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Georgia Jobs and Infrastructure Committees

State Fiscal Recovery Fund Overview

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Welcome and Introductions

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Reminders:

- Open Records and Open Meetings Acts

State Fiscal Recovery Fund Overview

American Rescue Plan Overview

The ARPA was enacted on March 11, 2021 and included funding for the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

- Total available funding for Georgia: **$4.8 billion**
- 1st Tranche received May 20: **$2.4 billion**
- 2nd Tranche will be issued 12 months after the first award
- Period of performance from 3/3/2021 – 12/31/2026
- State must obligate all funds by December 31, 2024

Eligible Use of Funds

Eligible Uses for 1st Tranche

Committee Focus Areas:

- Address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, including economic harms to workers, households, small businesses, impacted industries, and the public sector.
- Invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure, making necessary investments to improve access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater and stormwater infrastructure, and to expand access to broadband internet.

Broadband Infrastructure	Water/Sewer Infrastructure	Negative Economic Impact
$300 million	$250 million	$325 million

Eligible Uses for 1st Tranche

Additional Allowable Uses Not Eligible At This Time

- Support public health expenditures, by funding COVID-19 mitigation efforts, medical expenses, behavioral healthcare, and certain public health and safety staff
- Replace lost public sector revenue, using this funding to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic
- Provide premium pay for essential workers, offering additional support to those who have borne and will bear the greatest health risks because of their service in critical infrastructure sectors

Negative Economic Impact

- Assistance to workers and families
  - Assistance for unemployed workers and job training
  - Assistance for food, housing, or other financial insecurity
  - Survivor's benefits for family members of COVID-19 victims
- Assistance to small businesses
  - Address financial challenges caused by the pandemic
  - Invest in COVID-19 prevention and mitigation tactics
  - May provide through loan, grant, in-kind assistance, or counseling programs
- Speeding recovery for hardest hit industries
  - Targeting tourism, travel, and hospitality sectors and their supporting industries

Negative Economic Impact

- Addressing hardest hit community needs
  - Programs addressing health disparities (ex. community health workers, public benefits navigators, remediation of lead hazards, and community violence intervention programs)
- Addressing housing and homelessness
  - Individual housing needs, relocation assistance, affordable housing development, housing vouchers, and residential counseling
- Addressing educational disparities
  - New or expanded early learning services, providing additional resources to high-poverty school districts, tutoring or afterschool programs, school counseling services to address social, emotional, and mental health needs

Negative Economic Impact

- Addressing family and children needs
  - New or expanded high quality childcare, home visiting programs for families with young children, and enhanced services for child welfare-involved families and foster youth
- Rebuilding public sector capacity
  - Rehiring public workers
  - Replenishing unemployment insurance (UI) trust funds to pre-pandemic capacity
  - Build internal capacity of public offices to successfully implement economic relief programs (Investments in data analysis, targeted outreach, technology infrastructure, and impact evaluations)

Water and Sewer Infrastructure

- Broad ability to invest in improvements to water and sewer infrastructure
  - Address the impacts of climate change
  - Building or upgrading facilities and transmission of drinking water infrastructure, distribution, and storage systems, including the replacement of lead service lines
  - Constructing publicly-owned wastewater treatment infrastructure, managing and treating stormwater or subsurface drainage water, facilitating water reuse, and securing publicly-owned treatment works

Broadband Infrastructure

- Addressing broadband needs in areas that are currently unserved or underserved (lacking a wireline connection that reliably delivers minimum speeds of 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload)
- Prioritizes projects that deliver services offering reliable 100 Mbps download and 100 Mbps upload speeds, unless impracticable due to topography, geography, or financial cost
- Fiber optic investments
- Assistance to households to support internet access or digital literacy is an eligible use but falls under public health and negative economic impacts of the pandemic, not broadband infrastructure.

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State Fiscal Recovery Fund Application Process

Eligible Entities

Government Organizations

- State Agencies
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments

Georgia Professional Associations and Organizations

- Industry Trade Associations
- Business Organizations
- Trade or Professional
- Non-Profit Organizations

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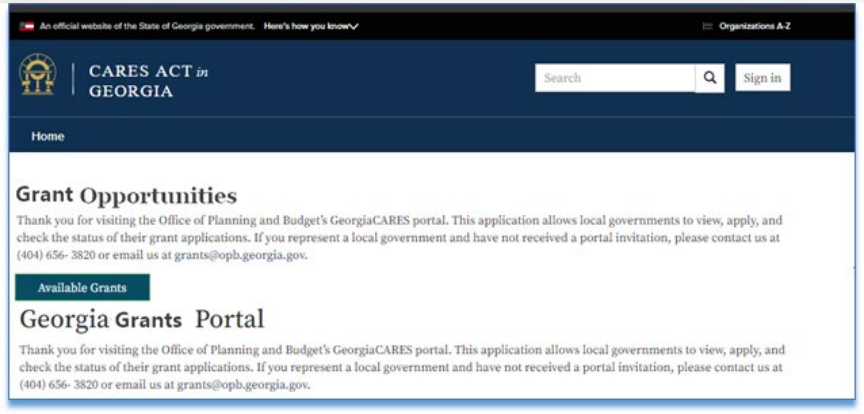
Grant Opportunities



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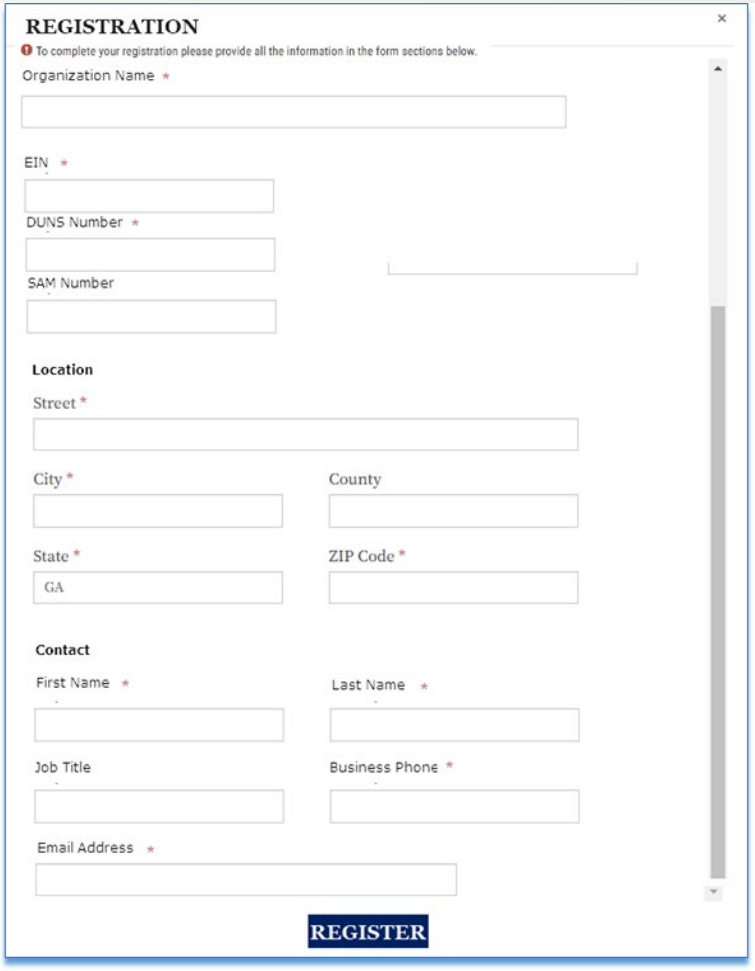

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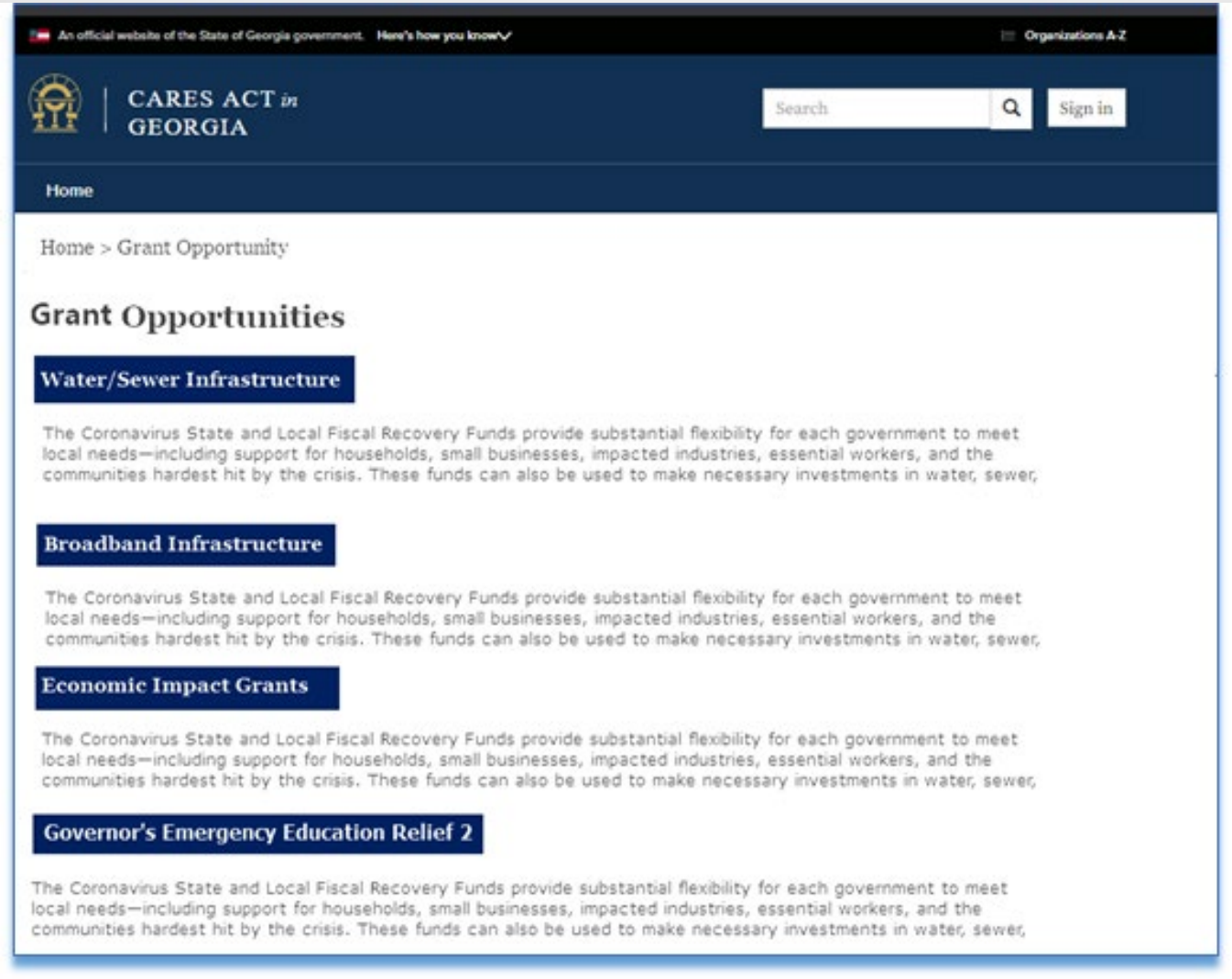

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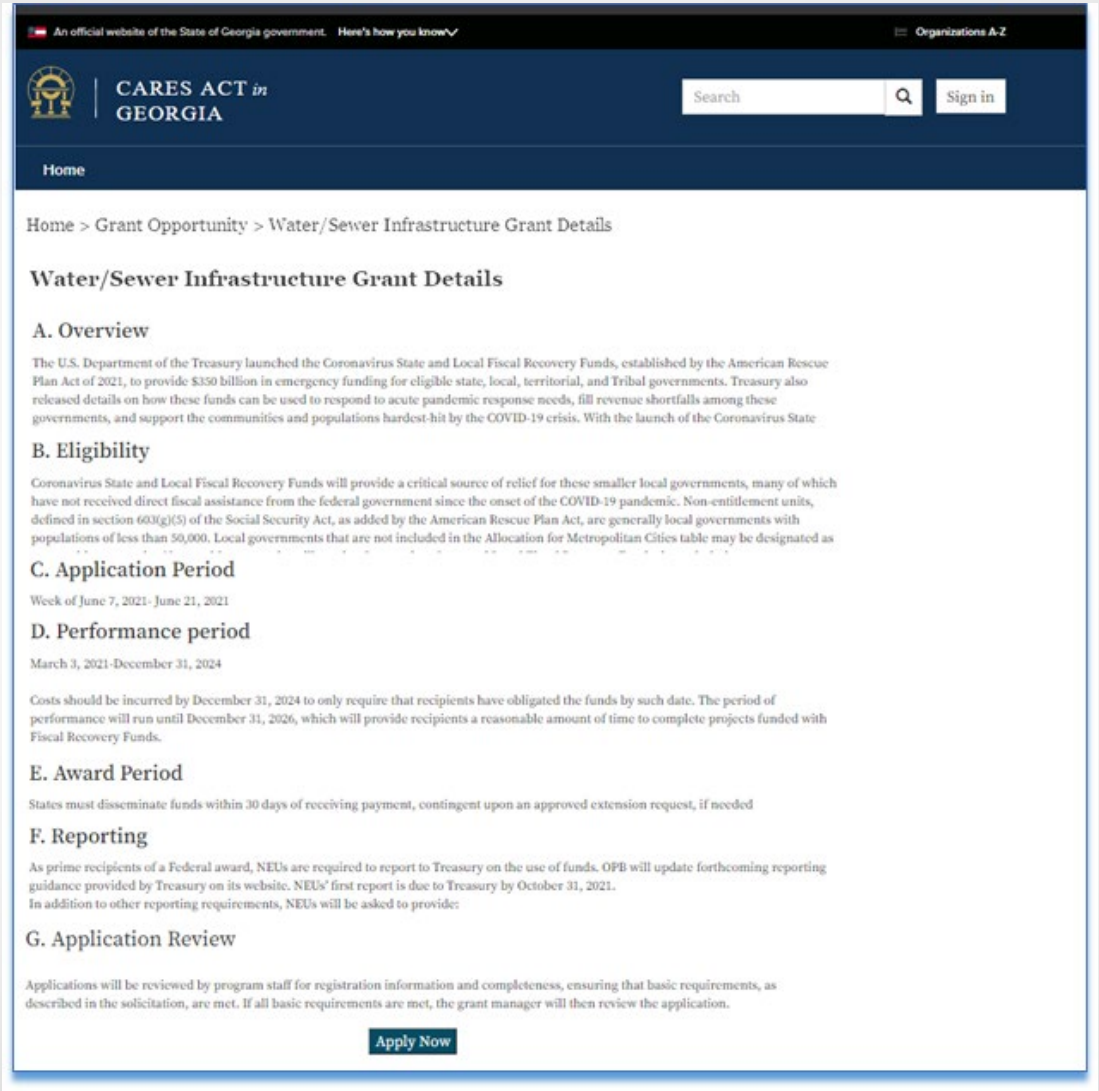

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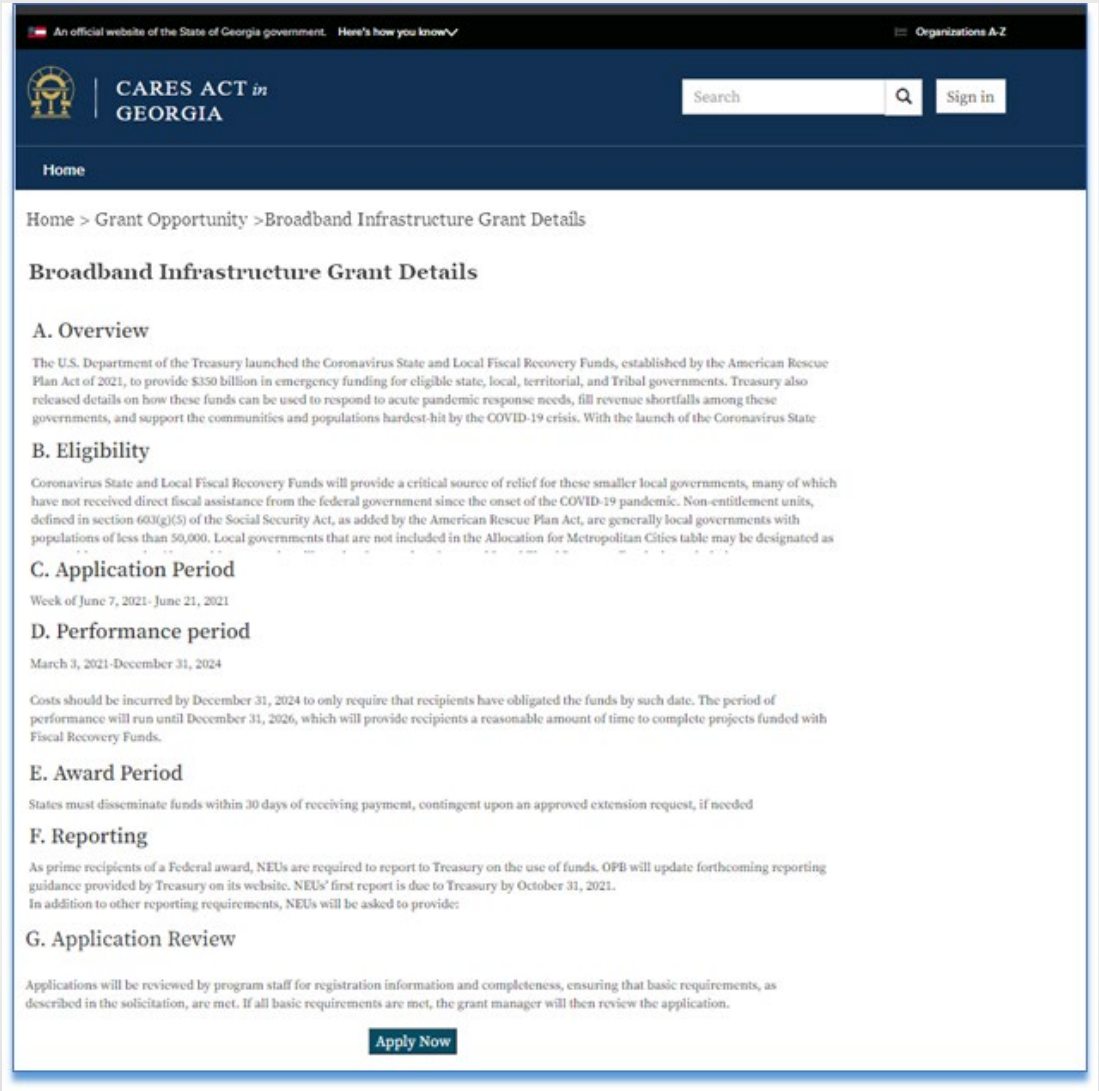

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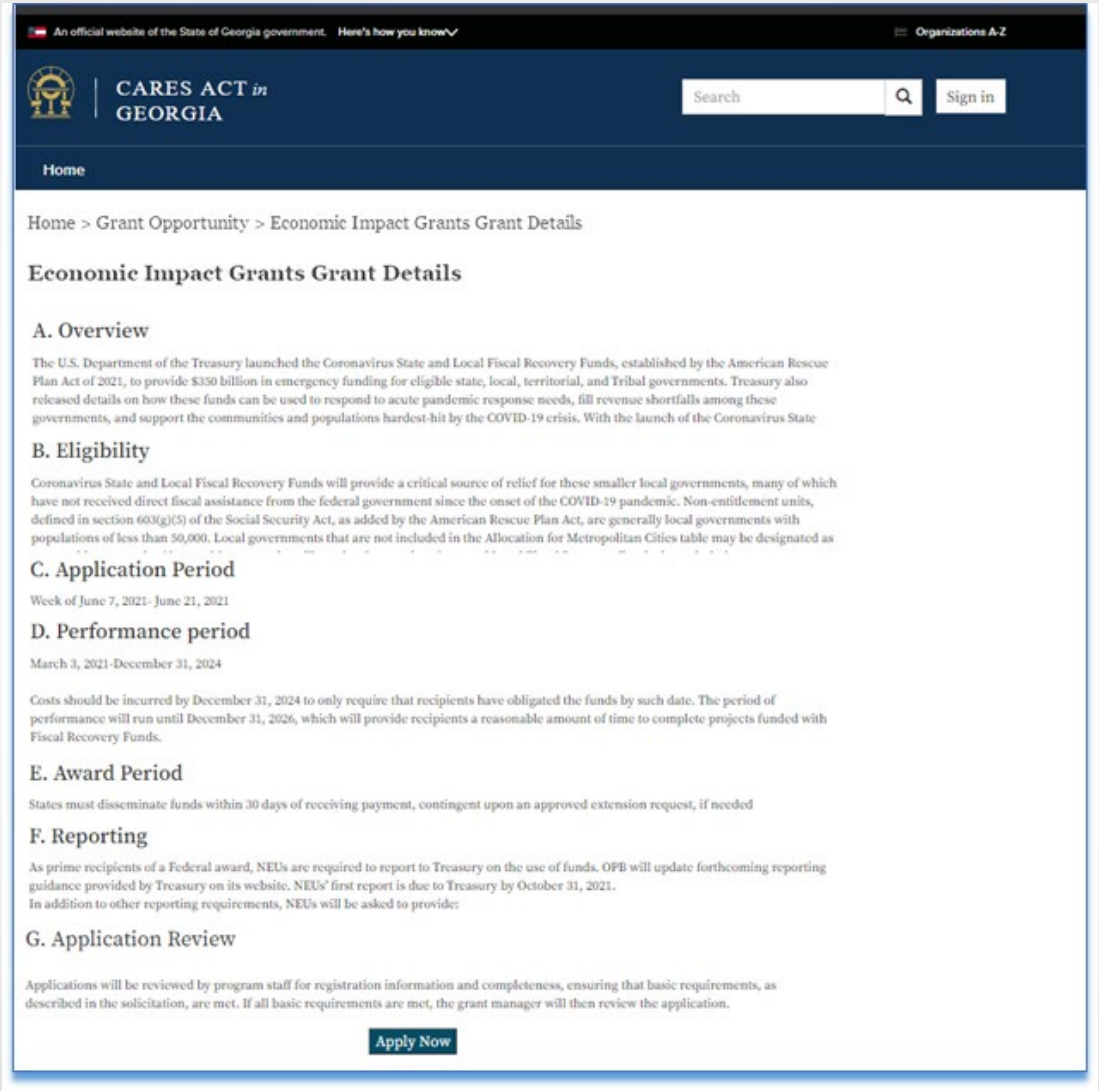

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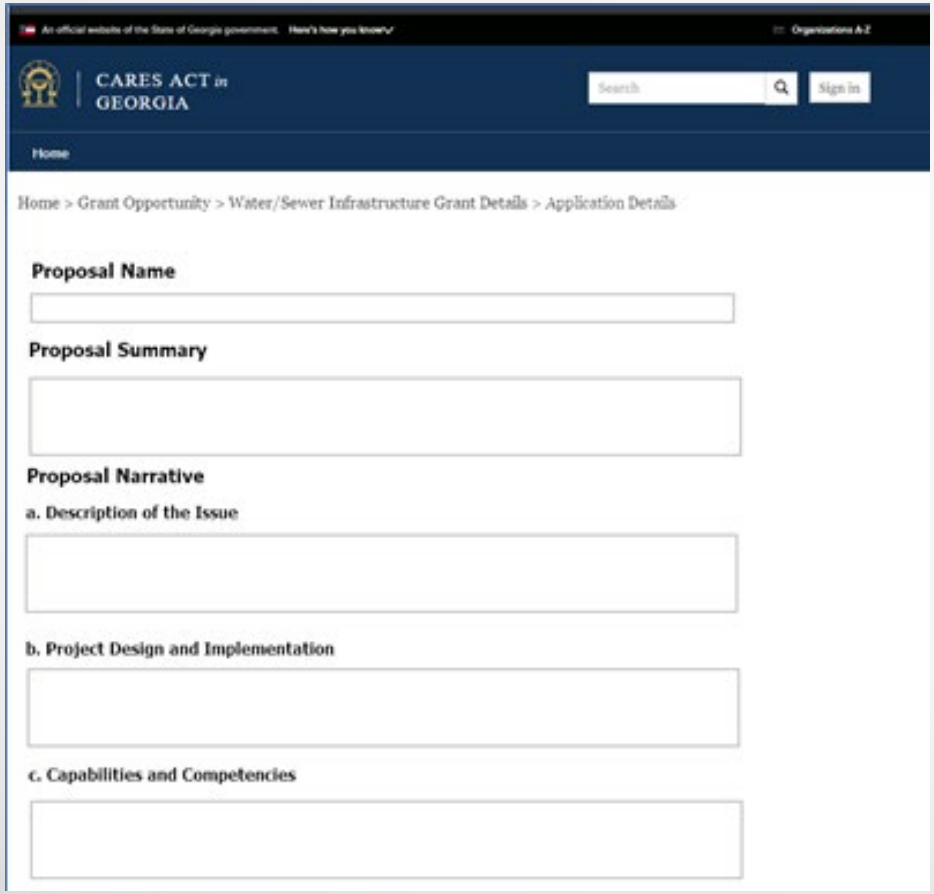
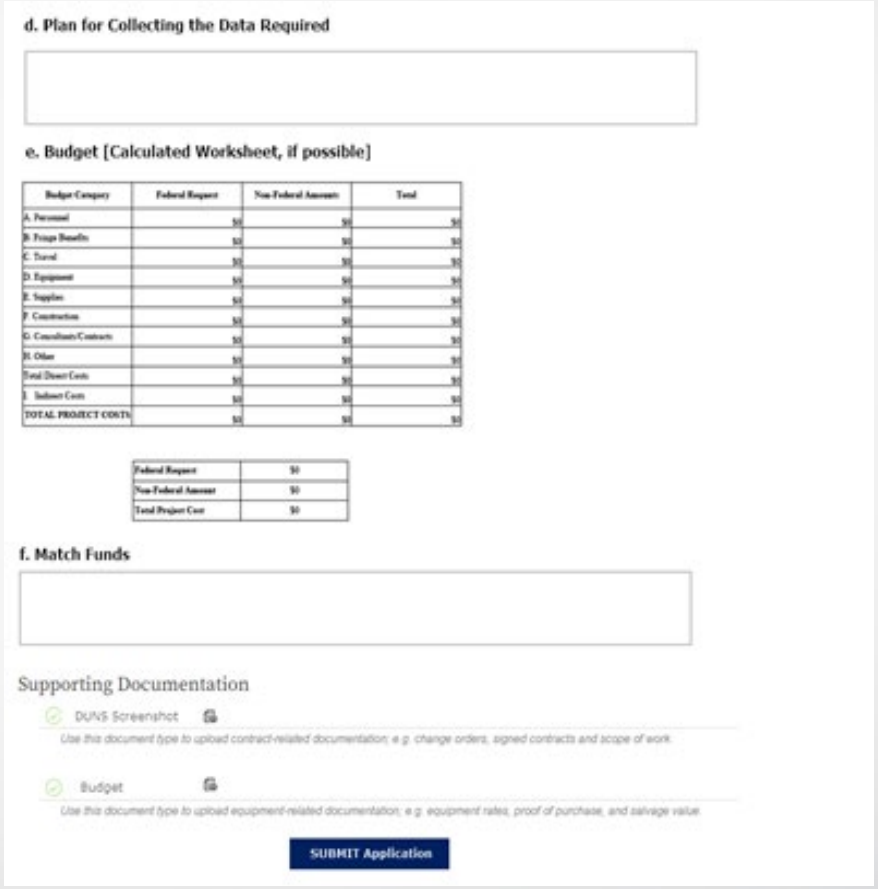
Application Fields





Submission Criteria

Applicants will be required to complete the following:

1. Register for a GeorgiaGrants account
    - Applicant Name
    - Entity
    - EIN Number
    - DUNS Number

2. Complete Grant Application
    - Proposal Name
    - Proposal Summary
    - Proposal Narrative
    - Description of the Issue
    - Project Design and Implementation

Other Considerations for Awards

- Capabilities and Competencies
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required
- Budget
- Matching Funds
- Supporting Documentation
- Agree to Grant Terms and Conditions

Federal Reporting Requirements

Reporting Timeline

	1. Interim Report	2. Project and Expenditure Report	3. Recovery Plan
Contents	• Initial overview of status and uses of funding	• Types of projects funded • Financial data • Information on contracts, grants, and subawards over $50,000	• Approach and objectives • Descriptions of funded projects • Performance and evidence information • Promoting equity
Frequency & Submission Date	• One-time • By August 31, 2021 • Covers date of award through July 31, 2021	• Quarterly • By October 31, 2021 and 30 days after the end of each quarter thereafter	• Annually • By August 31, 2021 (covering award through July 31, 2021) and annually thereafter

Reporting Requirements

Reporting Requirements Include (but are not limited to):

- Quarterly Project and Expenditure Report and Project Status reports

Additional Infrastructure Reporting Requirements:

- Detailed project-level information including operations date and location data
- Documentation of wage and labor standards for contractors/subcontractors for projects over $10 million

Additional Water and Sewer:

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Number
- Public Water System (PWS) ID number

Reporting Requirements

Additional Broadband Reporting Requirements:

- Data on speed/pricing, miles of fiber, cost per mile and passing
- Number of households projected to have increased access to broadband and specific upload speeds
- Number of institutions and businesses projected to have increased access to broadband meeting the minimum speed standards

Additional Negative Economic Impact Reporting Requirements:

- Number of workers enrolled in and completed sectoral job training
- Number of participants in summer youth employment programs
- Description of how program responds to negative economic impact (if funding industries outside travel, tourism, and hospitality)
- Project demographic distribution (Qualified Census Tracts)
- Equity Data

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State Fiscal Recovery Fund Committee Review Process

Jobs and Infrastructure Committee Roles

To ensure federal coronavirus relief dollars are allocated strategically across our state and address one-time funding needs in these three key areas.

- ✓ Review Applications
- ✓ Provide Feedback
- ✓ Score Projects with Checklist Scoring Criteria

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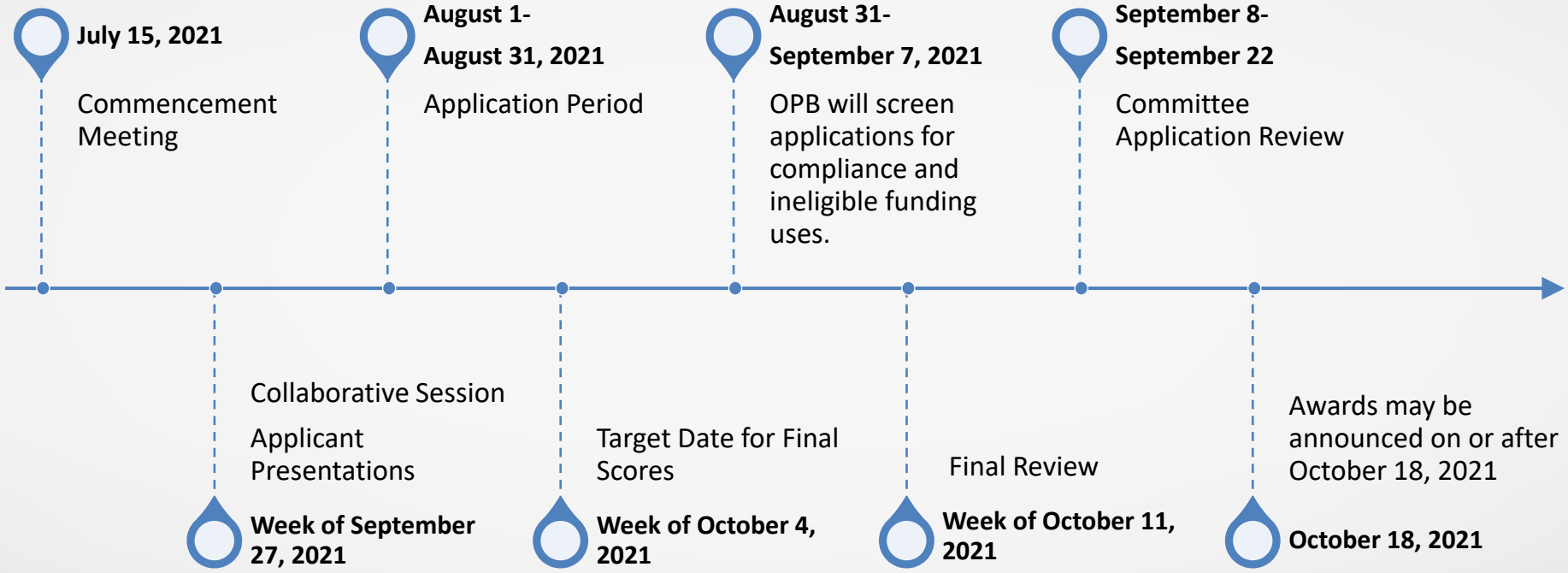
Timeline for Grant Awards



Scoring Criteria

1. Description of the Issue (15%)
2. Project Design and Implementation (30%)
3. Capabilities and Competencies (15%)
4. Performance Measures (10%)
5. Budget (15%)
6. Matching Funds (15%)

Scoring Criteria

1. Description of the Issue (15%)

- The applicant identifies the specific problem the jurisdiction seeks to address and how it was impacted by COVID-19.
- The applicant describes the process used to assess, analyze, or determine the nature of the problem.
- If applicable, the applicant explains gaps in resources and impact due to COVID-19

Scoring Criteria

2. Project Design and Implementation (30%)

- The applicant specifically describes how the project will accomplish the expected outcomes by providing the objectives and performance measures applicable to the project.
- The application includes a comprehensive timeline (as an attachment) that identifies milestones, numerically lists deliverables, and indicates who is responsible for each activity.
- **The applicant specifically demonstrates broader impact to communities, jurisdictions, or industries.**

Scoring Criteria

3. Capabilities and Competencies (15%)

- The applicant fully describes the applicant's capabilities to implement the project and the competencies of the staff assigned to the project.
- The applicant specifically describes the level of support for the project, as well as the expertise of the individual(s) who will be responsible for managing the project.

Scoring Criteria

4. Performance Measures (Weight 10%)

- The applicant demonstrates understanding of data collection to meet reporting requirements.
- The applicant identifies the person(s) who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance and outcome measurement, and how the information will be used to guide the impact of the program.
- Applicant demonstrates an understanding of the performance indicators and programmatic data requirements for the category in which they applied.

Scoring Criteria

5. Budget (15%)

The applicant has submitted a budget that is complete, cost-effective, and allowable

6. Matching Funds (15%)

The applicant has submitted a project that leverages funds available from other sources to maximize impact and is requesting funds that will be used to match these funds.

Collaboration Session

Jobs and Infrastructure review committees may reconvene for at least one collaboration session to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the application with other committee members and select applicants for formal presentation of their grant request, if necessary.

During this time:

- Members may discuss their scoring based on the criteria
- Members may adjust their scores based on this meeting

Applicant Presentations

Should a presentation be needed for the committee to hear more details about a proposal, applicants will be scheduled to present in front of the respective committee.

At this time:

- Members may ask questions of the applicants regarding their proposal
- Members should take notes
- Members may choose to update their score but should have notes to corroborate the change
- Notes should be retained and will be collected by final score deadline

Questions and Feedback