

FUNDING SYNOPSIS

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY (DRA) STATES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SEDAP)

DEADLINE:

FULL APPLICATION: JUNE 6TH, 2021

GRANTING AGENCY:

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFERS GRANTS TO HELP DELTA COMMUNITIES CREATE JOBS AND IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE.

SEDAP MAY BE USED TO FUND PROJECTS FOR BASIC PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE, BROADBAND, AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND WORKFORCE TRAINING.

PRIORITY AREAS INCLUDE:

- **INNOVATION AND SMALL BUSINESS:** PROJECTS MUST RELATE TO JOB CREATION AND/OR RETENTION. THIS CATEGORY INCLUDES HEALTHY WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS, WHICH WILL RESULT IN HEALTH METRICS AND IMPROVED EMPLOYMENT DATA FOR A SPECIFIC EMPLOYER OR BUSINESS SECTOR.
- **REGIONAL IMPACT:** PROJECTS THAT PROVIDE BENEFIT TO CONSTITUENTS IN MULTIPLE COUNTIES OR PARISHES, OR MULTIPLE MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN A SINGLE COUNTY OR PARISH
- **MULTIPLE FUNDING PARTNERS:** PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDE MULTIPLE FUNDING SOURCES AND SIGNIFICANTLY LEVERAGE DRA DOLLARS TO OTHER FEDERAL AND/OR NON-FEDERAL DOLLARS
- **EMERGENCY FUNDING NEED:** PROJECTS MUST DEMONSTRATE THAT THE NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF INACTION WOULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE AND DETRIMENTAL HEALTH AND/OR SAFETY ISSUES FOR THE POPULATION SERVED.

- REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP: PROJECTS SUPPORTING REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP (RA) PROGRAMS AND SUSTAINABLE CAREER PATHWAYS WITH PARTNERS AT THE LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATEWIDE LEVELS ARE CONSIDERED A FEDERAL PRIORITY
- INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES, AND BROADBAND

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:

ENTITIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR DRA FUNDING INCLUDE:

- STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (STATE AGENCIES, CITIES, AND COUNTIES/PARISHES)
- PUBLIC BODIES
- NONPROFIT ENTITIES

APPLICANTS MUST BE LOCATED IN THE COUNTIES AND PARISHES SERVED BY THE [DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY](#).

GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE:

ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, ILLINOIS, KENTUCKY, LOUISIANA, MISSISSIPPI, MISSOURI, AND TENNESSEE

AWARD MAXIMUM:

THERE IS NO MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT FOR SEDAP INVESTMENTS; HOWEVER, EACH STATE IS AWARDED FUNDING BASED ON DRA'S STATE FUNDING ALLOCATION FORMULA WHICH IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS EACH FISCAL YEAR.

FY 2021 STATE ALLOCATIONS		
STATE	SHARE OF FUNDING	FUNDING ALLOCATION
Alabama	10.28%	\$1,526,997.65
Arkansas	14.62%	\$2,170,906.27
Illinois	8.11%	\$1,203,694.19
Kentucky	9.10%	\$1,351,133.61
Louisiana	20.16%	\$2,994,043.31
Mississippi	15.42%	\$2,290,216.42
Missouri	11.39%	\$1,691,142.97
Tennessee	10.91%	\$1,619,788.58
DRA Region	100%	\$14,847,943.00

MATCHING FUNDS REQUIREMENT:

AWARDEES APPLYING FOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING ARE REQUIRED TO CONTRIBUTE AT LEAST A 10% MATCH IN DISTRESSED OR NON-DISTRESSED COUNTIES OR PARISHES. HOWEVER, TO MEET TIER 1A CRITERIA, ADDITIONAL FUNDS WOULD HELP TO RAISE THE PRIORITY RANKING OF THE APPLICATION. IT IS POSSIBLE



FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN DISTRESSED COUNTIES/PARISHES TO RECEIVE 100% DRA FUNDING (NO MATCH), HOWEVER THIS WILL GREATLY IMPACT THE COMPETITIVENESS OF THE PROJECT. AGAIN, TO HELP MEET TIER 1A CRITERIA, OTHER FUNDING IN THE PROJECT IS ESSENTIAL.

TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE:

\$14,847,943.00

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AWARDS:

TBD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

[HTTPS://DRA.GOV/FUNDING-PROGRAMS-STATES-ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT/STATES-ECONOMIC-DEVELOPMENT-ASSISTANCE-PROGRAM/](https://dra.gov/funding-programs-states-economic-development/states-economic-development-assistance-program/)

