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Accion Opportunity Fund	A non-profit, financial support system for small businesses that provides affordable loans, educational resources, coaching, and support networks in English and Spanish to advance racial, gender, and economic justice for all. Based in California, it provides services nationwide.	Loans - \$5,000 to \$100,000	No	https://aofund.org/
AARP Community Challenge Grant	Annually offers “quick-action” grants to make communities livable for people of all ages. Grants may be used by government and nonprofit entities to, for example, improve housing, transportation, public spaces, and other community elements. <i>Note: According to its website in November 2021, the next grant application window is expected to open in February 2022.</i>	Grants – Amounts range from several hundred dollars for small, short-term activities to thousands or tens of thousands of dollars for larger projects.	No	https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/
AARP Livable Communities Initiative (New to List)	The AARP Livable Communities initiative supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities, counties, and states to become more livable and age-friendly for people of all ages. In addition to its AARP Community Challenge grant program (see above), the initiative has a free weekly e-newsletter and a website that offers numerous publications, videos, and other tools and resources on livable community issues, best practices, and solutions. It also provides education and engagement opportunities for community volunteers and residents, as well as outreach and advocacy.	Information, education, engagement, and advocacy	No	https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP)	The ACHP is an independent federal agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our nation's historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy. Also oversees the Preserve America program and provides training and information resources.	Information and training	N/A	https://www.achp.gov/
America’s Healthy Food Financing Initiative (HFFI)	HFFI is a public-private partnership administered by Reinvestment Fund on behalf of USDA Rural Development to improve access to healthy food in underserved areas, to create and preserve quality jobs, and to revitalize low-income communities. HFFI provides resources such as grants, loans, technical assistance services, programming, and other support to projects that will improve access to fresh, healthy foods in underserved rural and urban areas.	Technical assistance and grant programs - subject to funding availability	Not specified for grant programs in general.	https://www.investinginfood.com/
American Planning Association (APA) - Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPATs)	The APA organizes CPATs to work with community members, key stakeholders, and relevant decision makers on place-based initiatives to foster community education, engagement, and empowerment. Communities facing challenges such as disaster recovery, social equity and affordability, economic development, sustainability, consensus building, and design, may be eligible. CPATs focus primarily on places with a demonstrated need for assistance, where planning resources and expertise may not otherwise be available. The communities selected for CPAT services in 2020 are receiving them virtually. <i>Note: According to its website in November 2021, the APA is not currently accepting submissions for new CPAT projects.</i>	Technical assistance	Yes - Must cover per diem travel expenses of team (funding and/or in-kind donations).	https://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams/
Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts	The purpose of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts is to foster innovative artistic expression and the creative process by supporting cultural organizations that, in turn, support artists and their work. The Foundation is focused primarily on encouraging work of a challenging and experimental nature, while noting that the interpretation of those terms may vary from place to place and culture to culture. Grants are provided on a project basis to curatorial programs at museums, artists' organizations, and other cultural institutions to originate innovative and scholarly presentations of contemporary visual arts. Projects may include exhibitions, catalogues, and other relevant activities. Calls for proposals issued twice a year, with March 1 and September 1 deadlines.	Grants - Award ceiling not specified (however, grants approved in spring 2020 ranged from \$40,000 to \$100,000).	Not specified	http://www.warholfoundation.org/grant/overview.html



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Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)	ARC focuses its resources on economic development activities in distressed counties and distressed areas within the 13-state Appalachian Region of the US. In NC, 29 western counties are in the ARC region. ARC funds projects that address investment goals identified by ARC in its strategic plan in the areas of economic opportunity, ready workforce, critical infrastructure, natural and cultural assets, and leadership and community capacity, and that demonstrate measurable results. Its POWER (Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization) Initiative helps communities and regions affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production. Grants support projects that build economic diversity, enhance job training and re-employment opportunities, create jobs in existing or new industries, and attract new sources of investment. Although NC has no active coal mining operations, its economy has been negatively impacted by job losses in coal-fired power plant operations and coal-related supply chain industries.	Grants - Amounts vary by program; most grants originate at the state level.	Yes - Match amount depends on distress level.	http://www.arc.gov (Federal) and https://www.nccommerce.com/about-us/divisions-programs/rural-economic-development/appalachian-regional-commission (NC)
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	The Bank of America Foundation helps build thriving communities by making funding available to address issues fundamental to economic health and sustainability including workforce development/education, community development, and basic needs, such as food and housing. Non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations are eligible to apply. The Foundation also provides regional sponsorships to support the economic, social, and cultural life of the communities it serves, including for the arts and sports. It also partners with and provides capital and leadership development to nonprofits addressing economic mobility and social progress issues in communities, such as through its Neighborhood Builders® program.	Grants and sponsorships - amounts vary.	Unknown	http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation
Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) of NC Foundation Grants	The BCBS of NC Foundation invests in clearly defined, results-oriented, initiatives that align with its grantmaking priorities and further a shared mission of improving the health and well-being of North Carolinians. Its priorities include Early Childhood, Healthy Communities, Healthy Food, and Oral Health. The grant program is open to 501(c)(3) qualified organizations and government entities. The Foundation does not operate regular grant cycles; rather, it invites applications based on specific strategic objectives or announces broader funding opportunities periodically. It encourages organizations doing work that aligns with the priority areas to reach out to the staff contact for that area. Entities can sign up for notifications of grant opportunities and review FAQs about the grant process on the Foundation's website.	Grants – Amounts not specified, but vary according to size and duration of projects.	Not specified.	http://www.bcbsncfoundation.org
Blue Ridge Energy Members Foundation Grants	Blue Ridge Energy Members Foundation offers grants for service organizations that provide benefits to the people in Blue Ridge Energy's service area and that are delivering needed services in the areas of health, wellness, and treatment; education and youth; economic and community development; and environmental enhancement/quality of life. The application cycle typically opens March 1 with a July 31 deadline. Grants awards are announced in November or December.	Grants - Up to \$25,000 each.	Not stated; however, applicants demonstrating the ability to leverage other sources of funding are desirable.	https://www.blueridgeenergy.com/community/br-members-foundation



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Blue Ridge National Heritage Area (BRNHA) Partnership Matching Grants	The BRNHA Partnership offers grants to provide and leverage funding for new projects across the 25-county BRNHA region that preserve, protect, and promote Western North Carolina's historical, cultural, and natural heritage while increasing economic opportunity. Projects must focus on one or more of the BRNHA's core themes of Agricultural Heritage, Cherokee Heritage, Craft Heritage, Music Heritage, and Natural Heritage, and also fit in one of the grant categories: Historic Building Renovation; Open Space Planning; Ecosystem Restoration; Interpretive Exhibits, Programs, and Products; Marketing Materials; Training Programs; or Music Venue Improvements. Applications for projects that are regional or multi-county in scope, involve active partnerships between organizations, and leverage substantial matches from project participants and other grantors are encouraged. Organizations serving the BRNHA region, including state and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes, academic institutions, and non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(6) tax-exempt status from the Internal Revenue Service are eligible to apply. BRNHA grant funds are provided by the federal government through the National Park Service. <i>Note: BRNHA did not have a 2021 grant cycle. Its website states the next grant cycle will open in summer/fall 2022.</i>	Grants - \$1,000 - \$16,000 (in 2020).	Yes - At least a 1 to 1 match of funds from non-federal sources. In-kind contributions may also be used for the match, but money is preferred.	https://www.blueridgeheritage.com/partners/grants/
Candid	Candid is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in 2019 when two of the leading sources of information on philanthropy (Foundation Center) and nonprofit organizations (GuideStar) combined their data, technology, research, and training expertise to serve nonprofits, social enterprises, foundations, and individual donors and to promote more and smarter giving.	Information, training, and other services	N/A	https://candid.org/
CCB Technology Nonprofit Program	CCB Technology is an information technology strategies and solutions provider. Its Nonprofit Program provides savings on products and services to nonprofit, education, healthcare, religious, and social services organizations.	Discounted IT products and services	N/A	http://ccbtechnology.com/nonprofit-program/
Citizens' Institute on Rural Design™ (CIRD)	CIRD provides communities access to the resources they need to convert good ideas into reality. CIRD works with communities with populations of 50,000 or less and offers annual competitive funding to as many as six small towns or rural communities to host a two-and-a-half-day community design workshop. With support from a wide range of design, planning, and creative placemaking professionals, the workshops bring together local leaders from non-profits, community organizations, and government to develop actionable solutions to the community's pressing design challenges. The community receives additional support through webinars, conference calls, and web-based resources. <i>Note: The CIRD website states that the next opportunity to apply is early 2023.</i>	Funding and technical assistance - \$10,000 stipend + \$35,000-worth of in-kind technical assistance and design expertise + conference calls, webinars, and web-based resources provided in the past.	Yes - 1 to 1 match (may be in kind) suggested.	https://www.rural-design.org/
Civic Federal Credit Union	The mission of this "digital-first," locally-focused credit union, established in North Carolina in 2019 by the Local Government Federal Credit Union, is to help improve the lives of its members and the communities they serve. Membership is open to employees and retirees of North Carolina local governments and their family members, as well as volunteers, businesses, and non-profit organizations that serve local governments in the state.	Banking services, including loans, for individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations.	N/A	https://www.civicfcu.org/
Coca-Cola Foundation	The Coca-Cola Foundation, the global philanthropic organization of the Coca-Cola Company, provides support through grants, sponsorships, and beverage products. Its community investment priority areas include empowering women (economic empowerment and entrepreneurship), protecting the environment (access to clean water, water conservation, and recycling), and enhancing communities (education, youth development and other community and civic initiatives). It also supports many local community programs such as arts and culture, community development, and economic development. Applications are accepted year-round. Applicants must use the online application form available at the website.	Grants, sponsorships, and products – Amounts/quantities vary.	Preferred	http://www.coca-colacompany.com/our-company/the-coca-cola-foundation



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Coca-Cola Mural Restoration Program	Coca-Cola Consolidated (based in Charlotte) has provided funds to help communities restore old Coca-Cola murals ("ghost signs") on buildings.	Funding to cover all/nearly all costs of ghost sign restoration.	Community may incur some costs.	Taylor Mahaffey, Coca-Cola Consolidated Public Affairs, Taylor.Mahaffey@ccbcc.com
Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program <i>(New to List)</i>	The Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program provides \$10,000 in startup funding for resident-driven groups in small cities and towns to implement the Community Heart & Soul (https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/) model for engaging residents of a community in shaping its future. The model, which has been used in more than 100 communities, is based on three principles: involve everyone, focus on what matters most, and play the long game. The Seed Grant helps a community get started. A cash match is required.	Grants - \$10,000 to use to start Community Heart & Soul.	Yes - \$10,000 cash match	https://www.communityheartandsoul.org/seed-grants/
Community Revitalization Projects for Graduate Students (UNC School of Government)	Under the supervision of UNC School of Government (SOG) faculty and staff, graduate students conduct market research, feasibility analysis, and financial modeling to help local governments in North Carolina understand how to attract private investment for community revitalization projects. Students work on selected projects in multi-disciplinary teams over one semester at no charge to the local governments. The students are enrolled in a community revitalization course and are working with the SOG's Development Finance Initiative. Selected projects tend to be in downtowns or significant community spaces and focus on preserving structures important to the community. The local government or a civic-oriented nonprofit must own the property or have a clear path to obtaining site control. The SOG accepts applications for projects from local governments twice a year (for spring and fall semesters).	Free technical assistance	No	https://dfi.sog.unc.edu/projects/submit-community-revitalization-projects-for-grad-students/
Dollar General Literacy Foundation	Multiple programs to promote literacy for adults, children, and families through outreach to schools and libraries. Downtown and other organizations could partner with these entities to promote literacy in their communities. <i>Note: Grant applications will be available in early 2022. See website for details.</i>	Varies	N/A	http://www2.dollargeneral.com/dgliteracy/Pages/grant_programs.aspx
Duke Energy Foundation	The Duke Energy Foundation offers grants to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and governmental entities serving communities that are within Duke Energy's service area. The Foundation's giving priority areas include K-12 Education, Workforce, Nature, State Strategic Impact, Local Impact, and Community Initiatives.	Varies	Not specified	https://www.duke-energy.com/community/duke-energy-foundation
ElectriCities Downtown Revitalization Grants	Downtown Revitalization Grants are available to ElectriCities Power Agency members in North Carolina. Grant funds may be for purposes that advance the downtown revitalization goals of the member community and have the approval of the city/town manager. Examples of grant funding priorities include downtown redevelopment studies/action plans, streetscape plans, building reuse studies, and attraction or retention programs. Other purposes will be considered at the time of grant review. Member communities that receive an ElectriCities Downtown Revitalization Grant in any calendar year are not eligible for an ElectriCities Smart Communities Grant; however, such members would be eligible for Smart Communities Grants in years two and three following receipt of Downtown Revitalization Grants. Two grants are available per grant cycle and there are two grant cycles a year (four grants total). ElectriCities notifies members when grant cycles open.	Grants - \$10,000	No	https://www.electricities.com/services/economic-development/smart-sites/downtown-revitalization-grant-application/
ElectriCities Smart Communities Grant Program	Created as an economic development assistance tool by ElectriCities to help its Power Agency members in North Carolina attract and retain commercial and industrial customers. Applicants are eligible to receive a \$5,000 matching grant to be used toward specific economic development projects. They will be awarded based on the strength of the overall project and impact to the community. Applications are accepted throughout the year and reviewed every two months. Grant cycle begins each year in early January.	Grants - \$5,000	Yes - Match of local funding or other grant resources required.	https://www.electricities.com/services/economic-development/smart-communities-grant-application/



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ElectriCities Smart Sites® Economic Development Site Qualification Program	ElectriCities established the Smart Sites® program to help its member communities prepare shovel-ready sites for economic development. Each year it awards five projects with up to \$25,000 each to supplement the site qualification process. Potential sites must meet specific requirements (e.g., 25-acre minimum) and undergo an extensive review process by site selection experts. ElectriCities then markets Smart Sites® at tradeshow and industry events.	Up to \$25,000	Not specified	https://www.electricities.com/services/economic-development/smart-sites/
Foundation	Foundation partners with banks and other institutions to provide capital to the small business community. It makes loans for working capital, business expansion, debt refinancing, equipment purchases, inventory purchases, and capital improvements. Collateral is not required. Interest rates depend on Foundation's assessment of the risk.	Loans	N/A	www.foundation.com
Golden LEAF Small Business Assistance Fund Loan (through Self-Help)	The Golden LEAF Small Business Assistance Fund, available through Self-Help, is intended to create jobs by helping businesses expand. It provides loans to help small businesses in economically distressed, rural, and tobacco-dependent counties in North Carolina. Businesses in any sector that create high quality jobs will be considered; however, priority is given to health care, construction, green industries, agriculture, and manufacturing.	Loans	N/A	https://www.self-help.org/business/loans/all-business-loans/specialty-loan-funds
Golden LEAF Foundation Open Grants Program	Golden LEAF awards grants to projects that promote economic growth in economically distressed, rural, and tobacco-dependent counties in North Carolina. Project priorities include Economic Investment and Job Creation, Workforce Preparedness and Education, Agriculture, and Community Vitality. Governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations are eligible. Potential applicants must first submit an online letter of inquiry. Those with competitive proposals will be invited to submit a full proposal. Golden LEAF encourages potential applicants to contact Foundation staff before submitting a letter of inquiry.	Grants - \$200,000 or less (per Golden LEAF).	None noted but must involve community partners.	http://www.goldenleaf.org/opengrants.html
Golden LEAF SITE Grant Program <i>(New Program)</i>	The SITE grant program, launched in fall 2021, offers funding for three phases of developing industrial sites in rural and distressed communities: Phase 1 (identification of potential industrial sites); Phase 2 (completion of certain due diligence activities for industrial sites); and Phase 3 (development of public infrastructure for industrial sites, including clearing and rough grading for publicly-owned sites). Governmental entities and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in all North Carolina counties can apply, but those in persistently economically distressed counties (based on County Tier status) and in rural and tobacco-dependent communities will receive priority. Visit the website for more details, deadlines, FAQs, and application materials.	Grants - Phase 1 – amount not stated; Phase 2 - not expected to exceed \$50,000 for most projects; Phase 3 - maximum funding available is \$1 million.	Phase 1 grants - no match required. Phases 2 and 3 grants - 15% match of the grant amount is required in counties that have had a Tier 3 ranking in at least three of the past five years. See list on the Golden LEAF website.	https://www.goldenleaf.org/SITE/
Grants.gov	A centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities.	Information source	N/A	https://www.grants.gov
Independent We Stand - America's Main Streets Contest	The America's Main Streets Contest helps promote the importance and strong economic benefits of Main Streets and the small businesses that help them thrive. Fans can nominate and vote for their local Main Street organization to give their community a chance at the grand prize. Organizations that qualify for the contest include Downtown Improvement Districts, Business Improvement Districts, Independent Business Districts, Independent Business Associations, Local First groups, and formal Main Street organizations. The nomination period typically opens in September.	Prize package that includes \$25,000 cash and related prizes to help with revitalization.	None specified.	https://www.mainstreetcontest.com/



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Hydro Flask® Parks for All	Parks for All supports the development, maintenance, and accessibility of public green spaces so people everywhere can live healthier, happier, and more fulfilled lives. Through Parks for All, Hydro Flask®, in partnership with the Outdoor Foundation, offers grants and product donations (insulated stainless steel drink bottles with the Parks for All logo) to non-profits dedicated to building, restoring, maintaining, or providing access to parks and recreational public lands and/or beaches and coastal areas. Nonprofits can request product donations year-round. <i>Note: Per website in September 2021, overwhelming demand led to the program limiting applications to regional proposals from certain states each year. NC was not on the list for 2022. Check the website in early 2022 for 2023 eligibility.</i>	Grants and product donations.	Not specified.	https://www.hydroflask.com/parks-for-all
Institute of Library and Museum Services (ILMS)	Federal program that offers a variety of grant opportunities for libraries and museums.	Grants – Amounts vary by opportunity.	Varies	https://www.ims.gov/grants/apply-grant/notices-funding-opportunities
Kabbage	As part of American Express, provides loans (lines of credit) to small businesses that have operated for at least one year and that meet certain revenue requirements. Also provides business checking accounts	Lines of credit up to \$150,000, depending on qualifications.	N/A	www.kabbage.com
KABOOM!	KABOOM! is a national non-profit that brings people together to create great, safe places to play for all kids, especially those living in poverty. Offers several grant programs for buildings and improving playgrounds and other play spaces. See website for current offerings.	Grants – amounts vary by program.	Varies	http://www.kaboom.org/grants
Kresge Foundation	The Kresge Foundation is a private, national foundation that works to expand opportunities in America's cities through grantmaking and social investing in arts and culture, education, environment, health, and human services. Check website for available funding opportunities and more information.	Grants and other investments – Amounts depend on funding opportunity.	Varies by funding opportunity.	https://kresge.org/opportunities
Lendio	Helps small businesses quickly explore loan options from 75+ potential lenders with a single, online application. Lendio also helps businesses understand the options and choose a loan.	Loans	N/A	www.lendio.com
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC)	A federal program administered by the NC Housing Finance Agency, the LHITC was authorized by Congress in 1986 to encourage the construction and rehabilitation of quality rental housing that is affordable for low-income families and elderly persons. Owners of LIHTC properties agree to maintain the units as affordable housing for 15 to 30 years, in return for federal tax credits that offset part of the cost of developing the housing.	Tax credits for qualified property owners.	N/A	https://www.nchfa.com/rental-housing-partners/rental-developers/rental-development-financing-options/low-income-housing-tax-credits
Marion Stedman Covington Foundation (New to List)	The Covington Foundation provides grant funding for historic preservation projects in North Carolina. Funding supports Acquisition / Rehabilitation / Restoration, Education, Operating and Program Support, Organizational Development, Publication, and Research projects. Only federally tax-exempt nonprofit organizations are eligible for grants. The Covington Foundation prefers to fund critical enabling revenue and proposals in which its grants generate other resources and projects which may serve as models for other communities. The Foundation accepts grant applications twice a year.	Grants – Amounts not stated.	Not specified	https://www.mscovingtonfoundation.org/
Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation	The Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation's mission is to help people and places to move out of poverty and achieve greater social and economic justice. It supports collaborative, multi-strategy, place-based work by nonprofits focused on democracy and civic engagement, economic opportunity, and supportive policies and institutions. Applicants submit an organization summary and then await approval to proceed with a proposal submission.	Grants – Amounts vary by proposal.	Generally only funds up to 30% of a project or organizational budget.	http://www.mrbf.org



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National Association of Realtors Smart Growth Action Grants	A local or state REALTOR® association must be the applicant and be directly involved in project/program to be funded. To increase the effectiveness of state and local REALTOR® association efforts in creating livable communities, the Smart Growth Action Grant program is available to support their efforts to implement programs and activities that position REALTORS® as leaders in improving their communities by advancing smart growth principles. Grants are offered at two levels. Level 1 grants can be used to host educational activities to address specific growth issues in the community. Level 2 grants provide seed funding to enable a local or state REALTOR® association to make initial efforts to engage in local land use/transportation policy issues with other stakeholders and elected officials.	Grants - Level 1 - up to \$1,500; Level 2 - up to \$5,000.	Yes - Level 1 grants require funding as needed to meet all additional costs either by admission fee or REALTOR® association contribution. Level 2 grants require a 10% financial match of the requested amount.	https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach/smart-growth
National Association of Realtors Placemaking Grants	A local or state REALTOR® association must be the applicant and must be directly involved in project/program to be funded. The goal of the Placemaking Grant program is to transform underused or unused public spaces into vibrant gathering places accessible to everyone in a community. The grants help REALTOR® associations plan, organize, implement, and maintain placemaking activities in their communities. Two grant levels are available. Level 1 grants fund demonstration and temporary projects to test the viability of long-range plans and investment initiatives that increase community livability and downtown revitalization. The intent is that such projects will lead to permanent ones. Examples include parklets, pop-up parks, pedestrian plazas, and bike lanes. Level 2 grants fund the creation of new public spaces and destinations in a community accessible to everyone and open at all (or most) times. The grants focus on “lighter, cheaper, quicker” placemaking projects which can be built in less than one year and cost less than \$200,000. Examples include new parks, alley activations, trails, dog parks, play/fitness areas, and community gardens.	Grants - Level 1 - up to \$1,500; Level 2 - up to \$5,000.	Yes - Level 1 and 2 grants require 10% financial match of the amount approved for the project.	https://realtorparty.realtor/community-outreach/placemaking
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)	The NEA is an independent federal agency that funds and promotes artistic excellence, creativity, and innovation for the benefit of individuals and communities. Multiple funding opportunities available.	Grants – Amounts vary by funding opportunity.	Varies by grant	http://www.arts.gov
National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)	The NEH is an independent federal agency that offers grants for implementation projects involving museums, libraries, and cultural institutions.	Grants – Amounts vary by funding opportunity.	Varies by grant	www.neh.gov/grants
National Fund for Sacred Places	Historic houses of worship have helped shape the character of and contribute economic value to communities. Many of these aging and architecturally complex facilities require increasingly diverse streams of funding to be sustained as centers of community life. A program of Partners for Sacred Places, in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the fund provides training and technical assistance, planning grants, and capital grants for congregations of all faiths to build capacity and increase the stability of these critical, yet disappearing, historic community centers.	Training/technical assistance and grants – Planning grants (\$5,000 on average) and capital grants (\$50,000 to \$250,000).	Yes, capital grants – 1:1 match for \$50,000 – \$100,000 grants; 2:1 match for \$100,001 – \$250,000 grants.	https://www.fundforsacredplaces.org/
National Trust Community Investment Corporation (NTCIC) – Irvin Henderson Main Street Revitalization Fund	Provides low cost tax credit financing, through a combination of Historic Tax Credits (HTC) and New Market Tax Credits (NMTC), to support transformational historic rehabilitation projects in economically distressed Main Street communities. Six eligibility factors must be met for projects to qualify including location (low-income community), size (in terms of the cost of the project), readiness, impact, tax credits, and structure. Previously known as the HNTCIC HTC/NMTC Main Street Small Deal Fund.	Below market tax credit financing (up to \$2 million per project).	N/A	https://ntcic.com/invest/mainstreetfund/



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National Trust for Historic Preservation® - African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund <i>(New to List)</i>	Grants are designed to advance ongoing preservation activities for historic places including sites, museums, and landscapes representing African American cultural heritage. The fund supports work in four primary areas: Capital Projects, Organizational Capacity Building, Project Planning, and Programming and Interpretation. Eligible applicants include public agencies as well as 501(c)(3) and other federally designated nonprofit organizations. Projects must focus on African American cultural heritage. To be eligible for an Organizational Capacity Building grant, the primary mission of the organization must be focused on African American cultural heritage. The application process involves two steps. First, an applicant submits a letter of intent. If the letter of intent is accepted, a full application will be requested. At that point, the applicant must become an organizational level Forum member of the National Trust to continue the application process. The requirement is intended to engage applicants with the larger preservation community as they work through the project.	Grants - \$50,000 to \$150,000	Not required, but projects with a match (cash or in-kind) are preferred.	https://savingplaces.org/action-fund-grants#YYrjGDM12w
National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Preservation Funds	Grants are intended to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for preservation projects to help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. Funding is available to public agencies and nonprofits for planning activities and education/outreach efforts focused on preservation. See website for details on project eligibility. Deadlines Feb 1, June 1, and Oct 1. Very competitive. Contact regional office before applying. National Trust membership requirement - see guidelines.	Grants - \$2,500 to \$5,000	1 to 1 cash match – but, because of COVID, program is allowing cash and in kind donations.	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/preservation-funds
National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Cynthia Woods Mitchell Fund for Historic Interiors	The Mitchell Fund assists in the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of historic interiors. Funding available to public agencies and nonprofits. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project involves a National Historic Landmark. See website for details on project eligibility. Applications are accepted once a year. Very competitive. National Trust membership requirement - see guidelines.	Grants - \$2,500 - \$15,000	1 to 1 cash match	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/cynthia-woods-mitchell-fund
National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Hart Family Fund for Small Towns	The intent of the fund is to encourage preservation at the local level by providing seed money for projects to public agencies and nonprofit organizations in towns with populations of 10,000 or less. The grants help stimulate public discussion, enable local groups to gain the technical expertise needed for projects, introduce the public to preservation concepts and techniques, and encourage financial participation by the private sector. See website for details on project eligibility. Very competitive. National Trust membership requirement - see guidelines.	Grants - \$2,500 - \$15,000	1 to 1 cash match	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/hart-family-fund
National Trust for Historic Preservation® - Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation	The fund provides grants to nonprofit organizations, public agencies, for-profit businesses, and individuals for the purpose of saving historic environments to foster appreciation for our nation's diverse cultural heritage and to preserve and revitalize the livability of the nation's communities. Funds may be used for planning activities and education efforts focused on preservation. See website for details on project eligibility. Very competitive. National Trust membership requirement - see guidelines.	Grants - \$2,500 - \$15,000	1 to 1 cash match	http://forum.savingplaces.org/build/funding/grant-seekers/specialprograms/favrot-fund
Partner Community Capital (PartnerCap)	PartnerCap is a U.S. Treasury-certified Community Development Financial Institution affiliated with The Conservation Fund. It lends and provides advisory services to small businesses, agricultural enterprises, and community organizations located in underserved rural and urban communities in central Appalachia and the Southeast (including all NC counties) that have a positive impact on the natural environment or provide basic human needs. It specializes in "triple-bottom-line enterprises" that address the economy, equity, and ecology.	Loans and technical assistance	N/A	http://www.ncifund.org/



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NC Arts Council	The NC Arts Council offers a variety of grants in support of local arts development, including public art. Eligible organizations are nonprofits that have been producing quality arts programs for at least two consecutive years and that have prior-year organizational cash operating expenses of at least \$20,000.	Grants - Minimum award is \$5,000, unless otherwise noted in the guidelines. Amounts vary by grant category.	Yes - 1 to 1 cash match, except no match required in certain grant categories in counties designated Tier 1 by NC Commerce (may also request 75-100% funding of project costs depending on financial need).	https://www.ncarts.org/resources/grants/grants-organizations
NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Grants – Building Reuse	The program provides CDBG funds to local governments that propose projects in conjunction with new and/or expanding private for-profit businesses and industries planning to restore vacant buildings for their use and resulting in the creation of permanent, full-time jobs. At least 60% of the jobs must be made available to persons qualifying as low and moderate income.	Grants - Up to \$750,000 per unit of government. Amount calculated based on the number of full-time permanent jobs created and the type of business.	Yes - At least \$1 for every \$1 provided by CDBG.	https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/building-or-site-funds/building-reuse/building-reuse-federal-cdbg-economic
NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Grants – Demolition	The program provides CDBG funds to local governments for demolition projects that result in the creation of industrial or commercial sites. The funding is intended to be used to demolish vacant dilapidated industrial buildings and properties under the elimination of slums and blight national CDBG objective. It is reasonably expected that the demolition activity will create a site which attracts private investment by a business or industry and create new jobs. Such new job creation with a private employer does not require a legally binding contract, however.	Grants – Amount not stated.	Not specified.	https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/building-or-site-funds/demolition/demolition-federal-cdbg
NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Economic Development Grants – Infrastructure	The program provides CDBG funds to local governments to use for various types of public infrastructure improvements to attract new and support existing private for-profit businesses that create and/or retain jobs. Funding for projects is based on the number of jobs to be created and the level of distress in the community applying for the funds. At least 60% of the jobs created or retained by a project must be for persons qualifying as low and moderate income.	Grants – Amount not stated.	At least \$1 for every \$3 provided by CDBG, except that no local match is required in the 25 most economically distressed counties.	https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/public-infrastructure-funds/infrastructure-federal-cdbg-economic-development
NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - 2021 Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) Program <i>(New to List)</i>	The 2021 CDBG-NR program is designed to provide grants to non-entitlement local units of government for housing activities including, for example, rehabilitation, acquisition, clearance, relocation, substantial rehabilitation, replacement housing, and emergency repairs. Local units of government can tailor a project to meet the community development needs specific and most critical to their locality, primarily for their low- and moderate-income residents. Awards are made on a competitive basis based on the number of applications received compared to funding availability. CDBG-NR activities must be based on need or needs substantiated by the local government applicant.	Grant – Up to \$750,000, with some restrictions for specific activities.	None required (in 2021)	https://www.nccommerce.com/documents/application-cdbg-neighborhood-revitalization-grant-program-guidance-and-application



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NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, State Rural Grants - Building Reuse	The program provides grants to local governments to renovate vacant buildings, renovate or expand buildings occupied by an existing, eligible, North Carolina company planning to expand in its current location, and/or renovate, expand, or construct health care facilities that will lead to the creation of new, full-time jobs in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties or in rural census tracts of Tier 3 counties. Tier designations and information about rural census tracts can be found on the NC Department of Commerce website. In Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties, priority will be given to towns or communities with populations less than 5,000. Please note that guidelines are subject to change. Pre-application conference call required. Contact program manager for the most current information.	Grants - Potential grant funding available will be assessed though analysis of the project and based upon the project's location, the quantity and quality of jobs committed, the overall economic impact of the project, and at the discretion of the Rural Infrastructure Authority.	Local government must contribute at least 5% of the cash match, which must come from local resources and may not be derived from other State or federal grant funds. In addition, the building reuse program requires a dollar for dollar match up to the total grant amount.	https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/building-or-site-funds/building-reuse/building-reuse-state-rural-grants
NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, State Rural Grants - Demolition	The Demolition Grant Program provides grants to local governments to support the demolition of vacant buildings to encourage site rehabilitation and site availability for economic development purposes. Eligible applicants are units of local government located in Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties or in rural census tract of Tier 3 counties. Tier designations and information about rural census tracts can be found on the NC Department of Commerce website. In Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties, priority will be given to towns or communities with populations less than 5,000. Please note that guidelines are subject to change. Pre-application conference call required. Contact program manager for the most current information.	Grants - Up to \$75,000 for buildings 100,000 square feet or less and up to \$150,000 for buildings over 100,000 square feet. Maximum of \$12,500 per projected job to be created on the rehabilitated site.	Local government must contribute at least 25% of the total project cost as a cash match, which must come from local resources and may not be derived from other State or federal grant funds. There must be a reasonable expectation of private sector investment and job creation at the rehabilitated site.	https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/building-or-site-funds/demolition/demolition-state-rural-grants
NC Department of Commerce, Rural Economic Development Division, State Rural Grants - Infrastructure	The program provides grants to eligible local governments to assist with infrastructure projects that will lead to the creation of new, full-time jobs. Priority is given to Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties. Grants are available to upgrade or repair water and wastewater treatment plants; upgrade, repair or extend public water or sewer lines; or assist with improvements to other publicly-owned infrastructure, including, but not limited to, natural gas, broadband, access roads, and rail spurs. Pre-application conference call required. Contact program manager for the most current information.	Grants - Potential grant funding available will be assessed though analysis of the project and based upon the project's location, the quantity and quality of jobs committed, the overall economic impact of the project, and at the discretion of the Rural Infrastructure Authority.	Local government must contribute at least 5% of the cash match, which must come from local resources and may not be derived from other State or federal grant funds.	https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/public-infrastructure-funds/infrastructure-state-rural-grants
NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management, Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program	The program provides matching grants to local governments in 20 coastal area counties for low-cost projects designed to improve pedestrian access to the state's beaches. May be used to construct access facilities, including parking areas, restrooms, picnic shelters, dune crossovers, and piers and related facilities, as well to acquire land for access sites or to revitalize urban waterfronts.	Grants - No limit on the grant amount to be requested, but due to limited funding available for the program, applicants need to be mindful that larger requests may be difficult to accommodate.	Yes - Amount varies depending on project type.	https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastal-management-beach-waterfront-access-program



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NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management, North Carolina Pumpout Program	The program provides financial assistance to private, commercial, personal, and municipal marinas, gas/service docks, fish houses/seafood dealers, and other boat-docking facilities in the 20 coastal counties for the installation and renovation of marine sewage pumpout and dump stations. Pumpout facilities funded through the program must allow easy public access by recreational vessels.	Grants - Up to \$20,000	Yes - 25%. A combination of cash, in-kind services and permit and engineering fees may be used for the match.	https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/coastal-management/coastal-management-recognition/pumpout-program
NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service	Helps organizations and businesses improve efficiencies and cut costs while improving environmental performance by offering free, non-regulatory, technical assistance and assessments for solid waste reduction, water usage efficiency, and energy efficiency.	Free technical assistance	N/A	https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/environmental-assistance-customer-service/deacs-energy-water-waste-reduction
NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service - Recycling - Community Waste Reduction and Recycling Grant	Provides funding to public recycling programs for projects that help communities build lasting capacity to divert materials from the waste stream and / or increase public awareness of recycling. The Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service administers the grant program through the Solid Waste Management Outreach Program. Grant cycle corresponds with local government budget cycles.	Grants - \$30,000 to \$40,000, depending on project.	Yes - Cash match equal to or exceeding 20% of the requested grant funding.	https://deq.nc.gov/conservation/recycling/programs-offered/grants-local-governments
NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries - Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) Program	The BIG program is a federal grant program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, that provides funding to states for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of boating infrastructure facilities for transient recreational vessels at least 26 feet long that are operated, leased, rented, or chartered primarily for pleasure. Boating infrastructure means the structures, equipment, accessories, and services that are necessary or desirable for a facility to accommodate eligible vessels. Transient vessels are those passing through or by a place, staying up to 15 days. Projects completed using BIG funds must provide public access but may be publicly or privately owned. The NC Division of Marine Fisheries is the lead agency for BIG in North Carolina. Both publicly owned and privately-owned marina facilities that are open to the public are eligible to apply for funding, including private marinas, local municipalities, state agencies, or other non-governmental entities.	Grants - Two tiers: State (up to \$200,000) and National (up to \$1.5 million)	Yes – 25% cost share / match. In-kind services, materials, and other contributions are allowed for the cost share / match.	http://portal.ncdenr.org/web/mf/what-big-program
NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, North Carolina Brownfields Program	The North Carolina Brownfields Program, authorized by the state statute known as the Brownfields Property Reuse Act, provides a mechanism to treat prospective developers of brownfield sites differently than the parties responsible for contaminating them. Prospective developers negotiate a brownfields agreement with the program that defines activities needed to make the site suitable for reuse, rather than cleaning up the site to regulatory standards (which responsible parties are required to do). The state program has no upfront funds available to prospective developers; however, the brownfields agreement entitles a developer to a property tax exclusion on the improvements made to the property for a 5-year period.	Tax incentive	N/A	http://www.ncbrownfields.org



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NC Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Infrastructure	Provides low-interest loans and grants for local governments and certain other non-profit entities for water infrastructure through programs including: (1) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) - low-interest loans to local governments to fund wastewater collection and treatment facilities as well as programs associated with estuary and non-point sources; (2) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) - low-interest loans to local governments and certain non-profit water corporations for projects to provide safe drinking water; (3) Community Development Block Grant – Infrastructure - grants to local governments to address water and wastewater infrastructure needs in HUD qualified low-to-moderate income communities; (4) State Wastewater & Drinking Water Reserve Programs -grants for technical assistance and for construction of critical needs for wastewater collection systems, wastewater treatment works, and public water system projects; (5) Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Grant Program - grants for studies to evaluate the potential consolidation of two or more systems into one system and the potential physical interconnection with another system for regional wastewater treatment or regional water supply; and (6) Asset Inventory and Assessment Grant Program - grants for developing asset inventories, condition assessment of critical assets, and other components of a comprehensive asset management programs. Contact the Division for assistance in determining which program best fits a project's needs. Applications accepted once or twice a year, depending on the program.	Grants and low-interest loans.	Depends on grant type.	https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/i-need-funding
NC Department of Information Technology, Broadband Infrastructure Office (BIO) – Grants and Grant Resources	BAND-NC is a partnership of the NC BIO and NC State University's Institute for Emerging Issues, with support from the John W. Belk Endowment and others, that provides mini-grants for local digital inclusion projects (planning and implementation) in communities across NC. Non-profits, government institutions, churches, schools, colleges, and universities can apply on behalf of counties. Regional entities can apply on behalf of several counties, but funds cannot exceed \$5,000 for any one county. The GREAT grant program is intended to facilitate the deployment of broadband within unserved areas of economically distressed counties in NC. The grants are provided to private broadband service providers to connect residents, businesses, and farms in the most rural and remote areas of the state to high-speed internet. These areas include Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties as well as rural census tracts located in Tier 3 areas that are currently served by less than 25 megabytes per second download and 3 megabytes per second upload speeds. Tier designations and information about rural census tracts can be found on the NC Department of Commerce website and in the GREAT program application materials. The BIO website also lists other grant opportunities available from federal sources as well as non-profits and foundations to fund broadband needs.	Grants - BAND-NC – up to \$5,000; GREAT – amounts vary.	BAND-NC – applicants encouraged to identify other funding sources to leverage grant funds. GREAT - Yes - Cash match required.	https://www.ncbroadband.gov/grants
NC Department of Information Technology, Broadband Infrastructure Office (BIO), Technical Assistance Program	The BIO's Technical Assistance Program provides communities with an on-the-ground technical support team and needed broadband expertise. The Technical Assistance Team partners with willing communities to develop local objectives and plans to: understand broadband availability; locate unserved and underserved businesses and residents; identify assets relevant to broadband deployment; build partnerships with broadband service providers; and identify opportunities to leverage assets, reduce barriers, and help make the business case. The BIO provides the service at no cost to communities thanks to state and federal funding.	Technical assistance	N/A	https://www.ncbroadband.gov/technical-assistance/



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NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT), Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation - Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative	The Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative is an annual matching grant program intended to encourage municipalities of all sizes and counties with populations under 50,000 to develop comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans. Such plans largely focus on enhancing mobility, improving safety, and promoting economic and health benefits. Plans are developed by consultants that are prequalified by NCDOT.	Grants – Amounts vary. NCDOT planning funds are provided on a sliding scale, based on the size of the community's population.	Yes - local cash match - varies depending on the size of the community. Neither in-kind services nor other state or federal funds from NCDOT can be used for local participation.	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/PlanningGrants/Pages/Planning-Grant-Initiative.aspx
NC IDEA	NC IDEA is a private, 501(c)(3) foundation that fosters sustainable economic development by offering competitive grants and programs for entrepreneurs and funding to organizations working to strengthen the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the state. Its vision is to help North Carolinians achieve their entrepreneurial ambition to start and grow high potential companies. With its NC Black Entrepreneurial Council (https://ncidea.org/black-entrepreneurship-council/), NC IDEA also provides programs and grantmaking specifically for Black entrepreneurs and organizations that further Black entrepreneurship. Visit the website for all grant and program descriptions, eligibility criteria, and available funding and program opportunities.	Grants - Amounts vary by program. See descriptions on website.	Not stated	https://ncidea.org
NC Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Grants	Provides cost share funds for projects which lead to more effective and efficient management of urban and community forests and improve public understanding of the benefits of preserving existing tree cover in communities. For example, funds may be used to facilitate strategic planting and maintenance of community trees for public benefit. Grants are awarded on an annual basis through the USDA Forest Service and are administered by the NC Forest Service, Urban & Community Forestry Program. Grant funds may be awarded to any unit of local or state government, public educational institutions, approved non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, and homeowners associations.	Grants - \$2,500 - \$15,000 to reimburse up to 50% of project costs (some exclusions apply).	Yes - 1 to 1 cash (non-federal funds), in-kind services, or donated goods and services.	https://ncforestservice.gov/Urban/urban_grant_program.htm
NC Land and Water Fund <i>(Previously known as the NC Clean Water Management Trust Fund)</i>	The NC Land and Water Fund improves water quality, sustains ecological diversity, and protects historic sites and military installations by funding projects to acquire lands, restore habitat for fish, wildlife, and other species, and enhance the filtering of stormwater runoff to reduce pollutants from entering water supplies. Local governments, state agencies, and nonprofit corporations whose primary purpose is the conservation, preservation, and restoration of North Carolina's natural and cultural resources are eligible to apply for grants. The NC Land and Water Fund has one grant cycle per year. The application form is typically available in early December through the NC Land and Water Fund's Online Grants Management System (GMS). To submit a grant application, an organization must be registered in and have a designated user who has been granted access to the GMS. Because this process can take 1-2 weeks, applicants are advised to register prior to the opening of the grant cycle. See the website for grant categories and eligibility requirements.	Grants – Amounts vary.	No, but according to the funding manuals for various project types, match is considered in the application rating system and projects with little or no match are rarely funded.	https://nclwf.nc.gov/
NC Parks & Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF)	PARTF provides matching grants to local governments for parks and recreational projects to serve the public. Recipients can use the grants to acquire land for parks and build recreational facilities. Grants can also be used to protect natural and scenic resources or renovate older park facilities. A project must be located on a single site.	Grants - Up to \$500,000	Yes - 1 to 1 match	https://www.ncparks.gov/more-about-us/parks-recreation-trust-fund/parks-and-recreation-trust-fund
NC Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	The RTP provides reimbursement and matching grants to support a variety of trails development activities in two categories: (1) Trail Projects (including land acquisition, trail construction, trail maintenance, etc.) and (2) Trail Safety and Education. Check agency website and program guidelines for eligibility criteria and award cycles.	Grants - \$10,000 to \$250,000	Yes - 25% (see guidelines for options)	https://trails.nc.gov/trail-grants



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NC Rural Center	The NC Rural Center is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of rural North Carolinians through the development, promotion, and implementation of sound economic strategies. It trains rural leaders to recognize and embrace economic opportunities. It also helps rural entrepreneurs start businesses and provides access to capital so established businesses can grow and create new jobs. The Rural Center also conducts engagement, advocacy, and research work.	Some Rural Center programs and subsidiaries are listed herein.	N/A	http://www.ncruralcenter.org/
NC State Historic Preservation Office - Federal Historic Preservation Fund Pass-Through Grants for Certified Local Governments	The Certified Local Government (CLG) program was established through a partnership between the State of North Carolina and the federal government to certify that local governments are eligible to participate in the national framework of historic preservation programs. CLGs have an active and legally adequate historic preservation commission that meets federal requirements for certification. After a year of functioning satisfactorily as a CLG, a local government may compete for a portion of the funds the state receives from the federal government to be used as a matching grant for eligible activities including architectural and archeological surveys, local preservation design guidelines and preservation plans, educational activities and pre-development planning and restoration of National Register listed properties (except privately-owned buildings).	Grants – Amounts not stated.	Yes - 50%	https://www.ncdcr.gov/about/history/division-historical-resources/state-historic-preservation-office/local-historic-6
NC State Historic Preservation Office - Technical Assistance for Restoration, Rehabilitation and Historic Building Maintenance	Owners of historic buildings in North Carolina, including private individuals and organizations, as well as government agencies, may request the technical advice of the Restoration Branch of the State Historic Preservation Office. Technical consultations incur no cost or obligation and are offered on a time-basis. Consultations may include telephone calls, the sending of technical articles and sample specifications, on-site building inspections and evaluations, and referrals to specialty architects, contractors, and consultants.	Technical assistance	N/A	https://www.ncdcr.gov/about/history/division-historical-resources/state-historic-preservation-office/restoration-services
NC Urban Forest Council Legacy (NCUFC) Tree Fund Grant	The purpose of the NCUFC Legacy Tree Fund is to provide financial assistance to communities across North Carolina for tree planting projects that help educate citizens about the importance of trees and the role they play in improving air and water quality, reducing energy costs, increasing real estate values, providing wildlife habitat, and creating opportunities for residents to relax and enjoy nature. Local governments, non-profit community groups, or public schools can apply. Requests for Proposals issued each year, usually in late winter with a spring deadline.	Grants - Up to \$5,000. Funds are to be used only for the purchase of trees.	Yes - 1 to 1 cash or in-kind match	https://www.ncufc.org/legacy-tree-fund.php
North Carolina Community Foundation (NCCF) Community Grantmaking Program	Supports the work of charitable organizations serving communities within NCCF's statewide network of affiliate foundations. Grant decisions are made by the affiliate's board members. Funds a broad range of purposes to meet local needs, including arts, historic preservation, health, recreation, and the environment, among others. Organizations that serve the counties within NCCF's affiliate network and that either operate as 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public charities or are classified as units of local government are eligible to apply.	Grants - Amounts vary by program, affiliate foundation, etc.	Not stated	https://www.nccommunityfoundation.org/apply/grants/community-grantmaking
North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives	North Carolina's electric cooperatives provide a wide array of support for businesses seeking to start, expand, or relocate to areas the cooperatives serve. Support includes assistance with site and building identification, energy audit services, assistance with market research, flexibility in rate design, power quality services, loan and grant assistance, and demographic analysis. They also channel funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program to rural NC in the form of zero-interest loans that can be used to assist with various improvements including fire and rescue, police protection, public buildings and community facilities, and other economic development projects.	Technical assistance and loans	N/A	http://www.ncelectriccooperatives.com/development/default.htm



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North Carolina Small Business Center Network (SBCN)	The objective of the SBCN is to increase the success rate and the number of viable small businesses in North Carolina by providing high quality, readily accessible assistance to prospective and existing small business owners which will lead to job creation and retention. The SBCN, comprised of 58 Small Business Centers located at community colleges, supports the development of new businesses and the growth of existing businesses by being a community-based provider of education and training, counseling, referral, and information.	Technical assistance	N/A	https://www.ncsbc.net/
North Carolina Small Business Technology and Development Center (SBTDC)	The SBTDC is a business advisory resource for growing and developing businesses. It provides management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses. Most services are free of charge, and all are confidential. Highly skilled professionals provide services statewide from offices hosted by campuses of The University of North Carolina System. The SBTDC operates in formal partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Defense Logistics Agency, and others.	Technical assistance	N/A	http://www.sbtdc.org/
North Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Districts <i>(New to List)</i>	North Carolina has 96 local soil and water conservation districts: 95 with boundaries coinciding with county borders and one that encompasses a five-county area. NC General Statute 139 provides that local soil and water conservation districts are both governmental subdivisions of the state and independent political units. Under the same statute, the N.C. Department of Agriculture, Division of Soil and Water Conservation, is connected to and delivers programs through the local districts. Districts work with governments (county, state, and federal) and both public and private organizations in a non-regulatory capacity to implement a comprehensive conservation program to protect and improve natural resources while assisting private landowners in using conservation practices. Among their many functions, districts can assist communities with natural resource management such as stormwater management, floodplain management and flood control, erosion and sediment control, source water protection, water use efficiency, stream restoration, open spaces, and small-plot forestry management. They also have access to government funding to support their work and projects.	Resource for information, education, and technical assistance	Not applicable.	http://www.ncagr.gov/SWC/index.html
North Carolina Tobacco Trust Fund Commission (NCTTFC)	The NCTTFC grants monies annually to programs that foster, support, encourage, and facilitate a strong agricultural economy in NC. The grants place a high priority on projects that address ways to decrease unemployment, stimulate the agricultural economy in local communities, strengthen sales of local foods, and assist farmers with innovative research and cost-share programs. Examples of projects that may be funded include farmers market improvements, development of value-added facilities and/or resources, cost-share grant programs for farmers, training for farmers, researching alternative crops, and support of agricultural education programs. State and federal agencies, local units of government, non-profit organizations, and members of the private sector are eligible to apply.	Grants - Amounts not stated.	Not specified.	http://tobaccostrustfund.org/
OnDeck	Online lender to small businesses that offers short-term loans and revolving lines of credit with flexible terms and rates based on the performance of a business, not just personal credit history.	Short-term loans from \$5,000 to \$250,000; lines of credit from \$6,000 to \$100,000.	N/A	https://www.ondeck.com/
PayPal	PayPal has business loans and working capital loans available to businesses with PayPal business accounts. PayPal Business Loans have fixed terms and are repaid through weekly automatic withdrawals from a bank account. PayPal Working Capital loans do not require a credit check. Loan amounts are based on PayPal sales history. A percentage of each PayPal sale by the business is used to repay the loan.	Loans – Amounts vary.	N/A	https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/business-loans



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PeopleForBikes Community Grants	Fundable projects and programs include bike paths, lanes, trails, and bridges, as well as mountain bike and BMX facilities, bike parks and pump tracks, <u>end-of-trip</u> facilities such as bike racks, bike parking, bike repair stations, and bike storage, and larger-scale bicycle advocacy initiatives (e.g., campaigns to increase bicycle infrastructure investment or programs to transform city streets). PeopleForBikes accepts letters of interest from non-profit organizations with a focus on bicycling, active transportation, or community development; city or county agencies or departments; and state or federal agencies working locally. Must be invited to submit full application. <i>Note: 2022 grant cycle notice to be posted on website in November 2021.</i>	Grants - Up to \$10,000. Will not consider requests to fund 50% or more of a project's budget.	Not specifically required but applicants that can leverage other funds / partnerships preferred.	https://www.peopleforbikes.org/grants
PNC Foundation Grants (PNC Bank)	The PNC Foundation supports a variety of tax-exempt, nonprofit organizations with a special emphasis on those that work to achieve sustainability and touch a diverse population, particularly those that support early childhood education and/or economic development in PNC banking communities. It supports economic development organizations which enhance the quality of life through neighborhood revitalization, cultural enrichment, and human services, with priority given to initiatives that strategically promote the growth of low-and moderate-income communities and/or provide services to these communities. Check the website for the list of counties in NC served by PNC, an eligibility quiz, and the appropriate contact person.	Grants – Amounts not stated.	Not stated	https://www.pnc.com/en/about-pnc/corporate-responsibility/philanthropy/pnc-foundation.html
Powell Bill Funds	State Street-Aid (Powell Bill) allocations are disbursed twice annually to NC incorporated municipalities which establish their eligibility and qualify as provided by NC G.S. 136-41.1 through 136-41.4. Powell Bill funds are to be expended primarily for the purposes of resurfacing streets within the corporate limits of the municipality but may also be used for maintaining, repairing, constructing, reconstructing, or widening of any street or public thoroughfare within the municipal limits or for planning, construction, and maintenance of bikeways, greenways, or sidewalks.	State funds disbursement. Allocation of State Street-Aid funds is based upon a formula that uses population and local street mileage.	No	https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/State-Street-Aid/Pages/default.aspx
Preserve America Communities	Designates and recognizes communities, including municipalities, counties, neighborhoods, and tribes, that protect and celebrate their heritage, use their historic assets for economic development and community revitalization, and encourage people to experience and appreciate local historic resources through education and heritage tourism programs. Benefits of designation include: a certificate of recognition; eligibility to apply for Preserve America Grants (when funds are available); authorization to use the Preserve America logo on signs, flags, banners, and promotional materials; listing in a Web-based Preserve America Community directory; inclusion in national and regional press releases; and enhanced community visibility and pride. There are quarterly deadlines to apply for designation annually on March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.	Recognition program	N/A	http://www.preserveamerica.gov/communities.html
Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA (RAFI-USA) - Expanding Farmers Market Access	RAFI-USA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Pittsboro, NC, challenges the root causes of unjust food systems, supporting and advocating for economically, racially, and ecologically just farm communities. It offers services and policy advocacy through integrated program areas, one of which is Expanding Farmers Market Access.	Technical assistance, programs, publications, and other resources for farmers markets	Not stated	https://www.rafiusa.org/programs/farmers-markets/



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SCORE	SCORE is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) that consists of a nationwide network of volunteer, expert business mentors that help small businesses get started, grow, and reach their goals. With financial support from the SBA and many volunteers, SCORE delivers most of its small business services at no cost. Such services, available to both established and new business owners, include mentoring, webinars and courses on demand, a library of online resources, and local events. SCORE chapters are located throughout North Carolina. A search tool on the SCORE website can help business owners find chapters in their areas.	Technical assistance and training	N/A	https://www.score.org/
Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation and KidGardening - Gro More Good Grassroots Grants	Gro More Good Grassroots Grants provide funding for the development of new and expansion of existing youth focused gardens and greenspaces to bring the life-enhancing benefits of gardens to communities across the United States. Open to nonprofit and tax-exempt organizations, including schools. Recipients are selected annually based on their commitment to the maintenance and sustainability of their garden program, including plans for growth and future fiscal stability.	Grants - \$500 (\$1,000 for the top 25 programs).	Not stated	https://scottsmiraclegro.com/responsibility/foundation/enhancement/
Self-Help	Self-Help's mission is creating and protecting ownership and economic opportunity for all. The nonprofit Center for Community Self-Help and its financing affiliates (Self-Help Credit Union, Self-Help Federal Credit Union, and Self-Help Ventures Fund) provide responsible financial services, promote home ownership to help families build financial security, lend to small businesses and nonprofits, develop commercial real estate projects that invigorate downtown areas and neighborhoods, and promote fair financial practices. Its work benefits communities of all kinds, but it focuses on those that may be underserved by conventional lenders, including people of color, women, rural residents, and low-wealth families and communities.	Loans – Types and amounts vary.	N/A	https://www.self-help.org/
Slow Money NC	Slow Money NC's goal is to support financing a resilient economy that feeds its citizens healthy, safe, agriculturally sustainable, locally-grown foods. It is a membership organization that is part of the national Slow Money network. It matches members willing to lend with farmers and/or local food businesses seeking loans.	Loans - Amounts vary.	N/A	http://slowmoneync.org/
Small Business and Innovative Research (SBIR) Program	The SBIR program, coordinated by the U.S. Small Business Administration, encourages qualified small businesses to engage in Federal Research/Research and Development that has the potential for private sector commercialization. Through a three-phase program, two of which include grant funding, SBIR enables small businesses to explore their technological potential and provides the incentive to profit from its commercialization. The Federal agencies that participate do their own solicitation and acceptance of proposals.	Grants - Awards vary in amount and duration by agency.	Not specified	http://www.sbir.gov
Southeast Sustainable Communities Fund (SSCF)	The purpose of the SSCF is to accelerate the adoption of sustainable best practices in Southeast communities by funding projects that implement local sustainability solutions, while leveraging the Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN) to help others learn from grantee experiences and sharing success stories in the Southeast. A partnership between The Kendeda Fund and the SSDN, the SSCF provides grants for projects that will support sustainable and equitable communities working to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change through sustainable energy and/or water initiatives; foster equity and inclusiveness; leverage community partnerships; strengthen local government commitment; demonstrate scalable solutions; and demonstrate innovation. Open to any community in the southeast (SSDN members or not). A city or county government must serve as the lead applicant and projects must be led by the unit of government's Equity Director, or Sustainability Director, or someone who performs a cross-departmental equity or sustainability function. <i>Note: SSDN did not have a 2020 grant cycle and, as of November 2021, had not opened one for 2021.</i>	Grants – Amounts not specified.	Not required, but website notes that successful applicants will demonstrate in-kind and/or cash support that enhances the project.	https://www.southeastsdn.org/programs/southeast-sustainable-communities-fund-sscf/



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State Farm Good Neighbor Citizenship® Company Grants	Good Neighbor Citizenship Company Grants focus on safety, community development, and education to help build safer, stronger, and better educated communities. Community development grants assist organizations that support affordable housing, first time homeowners, neighborhood revitalization, financial literacy, job training, and small business development. Non-profits, chambers of commerce, government agencies, educational institutions, and volunteer fire departments are eligible to apply. Grant applications accepted during the month of October.	Grants - Amounts not specified but requests must be for \$5,000 or more.	Not specified	https://www.statefarm.com/about-us/corporate-responsibility/community-grants/good-neighbor-citizenship-grants
Surdna Foundation	The Surdna Foundation seeks to foster just, sustainable communities in the U.S. It makes grants to nonprofit organizations in its priority areas of inclusive economies, sustainable environments, inclusive economies, and thriving cultures. <i>Note: Per its website in November 2021, the Surdna Foundation is not accepting unsolicited letters of inquiry until further notice, but will post letter of inquiry opportunities as they open.</i>	Grants - Amounts not specified.	Not stated	https://surdna.org/prospective-grantees/
TechSoup	TechSoup is a worldwide technology organization that provides nonprofits and libraries with free technology-related information, resources, and support. It also offers nonprofits access to donated and discounted products provided by corporate and nonprofit technology partners.	Technical assistance	N/A	http://www.TechSoup.org
The 1772 Foundation	The 1772 Foundation's mission is to preserve and enhance American historical organizations, especially entities with particular interest in farming, industrial development, transportation, and unusual historical buildings. Its grants for Historic Properties Redevelopment Programs (Revolving Funds) provide funding to established preservation organizations looking to start new or to increase the capacity of existing historic properties redevelopment programs. Such programs are real estate based and protect endangered properties using options, easements, purchase/resale, and tax credits with the intention of returning them to the private sector with deed restrictions. Preservation organizations must have 501(c)(3) status to be eligible. Applicants with a strong local funding partner and projects that have secured matching funds are most favorably considered.	Grants - Maximum amount for 2022 is \$250,000. Typical grants have ranged from \$50,000-\$75,000 (\$10,000-\$20,000 for feasibility studies).	Preferred	http://www.1772foundation.org
The Cannon Foundation	Healthcare, higher education, human services, and community are The Cannon Foundation's areas of focus. The Foundation does not provide start-up funding, scholarships, grants to individuals, or operating funds. It makes a small number of grants in its community focus area for capital or equipment projects for organizations serving veterans, promoting the arts, and providing historic or environmental preservation services in North Carolina. Projects with other funding sources or community collaboration are preferred. Qualifying organizations must be established with at least five years of successful operations.	Grants - Amounts vary.	Preferred	https://cannonfoundation.org/cannon-foundation/
Thread Capital	A subsidiary non-profit of the NC Rural Center serving all 100 NC counties, Thread Capital provides small business owners and entrepreneurs with access to capital to start or expand their businesses. It also provides them with coaching and business planning services, as well as a support network.	Small business loans - \$500 to \$50,000 and access to loans up to \$5 million through a network of statewide lending partners.	N/A	https://www.threadcap.org/
Truist Foundation (New name – previously BB&T Foundation)	The Truist Foundation supports communities by investing in innovative, fiscally sound, nonprofit organizations that serve critical community needs and whose work aligns with its strategic focus areas. For the next grant cycle, the focus will be building career pathways to economic mobility and strengthening small businesses (deadline: March 31, 2022). Grants are intended to support sustainable one-time needs rather than recurring expenses.	Grants – Amounts not stated.	Not specified	https://www.truist.com/purpose/truist-foundation#communities



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U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service - Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) and Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP)	<p>LFPP grants support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises (intermediary, non-direct-to-consumer supply chain activity). Funding is available for planning and for implementation projects. Entities that support local and regional food business enterprises that process, distribute, aggregate, or store locally or regionally produced food products may apply.</p> <p>The FMPP offers grant funds for developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities (direct-to-consumer marketing efforts). Open to a variety of applicants.</p> <p>Applications typically accepted for both programs in the spring.</p>	Grants - LFPP \$25,000 to \$200,000 for planning and \$100,000 to \$750,000 for implementation; FMPP \$50,000 to \$500,000 for capacity building and \$100,000 to \$750,000 for community development training and technical assistance.	Yes –10% or 25% cash and/or in-kind required for both programs.	https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants
U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development	USDA Rural Development has grants, loans, loan guarantees, technical assistance, training, and other programs available to rural areas for small business and entrepreneurial development, job training, energy conservation, and building or improving utilities, affordable housing, and essential community facilities.	Grants, loans, technical assistance, training, and other programs	Generally, but varies by grant/program.	https://www.rd.usda.gov/
U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)	EDA works directly with distressed communities and regions to help them build the capacity for economic development based on local business conditions and needs, take control of their future, and position themselves for economic prosperity and resiliency. It offers planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure construction grants designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that make it easier for businesses to start and grow, that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities, and that help communities encourage innovation and entrepreneurship in a way that works best for them. EDA also offers funding for disaster recovery and resiliency efforts, often in response to major disasters that affect communities.	Grants – Amounts vary by program.	Generally required, but varies by program.	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/project-grants.htm
U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, American Battlefield Protection Program (ABPP), Battlefield Preservation Planning Grants (New to List)	Grants are awarded annually and competitively to tribal, state, and local governments, other public entities, non-profit organizations, and educational institutions. Eligible projects must focus on planning for, interpreting, and protecting historic battlefields and related sites associated with armed conflicts on American soil from any period in history. Grants fund two-year projects involving research, documentation, oral history, community engagement activities, interpretation and education, preservation planning, and more. This program does not fund land acquisition or capital improvement projects, but the ABPP also has a Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant program (https://www.nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/battlefield-land-acquisition-grant-program.htm/index.htm).	Grants – Typically range from \$30,000 to \$150,000.	Not required	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/battlefields/battlefield-planning-grants.htm
U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, State, Tribal, Local Plans & Grants Division, Historic Preservation Fund	The Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) provides financial assistance to support historic preservation and heritage preservation. In addition to providing grants to support U.S. states, territories, and participating federally recognized tribes, the HPF offers competitive grant programs, as appropriated by Congress, including Tribal Heritage Grants; African American Civil Rights Grants; Disaster Recovery Grants; Underrepresented Community Grants; History of Equal Rights Grants; Save America's Treasures Grants; Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program (<i>for rural communities - see next entry, below</i>); and Historically Black Colleges & Universities Grants. Application requirements vary by program. See details on website.	Grants - Amounts vary by program.	Varies by program.	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/project-grants.htm



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U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, State, Tribal, Local Plans & Grants Division, Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program <i>(Formerly known as the Historic Revitalization Subgrant Program)</i>	The Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization Grant Program supports subgrant programs that enable the rehabilitation of historic properties and rehabilitate, protect, and foster economic development of rural communities. It funds preservation projects for historic sites, including architectural and engineering services, and physical building preservation through subgrants to communities determined rural by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Nonprofits, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices, State Historic Preservation Offices, or Certified Local Governments are eligible to apply for funding to support subgrant programs that award funds to projects within their jurisdictions. Projects must involve properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places or determined eligible for listing at the National, State, or local level of significance and located within rural (non-urban) communities with populations less than 50,000.	Grants – Number and amounts vary based on funding.	Not required; however, the provision of matching funds will be considered in the application scoring process.	https://www.nps.gov/subjects/historicpreservationfund/paul-bruhn-historic-revitalization-grants-program.htm
U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service - Rivers, Trails & Conservation Assistance Program	The mission of the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program is to assist community-led natural resource conservation and outdoor recreation projects nationwide. RTCA staff provide technical assistance to communities with projects that develop (or restore) parks, conservation areas rivers, wildlife habitats, outdoor recreation opportunities, and programs that engage younger generations in the outdoors. Communities, nonprofit organizations, and local/state/federal/tribal agencies can request RCTA program assistance through an annual application process. Assistance services typically last 1 to 2 years. The RCTA program encourages community engagement and partnerships and helps with visioning and planning processes for projects.	Technical assistance	N/A	https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/index.htm
U.S. Department of the Treasury, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) - New Markets Tax Credits	The New Markets Tax Credit Program (NMTC Program) was established by Congress in 2000 to spur new or increased investments in operating businesses and real estate projects located in low-income communities. The NMTC Program attracts investment capital to low-income communities by permitting individual and corporate investors to receive a tax credit against their federal income tax return in exchange for making equity investments in specialized financial institutions called Community Development Entities (CDEs). The credit equals 39% of the original investment amount and is claimed over a period of seven years (5% for each of the first three years, and 6% for each of the remaining four years). The investment in the CDE cannot be redeemed before the end of the seven-year period.	Tax credits	N/A	https://www.cdfifund.gov/programs-training/Programs/new-markets-tax-credit/Pages/default.aspx
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Brownfields Grants	EPA Brownfields Grants provide funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training for residents impacted by brownfield sites in their communities, and state and tribal brownfields response programs. To facilitate the leveraging of public resources, the program collaborates with other EPA programs, other federal partners, and state agencies to identify and make available resources that can be used for brownfield activities.	Grants - Amounts vary.	Some grants have a cost-share requirement.	https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-epa-brownfield-grant-funding
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - Recreation Economy for Rural Communities	The EPA Recreation Economy for Rural Communities program provides planning assistance to help communities create strategies and an action plan to revitalize a Main Street or neighborhood by developing the local outdoor recreation economy and protecting natural resources. A planning team works with selected communities for 4 to 6 months and holds a two-day facilitated community workshop. Any community may apply, but special consideration will be given to those that are small towns, economically disadvantaged (such as those in Opportunity Zones), and/or in the Northern Border Region (a Federal-State partnership for economic and community development serving the most distressed counties of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York). <i>Note: This program did not solicit requests for technical assistance proposals in 2020, but did in 2021.</i>	Technical assistance	N/A	https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities



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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Smart Growth Grants and Other Funding <i>(New to List)</i>	The EPA periodically offers Smart Growth grants to support activities that improve the quality of development and protect human health and the environment. The website lists available EPA grant opportunities for smart growth and community revitalization. The EPA also posts on the website lists it has compiled of other funding resources available to tribal, state, and local governments; communities; and non-governmental organizations for community revitalization and smart growth projects and initiatives. <i>Note: As of November 2021, the website did not show any available EPA Smart Growth grants; however, lists of other funding resources were posted as well as ways to receive notifications about grant opportunities.</i>	Grants (when funded) and lists of other funding resources	Not stated	https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/epa-smart-growth-grants-and-other-funding
Walmart Local Giving Program	Local Walmart stores, Sam's Clubs, and logistics facilities award grants to eligible nonprofit organizations, government agencies, schools, and others operating within the service area of the facility from which they are requesting funding. The grants are designed to address the unique local needs of the communities served.	Grants - \$250 to \$5,000	None noted	https://walmart.org/what-we-do/strengthening-communities/local-giving
Waste Management Charitable Giving	Waste Management provides support and services to 501(c)(3) or public organizations that promote civic pride, economic development, and revitalization. It is most likely to support programs in the areas of environmental conservation, environmental education, and community vitality. Applications are accepted year-round and reviewed by local WM team members on a continuous basis. Waste Management targets support to specific projects or programs that enhance the scope of services offered by an organization and prefers not to financially support operating costs, capital campaigns, or multi-year requests. Preference is also given to organizations with a broad base of funders, community partners, and volunteers.	Financial support	Not stated - but looks for support from other community partners.	https://www.wm.com/about/community/charitable-giving.jsp
Wells Fargo Local Community Grants	Through its Local Community Grants, Wells Fargo invests in nonprofit organizations aligned with its focus areas: housing affordability, small business growth, sustainability/environmental justice, and financial health. It may also fund local programs in arts and culture, civic engagement, education, the environment, human services, and workforce development. To be eligible, nonprofit organizations must be in counties served by Wells Fargo (see website for a list).	Grants – Amounts not stated.	Not stated	https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/corporate-responsibility/community-giving/local/
Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Program	Whole Kids Foundation believes in and funds edible garden learning spaces because it knows that the more kids know and feel connected to their food, the more curious they become about how things grow or taste, and the more willing they are to try new foods. The Garden Grant program provides \$3,000 monetary grants to support new or existing edible educational gardens located at either K–12 schools or 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that serve children in the K-12 grade range. The application window typically opens in the first quarter of each year.	Grants - \$3,000 each	Not stated	https://www.wholekidsfoundation.org/programs/school-gardens-grant
Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation	The Z. Smith Reynolds (ZSR) Foundation's grant-making framework has three prongs, each of which provides grant opportunities: State-Level Systemic Change Strategy; Community-Based Strategy; and Exploratory, Visionary Ideas Strategy. Programs that may be relevant to downtowns, Main Street organizations, and rural communities include Collaborative Problem-Solving, Community Progress Fund, All for NC Fellowship, Inclusive Public Art, and Non-Profit Internship Program. Applicants are encouraged to review the results sought within each relevant focus area to better understand the fit of their organization's work or project within the priorities of the ZSR Foundation. The Foundation makes grants to 501(c)(3) organizations and government entities for programs and projects serving the people of North Carolina. Grant application deadlines vary across programs.	Grants - Amounts vary by program.	Varies by grant program.	http://www.zsr.org