

Public Works Program

What does the Public Works program do?

EDA's Public Works program helps distressed communities revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure. This program enables communities to attract new industry; encourage business expansion; diversify local economies; and generate or retain long-term, private-sector jobs and investment through the acquisition or development of land and infrastructure improvements needed for the successful establishment or expansion of industrial or commercial enterprises.

What kind of public works projects does EDA fund?

EDA Public Works program investments help facilitate the transition of communities from being distressed to becoming competitive by developing key public infrastructure, such as technology-based facilities that utilize distance learning networks, smart rooms, and smart buildings; multitenant manufacturing and other facilities; business and industrial parks with fiber optic cable; and telecommunications and development facilities. In addition, EDA invests in traditional public works projects, including water and sewer systems improvements, industrial parks, business incubator facilities, expansion of port and harbor facilities, skill-training facilities, and brownfields redevelopment.

What criteria are used in determining which projects receive planning grants?

- The project's demonstrated alignment with at least one of EDA's current investment priorities as published on EDA's website at www.eda.gov
- The project's potential to increase the capacity of the community or region to promote job creation and private investment in the regional economy
- The likelihood that the project will achieve its projected outcomes
- Ability of the applicant to successfully implement the proposed project, including the applicant's financial and management capacity and the applicant's capacity to secure the support of key public and private sector stakeholders

What are some examples of successful Public Works projects?

For examples of successful EDA projects, visit <http://www.eda.gov/annual-reports/fy2012/>

How do I get more information on how to apply?

The Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) is available at <http://www.eda.gov/funding-opportunities/index.htm>. To discuss any project proposals in further detail, contact your EDA Regional Office.

