workforce needs
- Recommendations for changes to targeted industries

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- State government agencies
- Consultants

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# Nevada Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Nevada Governor's Office of Economic Development \(GOED\)](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO PRIORITIZE POVERTY ALLEVIATION, TRIBAL COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.**

Last Updated: June, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Nevada's project comprises five key components: identifying the needs and resources for impoverished communities, developing a tribal community economic development initiative, formulating a statewide broadband plan, assessing workforce skills and initiatives, and creating reports on the entrepreneurial ecosystem and its barriers. Additionally, resources were allocated to host a tribal summit to unite tribal leaders and discuss their needs and challenges.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

During the planning process, Nevada collaborated with EDDs. GOED encompasses seven regional development authorities (RDAs), which essentially function as the same entities and were also involved in the planning stage. The RDAs contributed information for the grant application. However, EDDs were not included in the project implementation, primarily due to capacity constraints. Despite this, EDDs are considered valuable partners to the state.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Timing of the grant's availability in relation to other funding sources
- Project scope change

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Strengthening economic development in the state by strategically accessing additional future funding

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- [Northeastern Nevada Regional Development Authority](#)
- [Western Nevada Development District](#)
- Regional Development Authorities (RDAs)
- EDA University Center for Economic Development, University of Nevada, Reno
- Tribes

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- SRI International
- RCG Economics
- Brookings Mountain West - University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- EDA University Center for Economic Development, University of Nevada, Reno
- Tribes

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# New Hampshire Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[New Hampshire Department of Business and Economic Affairs](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
**TO ASSESS AND MAP NEW HAMPSHIRE'S LIFE SCIENCES SECTOR, ENHANCING COLLABORATION AMONG ECONOMIC PARTNERS WITH A NEW STRATEGY TO FILL BUSINESS SERVICE GAPS.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

New Hampshire initially set out to complete a life sciences industry assessment as well as a business recruitment and expansion strategy for the state. Due to the amount of additional funds remaining after completing these plans, additional activities were added to the project:

- Conducting an advanced manufacturing industry assessment;
- Developing a strategy for attracting foreign direct investment from eastern Canada;
- Assessing the resources available for promoting international business opportunities;
- Hosting an economic development conference for local and regional stakeholders to discuss the information learned and how it can be aligned with CEDS; and
- Designing a training program for state, regional, and local staff to learn how to best use the studies created through this grant

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

In New Hampshire, the state utilizes state-recognized Collaborative Economic Development Regions (CEDRs) due to the full state coverage these regions provide. The CEDRs were more involved in the process than EDDs. However, EDDs will be invited to the economic development conference and will play a crucial role in implementation by discussing how this information can be integrated into their CEDS.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Utilizing all the allocated funds
- The internal state process for fund procurement
- Administrative timelines

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Active participation in trainings and conferences
- Successful incorporation of information into CEDS

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- CEDRs
- Universities and education institutions
- Business associations, incubators, and business accelerators
- New Hampshire Life Sciences Associations

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# New Jersey Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Atlantic County Economic Alliance](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO ADVANCE AVIATION-RELATED PLANNING IN SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY.

Last Updated: August, 2023

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

New Jersey's project focuses on five key activities for aviation-related planning in Southern New Jersey:

- Planning for the Southern New Jersey Smart Aviation Growth Cluster.
- Creating a statewide Air Cargo Plan at Atlantic City International Airport.
- Developing plans for aviation-related disaster recovery.
- Supporting drone test flights.
- Planning for an Aviation Entrepreneurial Center in Atlantic City.

The intended outcomes include recruiting new businesses related to this industry and diversifying the economy by leveraging the unique assets of this region.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The grantee intended to involve the South Jersey EDD, but staff turnover limited the EDD's capacity. The EDD will help address questions like how to grow a workforce to support the target industry and navigate future capacity and economic challenges in the implementation phase.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Difficulty finding contractors that meet the specialized requirements of this project area
- Timeline challenges

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Metrics to track progress, such as milestones and intended outcomes

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- [South Jersey Economic Development District](#)
- South Jersey Transit Authority
- Cape May County
- Atlantic Cape Community College
- Stockton University

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# New Mexico Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[New Mexico Economic Development Department](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO ENHANCE THE ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY OF EDDS THROUGH THE NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COUNCILS.

Last Updated: November, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

New Mexico is utilizing its Statewide Planning Grant to bolster state-EDD alignment by formally enhancing the coordination capabilities of the New Mexico Association of Regional Councils (NewMARC). This initiative includes creating a full-time director position at NewMARC, tasked with organizing and coordinating New Mexico's seven EDDs to ensure strategic alignment among themselves, with state agencies, and with their communities and local governments.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

New Mexico's EDDs have been instrumental in both planning and implementing the project. Their contributions were pivotal in shaping the draft of NewMARC's joint powers agreement and in developing the administrative rules that govern the new director's office. Moving forward, the EDDs are expected to act as facilitators for state programs targeting local communities and to champion local projects within their jurisdictions.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Other ARPA funding

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Delay in project implementation due to wildfires, which diverted resources away from the grant

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- [New Mexico Association of Regional Councils](#)
- Tribes

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- [New Mexico Association of Regional Councils](#)
- Tribes

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# New York Statewide Planning Grant Profile

## Empire State Development



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
**TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ADVANCED INDUSTRY CLUSTERS STUDY.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Utilizing the Statewide Planning Grant, New York has developed a strategic approach to identify and nurture five key advanced industry clusters: Climate Technology, Materials, Information and Computer Technology, Life Sciences, and Defense. This project is structured into four distinct modules, each dedicated to exploring different facets of these clusters.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT**

Empire State Development plans to engage EDDs in its stakeholder engagement initiatives, such as survey dissemination, as part of the industry cluster assessment process.

### **OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT**

- None

### **ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE**

- Encountered financial and administrative obstacles have led to delays in the project's timeline

### **METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS**

- An increase in the growth of the five advanced industry clusters targeted by the grant project

### **KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS**

- None

### **KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS**

- EDDs
- Industry stakeholders

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# North Carolina Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office \(NCPRO\)](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO SUPPORT RECOVERY PLANNING BY CONDUCTING AND EXPANDING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY SURVEYS.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

North Carolina utilized the grant to analyze state recovery through a multi-month community survey aimed at better understanding community-level conditions in areas such as housing, food, education, eldercare, childcare, and infrastructure. A second survey was administered to businesses to learn more about the economic conditions in the state. These findings were used to develop a dashboard for viewing the data over time and to create an index to measure community health. Additionally, funds are being allocated for a specific study on nursing and the future of healthcare in the state.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The grantee considers EDDs as a vital resource for coordination. The EDDs were consulted to develop survey questions and assist in administering the survey. Additionally, the EDDs will receive data to support implementation at the local level.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

#### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Utilizing the online grant portal
- Challenges in communicating with EDA and receiving guidance

#### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Creating an effective index to measure community health over time

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- League of Municipalities
- Association of County Commissioners
- School of Government, University of North Carolina
- North Carolina Institute of Medicine
- East Carolina University

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- League of Municipalities
- Association of County Commissioners
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- North Carolina Institute of Medicine
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# North Dakota Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[North Dakota Department of Commerce](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO PREPARE RURAL COMMUNITIES TO ATTRACT AND RETAIN A SKILLED WORKFORCE.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

North Dakota's project aimed to prepare rural communities in the state to attract and retain the 21st-century workforce required to expand and diversify their economy. To achieve this, the state focused on fostering place-based economic development through the [North Dakota Main Street Initiative](#). The project included several components: a vibrancy grant program providing seed funding for small, inspiring community projects; a program assisting non-profits or local governments in completing strategic diversification plans; a technical assistance program; and a statewide summit to facilitate connection and learning among rural communities as they continue to advance this work.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

North Dakota's EDDs have limited capacity to engage in projects beyond their typical scope due to budget constraints. The state is interested in supporting expanded capacity at the regional level and hopes to provide more technical assistance to EDDs beyond traditional funding mechanisms.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Readjustment of grant expenditure categories

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Community amenities added or improved
- Number of training attendees
- Number of communities requesting funds

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Non-Profits
- University and education Partners
- Placemaking consultants

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- University and education partners
- North Dakota League of Cities
- North Dakota Council on the Arts
- Placemaking consultants
- Statewide economic development organizations

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# Northern Mariana Islands Statewide Planning Grant Profile

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Office of Planning  
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## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO CONDUCT AN ECONOMIC RECOVERY  
FEASIBILITY STUDY EVALUATING  
TOURISM AND ECONOMIC  
DIVERSIFICATION.**

*Last Updated: February, 2024*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) undertook an economic recovery feasibility study, primarily aimed at recovery from the 2018 typhoon and the COVID-19 pandemic. The objective is to utilize this study in the long term to identify industries in which CNMI can invest to promote economic diversification. The findings will be incorporated into CNMI's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). CNMI is also exploring investment attraction strategies from the US including through military installations.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

CNMI does not possess EDDs but continues to collaborate with local entities to implement the findings of their study.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Administrative transition
- Changes in project scope
- Requirements for reimbursement

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Successful completion of the economic recovery feasibility study
- Ability to revise the CEDS based on the study's findings

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- CNMI Department of Commerce

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- CNMI Department of Commerce
- CNMI Department of Labor
- CNMI Economic Development Authority
- Municipal governments of major islands
- Transcends LLC

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# Ohio Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Ohio Department of Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO BOOST CAPACITY FOR THE FOUR EDDS IN THE APPALACHIAN REGION BY ALLOWING EACH TO CUSTOMIZE THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

Last Updated: July, 2023

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ohio allocated \$250,000 to each of the following: [Buckeye Hills Regional Council](#), [Eastgate Council of Governments](#), [Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association \(OMEGA\)](#) and [Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission \(OVRDC\)](#). The grant is crucial to making the region more competitive for federal resources that help address issues like broadband access, downtown revitalization, brownfields, workforce development, and entrepreneurship. Each of the four EDDs is taking a tailored approach based on their community needs.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

From application development to execution, the four EDDs were involved and received all the grant funding. The Government Office of Appalachia ensures that EDDs first approve and vote on any funded project, fostering a sense of local ownership over economic development initiatives.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Appalachian Community Grant Program, ARPA

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Staff turnover

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Submitted grant applications as a result
- Implementation of policies and recommendations

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- [Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District](#)
- [Eastgate Regional Council of Governments](#)
- [Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association](#)
- [Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission](#)

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- [Buckeye Hills-Hocking Valley Regional Development District](#)
- [Eastgate Regional Council of Governments](#)
- [Ohio Mid-Eastern Government Association](#)
- [Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission](#)
- Local consultants (contracted by each EDD)

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# Oklahoma Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Oklahoma Department of Commerce](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO IDENTIFY AND CONDUCT ASSESSMENTS OF BUSINESS SITE LOCATION ASSETS FOR 32 COMMUNITIES WITH AN EMPHASIS ON, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY.

Last Updated: April, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Oklahoma's project focused on identifying business site location assets in 32 communities and the overall value proposition of the state as a location for the automotive industry. The findings will allow these communities to understand which industries are best suited to expand and locate in their geography. Three site location consultants evaluated site capabilities, identified gaps and limitations, and evaluated competitiveness to make industry and investment recommendations. The grant aims to help communities ensure potential sites are equipped with major infrastructure, such as gas and electric lines. The state expected communities to identify much larger sites but were surprised to find that smaller parcels were more common. Nonetheless, because of how successful the SPG project was, the program is now being replicated for 60 additional communities using state funds.

The state allocated a small portion of the funding to develop a training portal to raise awareness of the site location assets available throughout the state. The state hopes the site will see increased utilization in the coming months.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Oklahoma's EDDs were not in this project given their uneven expertise in this project activity area and the lack of capacity in most organizations. However, Oklahoma recognizes the value of EDDs and expects to tap into their knowledge in producing a statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Internal administrative processes
- Turnover

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Completion of the program by communities
- Login metrics for the training portal

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Select Oklahoma (statewide economic development membership organization)
- Local economic development organizations
- Utilities

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Local economic development organizations
- Three national site location consultants

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# Oregon Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Business Oregon](#)



## PLANNING GRANTN PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO IMPLEMENT A BROADBAND MAPPING AND EQUITABLE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Oregon used the funds to initiate an economic recovery plan and coordinate across government entities and stakeholders to gather input effectively. This collaboration involved working with Economic Development Districts (EDDs) and tribes, creating the Oregon Global Opportunity Plan, and developing a broadband plan.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

EDDs were involved in both project planning and implementation phases in Oregon. The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) were aligned with the state plan, with EDDs aiding in the promotion of the project. The EDDs recommended contacts for outreach and facilitated local relationship building. A robust relationship with the EDDs, characterized by trust and open communication, was in place prior to this grant.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

#### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges with the project timeline
- The extensive scope of work
- Difficulties navigating the online portal

#### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Progress evaluated using metrics built into the economic recovery plan
- Ensured increase in capacity for EDDs and tribes

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Tribes
- Industry Partners
- Local government agencies

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Tribes
- Private businesses
- Local government agencies

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# Palau Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Palau Ministry of Finance](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO ATTRACT BUSINESSES, INCREASE TOURISM, AND IMPLEMENT A NATIONAL STREET NAMING AND HOME ADDRESSING SYSTEM.**

*Last Updated: March, 2024*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Palau's project aims to enhance business attraction to Babeldaob, the mainland of Palau, increase the capacity to sustainably manage tourism and cultural sites, and implement a nationwide street naming and home addressing system. The business attraction plan involves interviews with local stakeholders, an assessment of gaps and needs on the island, and the identification of pilot states for new programs. Additionally, Palau is collaborating with the National Parks Service to develop workshops for more effective management of cultural/tourism sites. The Ministry of Finance is leading the effort to evaluate street names, work with states to adopt street naming resolutions, and develop home address guidelines.

Originally, the project included a broadband component, but the Palau National Communication Corporation received funding through the USDA ReConnect Program to expand broadband infrastructure.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Palau does not have EDDs but has engaged with its states to implement the street naming and home addressing project.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- US Department of Agriculture ReConnect Program

#### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- None

#### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Increase business activity in Babeldaob
- Completion of all workshops in partnership with National Parks Service
- Successful completion of the addressing and street naming projects

#### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

#### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Consultants
- Palau Governor's Association
- National Parks Service
- Palau Automated Land and Resource Information System

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# Pennsylvania Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Team Pennsylvania Foundation](#)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
TO CONDUCT A CEDS EQUITY GAP ANALYSIS, IDENTIFY BENEFICIAL ENERGY SECTOR CLUSTERS FOR INVESTMENT, AND ENGAGE MANUFACTURERS TO PRIORITIZE ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

Last Updated: July, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Team Pennsylvania leveraged the Statewide Planning Grant to achieve three main objectives. Firstly, they carried out research and analysis to assess the state of inclusive competitiveness and economic equity efforts across the state's 10 Economic Development Districts (EDDs). This involved analyzing each EDD's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) plan and conducting interviews with EDD staff to evaluate how equity for vulnerable populations is prioritized. Secondly, Team Pennsylvania focused on bolstering the state's energy industry cluster as a vital economic opportunity, emphasizing decarbonization through the adoption of innovative green technologies. Thirdly, the organization collaborated with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development to establish an industry-led, statewide forum that articulates a collective voice for the manufacturing sector.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

In the process of conducting the CEDS Equity Gap Analysis, Team Pennsylvania facilitated numerous discussions among state and EDD personnel on enhancing the integration of inclusive competitiveness and economic equity into regional economic development strategies. These conversations are set to guide the development of a digital community of practice for EDDs, aimed at augmenting their ability to focus on inclusive economic competitiveness and equity in their CEDS planning efforts.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Department of Energy
- Appalachian Regional Commission
- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- None

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Number of CEDS plans with increased prioritization on inclusive competitiveness and economic equity

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Energy Horizons Cross-Sector Collaborative
- Pennsylvania Manufacturing Advisory Council

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- [Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission \(EDD\)](#)
- Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development
- Pennsylvania Energy Horizons Cross-Sector Collaborative
- Pennsylvania Manufacturing Advisory Council

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# Puerto Rico Statewide Planning Grant Profile

Department of Economic Development and Commerce

(Departamento de Desarrollo Económico y Comercio)



**PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)**  
**TO DEVELOP AN IT TARGET CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND TO ADVANCE IT EDUCATION AND CAREER PATHWAYS FOR UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Puerto Rico's project is focused on developing the technology industry to determine what gaps exist in talent, policy, and infrastructure to strengthen the cluster. A significant emphasis was also placed on an education program centered around IT education and developing career pathways for K-12 programs. The deliverables included an IT Industry Composition Report, Puerto Rico's vision for IT, an IT Workforce Strategy, and an IT Target Sector Analysis and Cluster Development Strategy. The grantee stated that this grant bridged a crucial gap, enabling investment in planning and prioritizing a specific sector.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The grantee noted that Puerto Rico does not have many EDDs, nor does the territory possess many economic development organizations. Instead, the territory relies more on professional organizations, Chambers of Commerce, or industry partners for this type of work. However, coordinating with these types of organizations is crucial to reduce duplication and to incorporate additional resources, bandwidth, and diverse perspectives into the project.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Complex procurement processes
- Changes in personnel and grant managers, which caused delays

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Implementing initiatives from the cluster strategy to strengthen career pathways and the industry

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Invest Puerto Rico (public-private partnership)

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Invest Puerto Rico
- Puerto Rico Science Trust
- Puerto Rico Information Technology Cluster Alliance
- On Point Strategy

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# Rhode Island Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Rhode Island Commerce](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO DEVELOP A STATEWIDE CEDS AND IDENTIFY REGIONAL INVESTMENT AREAS.

Last Updated: July, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Rhode Island's project is focused on updating the state's current long-term economic development strategy to a statewide CEDS that addresses post-COVID economic and workforce challenges. In conjunction with this effort, Rhode Island is enhancing support for small businesses and advanced industry networks by identifying intermediary partner projects that align with the state's overall strategy. A portion of the grant is also allocated to defining regional investment areas and strategies for improvement in sectors such as food systems, offshore wind, blue economies, and broadband.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Rhode Island does not have EDDs. However, various local and regional organizations have been involved in the execution of this grant and are actively participating in the development of the state's new statewide CEDS.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges with timing and planning alignment

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Effective CEDS implementation
- Increased state and industry funding opportunities

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- University and Education Partners
- Non-profits
- Local Government Agencies
- State Government Agencies
- Workforce Development Agencies
- Businesses

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# South Carolina Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[South Carolina Council on Competitiveness](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP AN AI-ENABLED CORRIDOR AND RESHAPE THE E-MOBILITY AND LOGISTICS SUPPLY CHAIN.**

*Last Updated: July, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

South Carolina is advancing e-mobility through electrification, energy, and Artificial Intelligence (AI). The project initiated with the establishment of a Rapid Innovation Lab, incorporating all-day workshops with state agencies, industry partners, K-12, and higher education to explore investments in AI and the creation of an AI track in high schools. Additionally, the state hosted the National Governor's Association Electric and Alternative Vehicle Infrastructure Summit, with funds supporting the event. Other activities included funding studies on AI and electrification and organizing related events.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

South Carolina's EDDs were not involved in this project due to the unique and specific scope of work. Electrification and AI are specialized fields making it more practical to collaborate with leading experts in these fields. However, the state has previously worked with EDDs on different projects and acknowledges the potential for further engagement.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

#### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Narrowing the focus of the project due to the highly technical nature of the subject matter
- Educating partners and policymakers about the subject matter to reduce misunderstandings

#### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Implementing research findings in both industry and educational developments
- Hosting successful convenings and disseminating information to policymakers

#### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Industry partners

#### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- SC Department of Commerce
- SC Department of Employment and Workforce
- SC Department of Education
- SC Department of Transportation
- Private businesses
- Industry partners
- University and education partners

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# South Dakota Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO ADVANCE STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

South Dakota's project aims to draft a series of economic development plans to enhance the state's infrastructure and industry clusters across urban and rural areas. The project includes three core components: merging existing local, regional, and Tribal plans to create a statewide economic development assessment focused on infrastructure improvements; identifying 16 high-impact economic development sites for specific infrastructure enhancements to support certain industry clusters; and assisting 16 communities in conducting a detailed capital improvement plan to strategically plan for significant capital expenditures, including infrastructure. The grantee emphasized the crucial role of this funding in their infrastructure planning efforts, noting it provided essential support not available through other means.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

South Dakota maintains a strong relationship with its planning districts and has involved them in all three pillars of this project. EDDs were consulted, and their Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs) were utilized to identify sites and industries for development. South Dakota intends to continue leveraging CEDs to enhance the success of this project and future development efforts. The future success of this project is contingent upon planning districts and other local economic development offices executing the capital improvement plans established during this process.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

#### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Limited staff capacity to dedicate to the RFP process
- Administrative burden of the EDA reporting process

#### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- High-impact sites identified
- Capital improvement plans implemented

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Public utility partners
- State government agencies

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Local governments
- Tribes

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# Tennessee Statewide Planning Grant Profile

Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development (TNECD)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO ASSIST DISTRESSED AND AT-RISK COMMUNITIES WITH PLANNING FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE.

Last Updated: April, 2024

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Tennessee's project aims to address issues impacting at-risk and distressed communities throughout the state, with a specific focus on water and sewer utility infrastructure. Pairing the Statewide Planning Grant with Tennessee's Infrastructure and Planning Grants (IPG), the state has identified four communities to receive funding to improve water and sewer challenges and reduce water loss.

The Statewide Planning Grant covers a gap in an already existing program and allows for additional areas to be funded when paired with the IPG funds.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The state stated that TNECD is one of the primary funders of the EDDs. The EDDs were initially involved in planning for the IPGs, which the Statewide Planning Grant was later added to. The EDDs will assist in administering the funds to the four selected awardees.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- An overwhelming influx of additional funding
- Project delays due to a change of scope and delays in EDA approval
- Challenges associated with using the online portal

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- By 2025, aim to have under 27-30% water loss in the four selected communities
- Specific metrics are being developed, including the number of sewer system overflows identified, percent reduction in inflow and infiltration after established repairs, and the number of customers with safe drinking water

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs

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# Texas Statewide Planning Grant Profile

The State of Texas Office of the Governor



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO MERGE EXISTING STRATEGIC PLANS STATEWIDE AND GENERATE REPORTS ON INDUSTRY SECTORS, SKILLS ASSESSMENTS, AND AN ENTREPRENEURIAL ASSETS CATALOG.

Last Updated: July, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Texas's project focuses on creating a statewide economic development plan that includes an industry sector analysis, skills assessment, and entrepreneurial assets catalogue. The state has established an advisory board to guide the process, enlisting Guidehouse, a consulting firm, to complete the project. As of 2023, they have conducted focus groups with various regions and industries to begin the planning process.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

According to the respondent, economic development activities in Texas are highly decentralized. As a result, EDDs played only a small role in implementation of this grant. EDDs typically operate independently, focusing on separate local development activities and are less disposed to partner with the state. Instead, the state tends to collaborate with other EDOs like Chambers of Commerce or Economic Development Corporations.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Internal issues with the state RFP process
- Timeline challenges

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Completion and delivery of plan deliverables
- Identification of industry clusters
- Alignment with the workforce investment council

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Guidehouse
- Council of Governments (EDDs)
- Texas Workforce Commission
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

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# U.S. Virgin Islands Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[USVI Office of Management and Budget](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO INCREASE TOURISM TO USVI THROUGH AMENITY IMPROVEMENT AND TO CONDUCT BROADBAND AND HEALTH DATA MAPPING OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS IN USVI.**

*Last Updated: February, 2024*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The US Virgin Island's (USVI) project is divided into two subcomponents: The first aims to develop a sports tourism strategy, including plans to construct stadiums and other entertainment amenities. The second focuses on improving the health information infrastructure, modernizing data systems to enhance health outcomes, and facilitating data sharing among healthcare providers.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The USVI does not have EDDs. The grantee primarily collaborated with other executive-level offices for the planning and implementation of their grant project.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Capital Project Fund, US Treasury
- Capital Improvement Project, US Department of Interior

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Requirements for reimbursement
- Staff turnover
- Transition of grant management from the Department of Tourism to the Office of Management and Budget

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- The completed project will be evaluated against the scope of work presented to the EDA

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- USVI Governor's Office
- Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation
- Office of Health Information and Technology

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- USVI Governor's Office
- Department of Sports, Parks, and Recreation
- Office of Health Information and Technology
- Consultants

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# Utah Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Governor's Office of Planning & Budget](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP A UNIFIED COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.**

*Last Updated: August, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Utah is using their grant to develop a framework for a unified comprehensive economic development strategy, the "[Coordinated Action Plan for Economic Vision 2030](#)." This strategy aims to enhance the integration of the existing local and regional plans into a holistic and inclusive statewide plan, strengthening links between urban and rural areas. This project is a collaborative effort that facilitated both vertical and horizontal collaboration across Utah and will align and unify the structure, timelines, and cost assumptions of independent CEDS. The final product will guide decision-making at both state and regional levels and expand economic opportunities for residents throughout the state. Utah is also supplementing this effort with subawards to support regional economic development and capacity building.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Utah collaborated with EDDs to develop the Statewide Planning Grant proposal, encouraging each region to consider their unique needs and how they could align with overall efforts. While these alignment efforts are ongoing, the state and EDDs are engaging in important discussions about future collaboration.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges in spending all grant funds

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Statewide CEDS Implementation
- Submission of subaward reports
- Expansion of state and regional economic opportunities

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- Local government agencies
- State government agencies

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Consultants
- Local government agencies
- State government agencies

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# Vermont Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO CONDUCT A STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT, DEFINE DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES, BUILD A PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK, ANALYZE AND ENHANCE EXISTING PROGRAMS, AND DEVELOP A NEW PROGRAM SCREENING TOOL TO GUIDE FUTURE INVESTMENTS.

Last Updated: December, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development utilized Statewide Planning Grant funds to create a tailored economic development plan through a four-step process. Initially, the agency undertook a statewide economic assessment to more precisely define Vermont's economic development priorities. This assessment was crucial in evaluating a set of existing programs closely aligned with these priorities. Subsequently, a gap analysis was performed, leading to the development of recommendations aimed at enhancing current programs and policies. These recommendations further aided the agency in creating a program screening tool, intended to guide future programming and investment decisions.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

The Vermont Agency of Commerce and Community Development engaged with EDDs, sharing the planning project's findings. EDDs play a vital role in the agency's efforts to disseminate information about the project's outcomes, recommendations, and their implications for communities across Vermont.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- US Economic Development Administration Tech Hubs

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Lack of capacity or time

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Enhanced understanding of the alignment between federally-funded programs/projects and state economic development priorities

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- None

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- State government agencies

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# Virginia Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO ANALYZE AND MAP VIRGINIA'S INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ECOSYSTEM.**

*Last Updated: June, 2023*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Virginia Innovation Partnership Corporation (VIPCC) used the Statewide Planning Grant to analyze and map Virginia's innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, emphasizing the enhancement of entrepreneurship capacity within economically distressed communities. This initiative involved enhancing the state's data and analytics capabilities for monitoring innovation and entrepreneurship activities, along with establishing a non-dilutive grant program aimed at supporting entrepreneurs in one of Virginia's most economically challenged cities.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

One EDD played a role in the execution of this planning project. The project's focus on entrepreneurship and business development did not fully coincide with the primary competencies of some EDDs, which are more traditionally focused on regional and infrastructure planning.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- None

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Timing of the grant's availability in conjunction with other funding sources

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Enhanced capabilities in data and analytics for assessing the innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem statewide
- An increase in innovation and entrepreneurship activities within economically distressed communities

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- State government agencies
- Regional economic development organizations

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- [Crater Planning District Commission \(EDD\)](#)
- Regional economic development organizations
- Community development organizations

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# Washington Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Washington State Department of Commerce](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO CREATE THE FIRST STATEWIDE INNOVATION CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE COUNTRY.**

*Last Updated: June, 2023*

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Washington's project aims to establish the nation's first statewide innovation cluster development program. Two cohorts will engage in cohort-based workshops to learn about innovation cluster strategies in rural communities and to develop their own versions of these strategies. In the first cohort, four communities were selected, each receiving a \$50,000 capacity contract.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Washington collaborated with EDDs in both the planning and implementation phases to understand their interest in innovation models. The Mid-Columbia Economic Development District received a capacity-building grant focused on convening stakeholders in unmanned aviation systems to develop the innovation cluster. The grantees acknowledged EDDs as invaluable partners, citing their extensive knowledge and information. The state also engaged specifically with the North Central Washington EDD.

### OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF, ARPA)

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Staffing challenges
- Procurement process

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Number of organizations applying for future rounds of innovation cluster accelerators
- Expand a consortium of entities that are pursuing or securing funding

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- EDDs
- State MEP
- Washington Economic Development Association
- Tribes
- Industry partners

### KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- [Mid Columbia Economic Development District](#)
- University and education partners
- Private businesses

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# West Virginia Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[West Virginia Department of Economic Development](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

TO PROCURE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON APPLICATIONS TO FEDERAL PROGRAMS, TO ESTABLISH A SITE READINESS AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM, AND TO CONDUCT SITE PREPARATION WORK.

Last Updated: July, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The West Virginia Department of Economic Development utilized the Statewide Planning Grant for two primary objectives. Initially, the department secured the services of consultants to provide technical assistance to communities applying for funding from federal programs, specifically focusing on the EDA's Build Back Better Regional Challenge. Next, the department enlisted consultants to assist in developing the West Virginia Site Certification and Readiness Program. This initiative aims to increase the availability of "build-ready" sites, which the state considers essential for fostering growth in advanced manufacturing and high-technology industries. Additionally, the program includes an engineering effort to undertake preliminary site preparation activities in preparation for future projects.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

EDDs serve as crucial partners to the state in identifying high-potential sites within their regions, ensuring participation in the West Virginia Site Certification and Readiness Program, and advancing site preparation efforts. These activities are instrumental in augmenting the number of "build-ready" sites throughout West Virginia.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Build Back Better Regional Challenge

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Delays in securing state funding to complement the Statewide Planning Grant project
- Challenges in designing the West Virginia Site Certification and Readiness Program

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Number of "build ready" sites available for new projects
- Number of advanced manufacturing and high-technology projects initiated in West Virginia

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- State legislature
- Other state government agencies

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Consultants

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# Wisconsin Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Wisconsin Department of Administration](#)



**PLANNING GRANT  
PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)  
DEVELOP A STRATEGY FOR AN  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE AND  
ELECTRIFICATION SUPPLY CHAIN AND  
PREPARE FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC  
VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.**

Last Updated: August, 2023

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Wisconsin utilized its Statewide Planning Grant to execute two planning initiatives aimed at preparing the state's infrastructure and economy for the transition to electric vehicles and related electrification technologies. The first initiative is a comprehensive strategy and action plan, completed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, on developing Wisconsin's electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The second initiative is an industry and market supply side analysis, conducted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, that identifies opportunities for Wisconsin's economy, particularly its manufacturing sector, to establish a competitive advantage in the electric vehicle supply chain and in electrification-related industries.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

EDDs were recognized as key stakeholders early in the planning process. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation hosted virtual webinars with EDDs to discuss the Wisconsin Electric Vehicle Infrastructure plan in its final development stages. After approval of the plan, the department presented its findings and recommendations to a conference of EDDs. In addition, one EDD collaborated with the department to prepare its electric vehicle readiness plan.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Inflation Reduction Act

## ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- Challenges associated with using the online portal

## METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Ability to access additional resources related to electrification, green technology, and sustainability
- Statewide competitiveness and productivity in electrification-related industries

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- [East Central Regional Planning Commission](#)
- State government agencies
- Industry partners
- Tribes
- Local government agencies

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- EDDs
- Local governments
- Utility providers
- Industry stakeholders
- Universities
- Consultants

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# Wyoming Statewide Planning Grant Profile

[Wyoming Business Council](#)



## PLANNING GRANT PROJECT OBJECTIVE(S)

**TO DEVELOP A DIVERSIFIED AND SUSTAINABLE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.**

*Last Updated: January, 2024*

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Wyoming is using the grant funds to update their statewide Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and to identify new and existing industry clusters to promote diversification and sustainability throughout the state. In partnership with the Harvard Kennedy School's Growth Lab, Wyoming aims to identify economic growth challenges, major barriers, and potential solutions. This collaboration - titled "Pathways to Prosperity" - is shaping the CEDS development and setting the stage for future strategic investments. The partnership has equipped Wyoming with additional tools and methodologies to support the state's progression toward more sustainable economic development strategies.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (EDD) ALIGNMENT

Wyoming currently does not have EDDs.

## OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS RELATED TO THIS GRANT

- Other ARPA Funding

### ROADBLOCKS TO GRANT EXPENDITURE

- None

### METRICS TO MEASURE SUCCESS

- Statewide CEDS Implementation
- Increased awareness and utilization of CEDS in communities

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Governor's Office

## KEY PARTNERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

- Governor's Office
- Harvard Kennedy School's Growth Lab
- Department of Workforce Services
- Community Development Authority
- Department of Family Services
- Office of Tourism
- Wyoming Energy Authority

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