



Thriving Communities Network (TCN)

March 20, 2024

*Models for Community Capacity Building:
How can TA providers effectively support
historically underserved communities'
long-term capacity?*

What is the TCN?

For decades, communities have requested resources and tools to successfully compete for federal funding.

Created in 2022, the Thriving Communities Network (TCN) is a federal interagency effort to coordinate place-based technical assistance (TA) and capacity-building resources for urban, rural, and Tribal communities experiencing a history of economic distress and systemic disinvestment.

These federal resources include grant and financial management support, pre-development assistance, community engagement, planning, and project delivery support.

Today's Agenda

- Models for Community Capacity Building:
 - Economic Development Administration's Economic Recovery Fellows
 - Accelerator for America, a DOT-funded Capacity Building
- Discussion on various grant navigators and what's working, and what isn't.



Economic Development Administration (EDA) Economic Recovery Fellows



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TCN Brownbag Series

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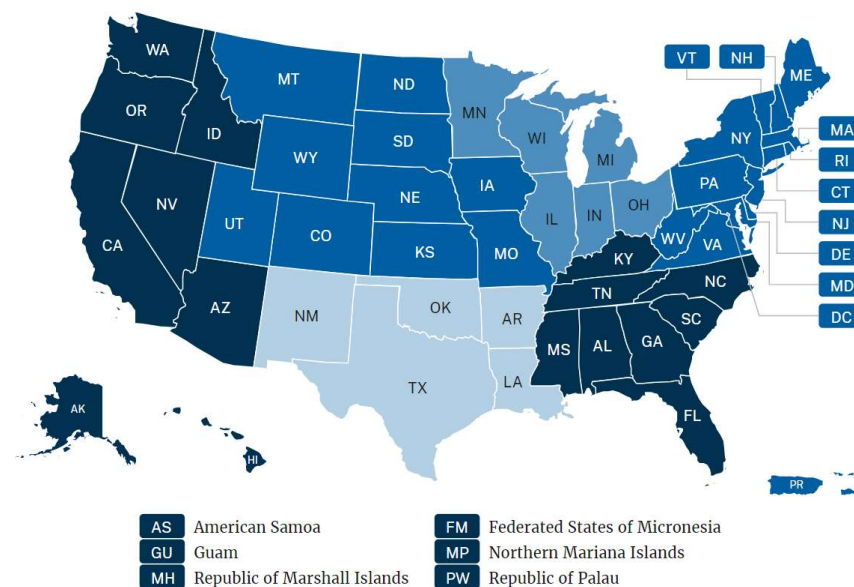
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Capacity Building at EDA: *Economic Recovery Corps*

- EDA's ERC program was designed to provide a national network of fellows to increase underserved communities' ability to plan, prepare for, and implement economic development initiatives.
- This is part of EDA's broader efforts to provide financial and technical assistance to support locally driven, regionally oriented economic development strategies.
- ERC is supported through a 5-year \$30M cooperative agreement with IEDC and a coalition of national partners with expertise in economic development.



**EDA Headquarters (DC) and 6 Regional Offices (Philadelphia, Chicago, Atlanta, Denver, Austin, Seattle)*

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The ERC is funded by the **Economic Development Administration (EDA)** under the CARES Act and led by the **International Economic Development Council (IEDC)** in partnership with six other leading national organizations:

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OUR GOALS

ACCELERATE

CAPACITY

To build **capacity** in under-resourced communities to **accelerate locally driven economic development** and **drive more equitable economic outcomes**.

DEVELOP

TALENT

To build a pipeline of the next generation of economic development leaders **equipped** with the skills and practice to **promote a new era of economic prosperity** where no one gets left behind.





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PORTLAND KICKOFF EVENT FEB 12-15, 2024



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From Recruitment to Launch

7-month
recruitment process

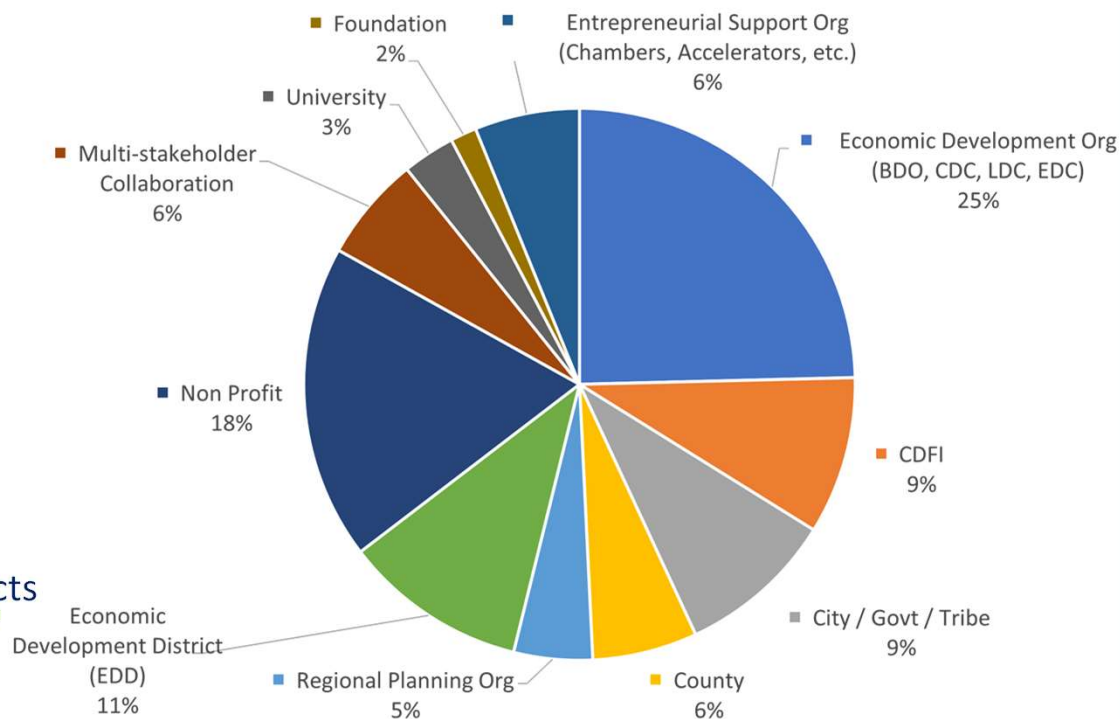
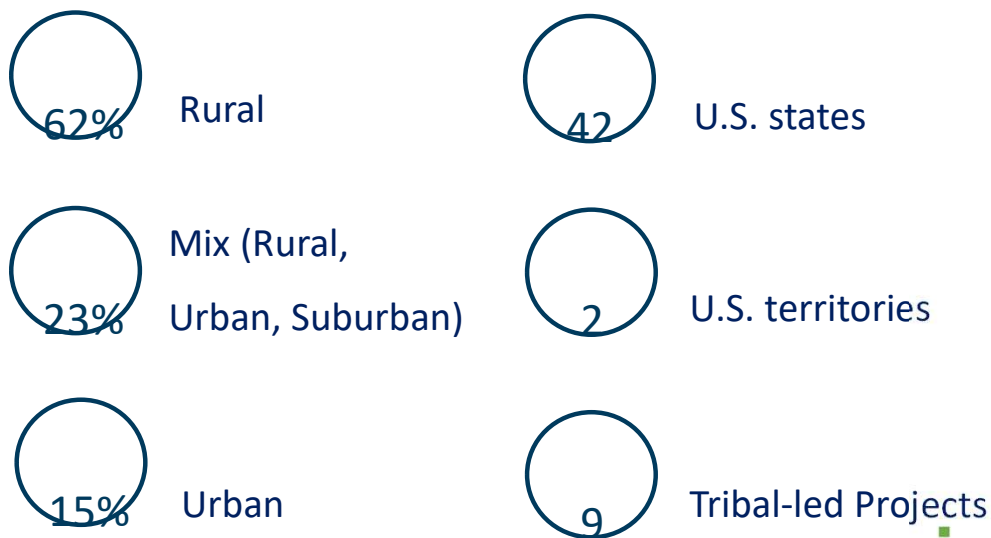
500+ Host
Applications
1,400+ Fellow
Applications

65 Fellow + Host
Projects

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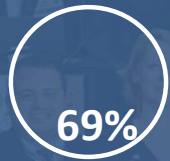


ERC Host Communities



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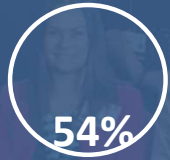
ERC Fellow Profiles



Women



Relocating



Identify as a
Person of Color



Come from the Host
community / region



10+ Years of Professional
Experience

Fellows come from a variety of industries + sectors including:

- urban planning
- entrepreneurship
- tech
- community and economic development
- microfinance
- education
- public administration
- marketing
- international development and more.

Read Fellow profiles at: economicrecoverycorps.org/fellows

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Search ERC projects on our interactive map: economicrecoverycorps.org/projects



Project Focus Areas



Workforce Development



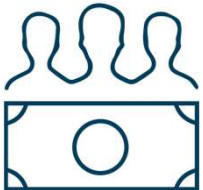
Sustainability and
Climate Resiliency



Downtown Revitalization



Childcare



Tourism and Outdoor Recreation

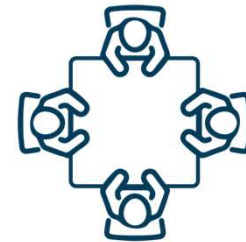


Technology &
Innovation

Project Focus Areas



Housing



Regional Planning



Small Business Development,
Entrepreneurial Ecosystem
Building, & Access to Capital



Transportation &
Infrastructure



Business Development &
Attraction



Broadband

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Two-Way Learning + Exchange to:

- Promote connectivity, innovation, and knowledge-sharing across rural, urban, and tribal areas throughout the U.S.
- Increase connectivity with Federal ecosystem and resources – conduit of information
- Elevate new practice that transforms the field of economic development.





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THANK YOU

Learn more about the inspiring cohort of 65 fellows and explore the impactful projects unique to each host community at: www.economicrecoverycorps.org.

Interested in collaborating with the ERC program or connecting with one of the 65 projects located near you?
Contact IEDC at: erc@iedconline.org



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Models for Community Capacity Building:

Providing Support for Historically Underserved Communities

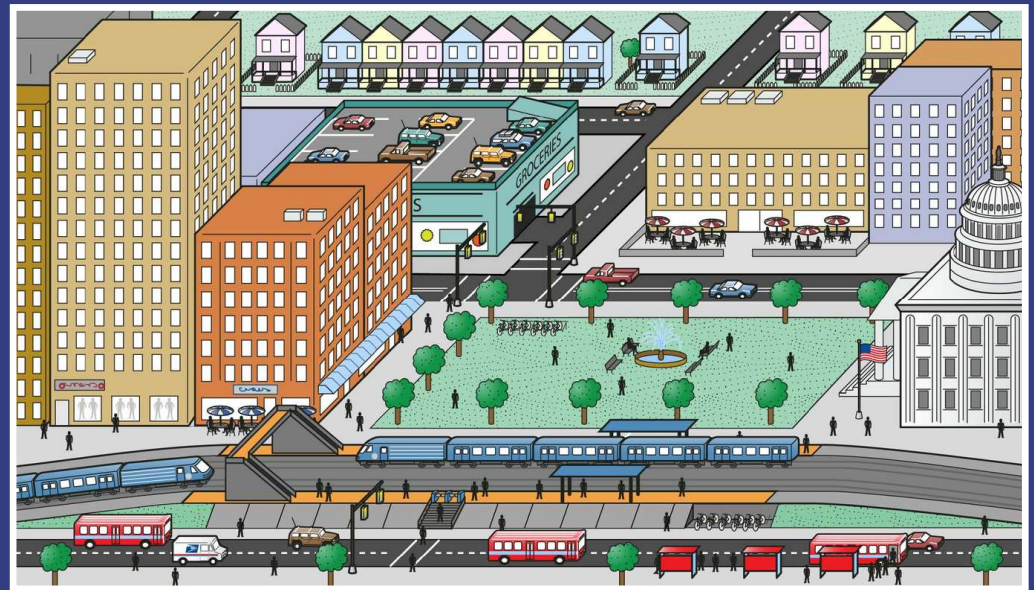
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The Aims of Transit-Oriented Development

Transit-oriented development (TOD) creates dense, walkable, and mixed-use spaces near transit that support vibrant, sustainable, and equitable communities. TOD projects include a mix of commercial, residential, office, and entertainment land uses.

• Live, work, and play options

- Reduced car dependency
- Improved air quality / reduced carbon footprint
- Maximizes land use



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Complete Neighborhoods TOD Funding Matrix

Program Name	Status	Application Deadline	Source	Total Funding Available	Brief Description
All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)	Closed	Jan 30, 2024	FTA	\$343,000,000	For projects to make inaccessible legacy rail stations meet or exceed the construction standards.
Advanced Transportation Technology & Innovation (ATTAIN)	Closed	Feb 2, 2024	FHWA	\$120,000,000	For the implementation and operation of mobility-focused transportation technologies.
Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)	Closed	Feb 24, 2024	FEMA	\$1,000,000,000	To mitigate the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for national activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards.
Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility (ICAM)	Closed	Feb 13, 2024	FTA	\$4,700,000	For innovative capital projects that improve the coordination of NEMT services and mobility purchases.
Low or No Emission Grant Program (Low-No)	Open	Apr 25, 2024	FTA	\$1,103,963,762	For the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses as well as the leasing of required supporting facilities.
Buses and Bus Facilities Program	Open	Apr 25, 2024	FTA	\$390,045,823	To assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing or leasing.
Reconnecting Communities / Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program (RCN) Planning	Closed	Sep 28, 2023	OST	\$185,000,000	To advance community-centered transportation connection projects that improve access to jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development. Provide technical assistance to further these goals.
Reconnecting Communities / Neighborhood Access and Equity Grant Program (RCN) Capital Construction	Closed	Sep 28, 2023	OST	\$2,718,000,000	To advance community-centered transportation connection projects that improve access to jobs, education, healthcare, food, nature, and recreation, and foster equitable development. Provide technical assistance to further these goals.
Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Planning & Demonstration	Open	Apr 4, 2024	OST	\$1,256,687,000	To develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. The goal of a holistic, well-defined strategy to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries in a local area.
Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Implementation	Open	May 16, 2024	OST	\$1,256,687,000	To implement projects and strategies identified in an Action Plan to address a roadway safety problem. Strategies can be infrastructure, behavioral, and/or operational activities.

- Supports funding identification
- Grows organizational capacity
- Saves staff time
- More than just a funding matrix



- Shared as a Google Sheet to ensure that everyone has access to the most up-to-date information.
- Can be downloaded to and customized, if needed.

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Using the Funding Matrix

SITUATION

The City of Lincoln, NE seeks to secure funds for a multimodal transit transfer center.

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Other search terms include: public transportation, passenger, transportation infrastructure, mobility, etc.

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Review Results

Program Name	Status	Application Deadline	Brief Description	Eligible Uses of Funds
Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Capital Projects	Closed	February 28, 2024	For constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety, environmental sustainability, quality of life; mobility and community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration, and innovation.	Capital Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• highway or bridge projects• public transportation projects• passenger and freight rail transportation projects• port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry)• surface transportation components of an airport projects• intermodal projects whose component parts are otherwise an eligible project type• projects to replace or rehabilitate a culvert or prevent stormwater runoff for the purpose of improving habitat for aquatic species while advancing the goals of the RAISE program• projects investing in surface transportation facilities that are located on Tribal land and for which title or maintenance responsibility is vested in the Federal Government• public road and non-motorized projects• surface transportation components of transit-oriented development projects• surface transportation components of mobility on-demand projects that expand access and reduce transportation cost burden

See application status, deadline, eligible applicants and use of funds, key priorities, equity considerations, and resources.



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Explore Relevant Tools & Resources

RAISE Grants
Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity



RAISE AWARDS
FY 2022



Climate and Economic Justice
Screening Tool



Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity

Lincoln, Nebraska

The Local Infrastructure Hub is highlighting Lincoln, Nebraska's Multimodal Transit Transfer Center (MTTC) project because it demonstrates how RAISE grants can be used to invest in complex transportation projects. This case story shows how persistence and thoughtful community engagement play a role in advancing a transformative infrastructure project.

[Learn More](#)

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Biweekly Newsletters


- Community Spotlights
- Funding Opportunity News
- Articles of Interest
- Repository of resource
Coming Soon!
- Individualized funding
playbooks

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MARCH 2024


MAR 8	WEBINAR: USDOT SS4A SUPPLEMENTAL PLANNING & DEMONSTRATION ACTIVITIES
MAR 13	WEBINAR: USDOT SS4A IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS
MAR 19	WEBINARS: VISION ZERO NETWORK'S SS4A FUNDING STRATEGIES THAT WORK & AFA'S ECDPN AFFORDABLE HOUSING - LEVERAGING LAND BANKS
MAR 20	OFFICE HOURS: DOT & THE JOINT OFFICE OF ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION EV CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE
MAR 25	WEBINAR: DOT CLIMATE CHANGE CENTER ON TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT

What's your community's
transformative project?


 Where can I find case studies on federal grant programs?



Safe Streets for All
Tampa, FL



Reconnecting Communities
Kalamazoo, MI



Charging & Fueling
Athens, OH

Visit the Local Infrastructure Hub to learn more!

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Discussion

Tools for Navigating Federal Resources





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