# **Municipal Funding Opportunities for Transit-Oriented Development**

The Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) in conjunction with the Regional Transit-Oriented Development Working Group created this document to assist communities with the development of TOD. The document is intended to be used primarily by economic and community development practitioners throughout the northern Illinois region.

Included is a comprehensive directory of funding programs that serve Transit-Oriented Development initiatives in Northeastern Illinois. It includes programs for municipalities, government agencies, businesses, non-profit organizations, and other organizations that work to promote Transit-Oriented Development. It should be used by agencies to inform themselves of the various funding opportunities available. Programs are from government agencies as well as philanthropic agencies and financial institutions are included. This guide has been organized by Sources, Agencies, Program Description, and Eligibility.

The majority of information in this guide was compiled from various website sources. Special acknowledgement is given to CMAP's Community and Economic Development Funding Resource Guide. For more information on the contents in this directory or on how RTA is involved in Transit-Oriented Development please visit our website at <u>www.rtachicago.com/cp</u>.

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-	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) & TAP Program	Transportation - Operations		This grant program provides funding for projects that improve air quality, such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities or projects promoting greater transit ridership, including new additional commuter parking. These are federal funds administered locally by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP), and applications are submitted to CMAP yearly, with competition for funds only within the 6-county region.	Grants	Transportation agencies, counties, municipalities, townships, park districts, forest preserve districts, local unit of government, and library districts.	<u>http://www.cmap.illinois.g</u> <u>ov/mobility/strategic-</u> <u>investment/cmaq</u>
Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)	Local Technical Assistance Program	Planning - Technical Assistance		CMAP received Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant funds from HUD to implement their ON TO 2050 Plan. Some of these federal grant funds are being used for CMAP's Local Technical Assistance (LTA) Program. The LTA Program provides both staff assistance and grants for planning-related services targeted to local governments and nonprofit organizations. Assistance is provided directly to individual communities, in addition to local training and coordination initiatives.	Grants	Municipalities and nonprofits in the CMAP planning region. / Varies	<u>https://www.cmap.illin</u> ois.gov/programs/LTA
CMAP / IDOT	Surface Transportation Program (STP)	Transportation	Transportation - Active	This grant program provides funding for road projects that improve public transportation or bicycle and pedestrian facilities. It is administered locally by CMAP, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), and the Council of Mayors. Applications are submitted to the local Council of Mayors, with competition for funds only among the other members of that council. These are federal funds administered locally by CMAP.	Grants	Contact your CMAP Planning Liaison for more information. / Varies	https://www.cmap.illin ois.gov/committees/ad visory/council-of- mayors/stp
Regional Transportatio n Authority (RTA)	Community Planning Program	Planning	Transportation - Transit	The RTA's Community Planning program provides funding as well as technical assistance to applicants for implementation and planning projects that benefit the community and the regional transit system. A call for projects is typically issued in the fall of each year, followed by awards made in the winter. Eligible projects include transit-oriented development (TOD) plans, transit corridor plans, TOD zoning code updates, TOD developer discussion panels, transit neighborhood mobility hub studies, studies to develop special financing districts in transit areas, and other innovative implementation approaches.	Grants	Municipalities located within the RTA six-county service region are eligible to apply. Match rates range from 5%-20% for larger projects. A local match may not be required for	

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0	Access to Transit Program	Transportation - Active		The Access to Transit Improvement Program funds small-scale projects that increase pedestrian and bicycle access to the regional transit system. The program leverages federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds, RTA, and local funding sources to implement recommendations contained in studies completed through the RTA's Community Planning program or CMAP'S Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. Once selected into the Access to Transit Improvement Program individual project applications are bundled into one CMAQ application. RTA staff will assist individual project applicants in developing information required for the CMAQ application process. Please note that funding for the program is contingent upon RTA- supported projects being accepted into the CMAQ program and RTA Board approval of matching funds.	Grants	Municipalities located within the RTA six-county service region are eligible to apply. Match rates range from 0-10%. Eligible projects mush be small- scale capital improvements with a mazimum budget of less than \$1 Million.	
Regional Transportatio n Authority	Section 5310	Transportation - Operations	Transportation - Transit	The Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program, funded by the Federal Transit Administration, is a program designed to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities throughout the country by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. Eligible projects include those that are planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities when public transportation is insufficient, inappropriate, or unavailable. It may also be used for public transportation projects that exceed the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended (ADA) that improve access to fixed-route service and decrease reliance by individuals with disabilities on complementary paratransit, and for alternatives to public transportation that assist seniors and individuals with disabilities.	Grants	Private Non-profit Organizations, or	https://www.rtachicago.or g/plans- programs/programs-and- projects/section-5310- enhanced-mobility-seniors- and-individuals

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Illinois Office	Underground Storage Tank Fund	Economic Development -		This fund assists with the cleanup of contamination from underground storage tanks.	Grants	Various / Varies	https://www2.illinois.g ov/epa/topics/cleanup- programs/lust/publicati
Illinois Department of Commerce	Development	Economic Development		Program provides various funding and training opportunities to retain and improve Illinois workforce.	Grants	Various / Varies	https://www2.illinois.gov/ dceo/WorkforceDevelopm ent/Pages/default.aspx
	Rebahabilitat	Economic Development - Rehabilitatio n		Provides grants to local governments to upgrade houisng stock in order to provide safe and sanitary living conditions for low-to- moderate income residents.		Units of general local government / Up to \$500,000	https://www2.illinois.g ov/dceo/CommunitySer vices/HousingAssistanc e/HousingRehab/Pages/ default.aspx
Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Development	- Business		The EDGE program is designed to offer a special tax incentive to encourage companies to locate or expand operations in Illinois when there is active consideration of a competing location in another State. The program can provide tax credits to qualifying companies, equal to the amount of state income taxes withheld from the salaries of employees in the newly created jobs. The non- refundable credits can be used against corporate income taxes to be paid over a period not to exceed 10 years.		To qualify a company must provide documentation that attests to the fact of competition among a competing state, and agree to make an investment of at least \$5 million in capital improvements and create a minimum	https://www2.illinois.gov/ dceo/ExpandRelocate/Ince ntives/Pages/EDGE.aspx
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Business	Economic Development - Business		The HIB program is designed to encourage large-scale economic Development activities, by providing tax incentives (similar to those offered within an enterprise zone) to companies that propose to make a substantial capital investment in operations.		\$12 million investment: 500 retained or \$30 million and 1200 jobs retained / Tax	https://www2.illinois.gov/ dceo/ExpandRelocate/Ince ntives/Pages/HighImpactB usinessProgram.aspx

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Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Service Block	Economic Development - Business		This loan program provides financing for new or expanding small businesses.	Loans or Financing	Small Businesses in Illinois / Funds between 20-49% of the entire loan project, with a low interest rate of 5%	https://www2.illinois.g ov/dceo/CommunitySer vices/CSBG/Pages/defa ult.aspx
Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity		Economic Development - Business		The intent of this program is to assist companies with large-scale capital investment projects that commit to significant job creation for Illinois residents as they relocate or expand operations within Illinois. Business Attraction Prime Sites grants can encompass a wide range of economic development projects and may include infrastructure and capital equipment purchases that will result in job creation in the state of Illinois.	Grants	Businesses approved as eligible for the Illinois Economic Development for a Growing Economy (EDGE) program, Illinois High Impact Business Program (HIB), Reimaging Electric Vehicles (REV) Illinois Program, or Manufacturing Illinois Chips for Real Opportunity	https://www2.illinois.g ov/dceo/AboutDCEO/Gr antOpportunities/Pages /2608-2023.aspx
Illinois Department of Transportatio n	Economic Development Program	Transportatio n		IDOT has several programs that provide state assistance in improving highway and rail access improvements to new or expanding industrial, distribution or tourism developments. The focus of these programs is the retention and creation of Illinois jobs. Funding may be available for transportation improvement projects related to facilities that provide direct access to economic development projects. Projects providing access to retail establishments, office parks, government facilities or school/universities are not eligible	Grants	Local government or state agency / \$30,000 for every new job created and \$10,000 for every job retained up to a maximum cap of \$2 million, with a 50% match	http://www.idot.illinois.go v/transportation- system/local- transportation- partners/county-engineers and-local-public- agencies/funding- opportunities/economic- development-program

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Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Illinois Bicycle Path Grant Program	Transportatio n - Active		Note: As of 2022, program is temporarily suspended with the prospect of returning in the future. This grant program provides funding for bike trail construction and renovation.	Grants	Unit of local government with statutory authority to provide lands for public bicycle path purposes i.e. counties, townships, municipalities	<u>http://www.dnr.illinois.go</u> <u>v/AEG/Pages/BikePathPro</u> gram.aspx_
Illinois Department of Natural Resources	Recreational Trails Program	Transportatio n - Active		Note: As of 2022, program is temporarily suspended with the prospect of returning in the future. This grant program provides funding for recreational trail construction and renovation.	Grants	Local government or state agency / Up to 80% federal match with minimum 20% non- federal match	http://www.dnr.illinois.go v/AEG/Pages/FederalRecr eationalTrailsProgram.asp X
Illinois Housing Development Authority	Housing Trust Fund	Community Development - Housing		<ul> <li>Projects eligible for consideration include, but are not limited to:</li> <li>* Acquisition and rehabilitation of existing housing</li> <li>* New construction (single family and multifamily)</li> <li>* Adaptive reuse of non-residential buildings</li> <li>* Special housing needs for the: mentally ill, developmentally disabled, elderly, physically disabled, single-parent families</li> <li>* Technical Assistance (for non-profit organizations only)</li> </ul>	Grants	Not-for-profits, units of local government / Maximum of \$750,000. Sponsors are generally limited to applying for up to \$1.5 million in any 12-month period.	<u>https://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/047/04700360sections.html</u>

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Economic Development Administration	Economic Adjustment Assistance Program	Planning - Technical Assistance		Economic Adjustment Assistance investments are intended to enhance a distressed community's ability to compete economically by stimulating private investment in targeted areas.	Grants	State, city, county, institution of higher education, for and non profits, Indian tribes / Matching Grant of up to 50%	https://www.eda.gov/pdf/ about/Economic- Adjustment-Assistance- Program-1-Pager.pdf
Economic Development Administration	Economic Development Support for Planning	Planning		Intended to strengthen economic development planning capacity and establish comprehensive economic development strategies designed to reduce unemployment and increase incomes.		States, Cities, (and other municipal units), Indian Tribes, Higher Education, Not-for profit / \$8000-\$750,000 Average reward \$62,000	http://www.federalgrants wire.com/economic- developmentsupport-for- planning- organizations.html
Economic Development Administration	Economic Development Technical Assistance	Planning - Technical Assistance	Development	EDA oversees three technical assistance programs (National, Local and University Center) that promote economic development and alleviate unemployment, underemployment, and out- migration in distressed regions.		State, Cities, (other municipalities), Higher Education, Not-for Profits / Matching up 50%	http://www.federalgrants wire.com/economic- developmenttechnical- assistance.html
Environmental Protection Agency	Cleanup Revolving Loan Program	Economic Development - Rehabilitation		Cleanup Revolving Loan Program: a revolving low-interest loan to provide municipalities and private sector funds for environmental cleanup of Brownfield sites (limited to having hazardous materials that pose threat to public health)	Financing	State, local, and tribal governments, clearance authorities, and quasi- governmental entities / Up to \$1,000,000	https://www.epa.gov/bro wnfields/types- brownfields-grant-funding
Environmental Protection Agency	Brownfields - Various	Economic Development - Rehabilitation	Technical Assistance	Assessment: provide funding for inventory, characterize, assess and conduct planning and community involvement; Cleanup: provides funding to carry out cleanup activities; Multipurpose (MP) Grants provide funding to conduct a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites in a target area. Area-Wide Planning Grants provide funding to communities to research, plan and develop implementation strategies for cleaning up and revitalizing a specific area affected by one or more brownfield sites. Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) Grants provide environmental training for residents impacted by brownfield sites in their communities. Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Grants provide funding to organizations to conduct research and to provide training and technical assistance to communities to help address their brownfields challenges. State and Tribal Response Program Grants provide non-competitive funding to establish or enhance State and Tribal Brownfields response programs.		State, local, tribal governments / Assessment: up to \$200,000 or exceptions to grant \$350,000; Cleanup: up to \$200,000 (also non- profit);	<u>https://www.epa.gov/bro</u> <u>wnfields/types-</u> <u>brownfields-grant-funding</u>
Department of Transportation	Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program	Transportation		The first-ever program to help reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunities by transportation infrastructure. Funding supports planning grants and capital construction grants, as well as technical assistance, to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation, or replacement of eligible transportation infrastructure facilities.		States, local governments, tribal governments, MPOs, and NFPs / \$100,000 to \$2,000,000 for Planning Grants and \$5,000,000 to \$100,000,000 for Capital Construction Grants	https://www.transporta tion.gov/grants/reconne cting-communities

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	National Aging and Disability Transportation Center (NADTC)	Transportation · Transit		The NADTC invests in community solutions focused on increasing accessible transportation options as the critical link to employment, health care and other needed community services for older adults and people with disabilities. Community grants will target areas with high need and limited resources. Selected projects will strengthen connections between transit and human services transportation programs, build bridges between transportation and community programs that support community living, and identify strategies for better utilization of Section 5310 and other Federal, state and local funding opportunities to improve transportation access.	Grants	Varies	https://www.nadtc.org/ grants-funding/nadtc- grant- opportunities/current- nadtc-funding- opportunities/
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM)	Transportation · Transit		The NADTC invests in community solutions focused on increasing accessible transportation options as the critical link to employment, health care and other needed community services for older adults and people with disabilities. Community grants will target areas with high need and limited resources. Selected projects will strengthen connections between transit and human services transportation programs, build bridges between transportation and community programs that support community living, and identify strategies for better utilization of Section 5310 and other Federal, state and local funding opportunities to improve transportation access.	Grants	Varies - Presently a federal funding- eligible NFP or government agency, except for prior NCMM grant recipients / Varies - Presently up to \$25,000	https://nationalcenterfo rmobilitymanagement.o rg/ncmm-grants/
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Initiatives	Transportation - Transit		Since the Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility (CCAM) was established through Executive Order 13330—Human Service Transportation Coordination in 2004, the CCAM has undertaken a variety of interagency efforts to improve the availability, accessibility, and efficiency of transportation, including: United We Ride (2004), Mobility Services for All Americans (2005), Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative (2011), and Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility pilot program (formerly Transit & Health Access Iniatiative, Rides to Wellness).	Grants	Varies	<u>https://www.transit.dot.g</u> ov/ccam/about/initiatives
	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant	Transportation · Transit		The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity, or RAISE Discretionary Grant program, provides a unique opportunity for the DOT to invest in road, rail, transit and port projects that promise to achieve national objectives. Previously known as the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grants, Congress has dedicated nearly \$9.9 billion for thirteen rounds of National Infrastructure Investments to fund projects that have a significant local or regional impact.	Grants	Varies - state & local partners	https://www.transporta tion.gov/RAISEgrants/ab out
	Pilot Program for Transit- Oriented Development Planning	Transportation · Transit		The Pilot Program for TOD Planning provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. As required by statute, any comprehensive or site- specific planning funded through the pilot program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership potential, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations. The statute also requires that the planning work be associated with a new fixed guideway or core capacity transit project as defined in federal transit statute.	Grants	FTA Grantees / Average approximately \$800,000	https://www.transit.dot. gov/notices- funding/pilot-program- transit-oriented- development-planning- fy2022-notice-funding

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	Buses and Bus Facilities	Transportation - Transit		The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (49 U.S.C. 5339(b)) makes federal resources available to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants.		Recipients that allocate funds to fixed- route bus operators, States or local government entitites that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes / 80% of net capital project cost, or > 80% for ADA or CAA related projects.	<u>https://www.transit.dot.</u> gov/bus-program
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Safe Streets and Roads for All	Transportation - Active		The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. The SS4A program supports Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the Department's goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways.		MPOs; counties, cities, and transit agencies or other State subdivisions; tribes; and multijurisdictional groups of the above / \$200,000 to \$50,000,000	<u>https://www.transporta</u> <u>tion.gov/grants/SS4A</u>
Department of Agriculture	Rural Business Development Grants		Development -	This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.		Rural public entities, including towns, communities, state agencies, authorities, NFPs, higher education institutions, tribes, and rural NFP cooperatives; Projects must be for rural areas / \$10,000 to \$500,000	https://www.rd.usda.go v/programs- services/business- programs/rural-business- development-grants
	Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program				Financing	Rural Utilities Service borrwers, NFP utilities , and current Rural Development Electric or Telecommunication Programs borrowers / Up to \$300,000 in grants, up to \$1,500,000 in loans	https://www.rd.usda.go v/programs- services/business- programs/rural- economic-development- loan-grant-program
Department of Agriculture	Economic Impact Initiative Grants	Community Development		This program provides funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression. An essential community facility is one that provides an essential service to the local community, is needed for the orderly development of the community, serves a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.		Public bodies, NFPs, and tribes in rural areas / Up to 75% of eligible project cost	https://www.rd.usda.go v/programs- services/community- facilities/economic- impact-initiative-grants

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Department of Agriculture		Community Development		The Agency will make grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations) to provide associations Technical Assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. The Technical Assistance and/or training will assist communities, Indian Tribes, and Nonprofit Corporations to identify and plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, the Grantee can assist in identifying public and private resources to finance those identified community facility needs.	Grants	areas / Up to \$150,000	https://www.rd.usda.go v/programs- services/community- facilities/community- facilities-technical- assistance-and-training- grant
National Park Service		Economic Development - Rehabilitation		Tax incentives are available for the rehabilitation of income-producing certified historic structures.	Tax Credits	Property owners of historical properties that are not owner-occupied / 20% Tax Credit	http://www.nps.gov/tps/t ax-incentives.htm
U.S. Department of Energy	Database of Incentives/Polic	Economic Development - Business		Extensive database of Incentives energy efficiency grants and assistance programs at the state, federal, and local levels.	Grants	Varies / Varies	http://www.dsireusa.org/
of Housing and Urban	Empowerment Zone	Economic Development - Business		Credit against Federal taxes up to \$3,000 for businesses for each year of Empowerment Zone designation for every employee who lives and works in the Empowerment Zone. Business must be located in an Empowerment Zone.	Tax Credits		https://www.hud.gov/h udprograms/empowerm ent_zones https://www.irs.gov/for ms-pubs/about-form-
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Housing Tax	Community Development - Housing		The LIHTC program gives State and local LIHTC-allocating agencies the equivalent of nearly \$5 billion in annual budget authority to issue tax credits for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households.	Loans or Financing	State and local LIHTC-allocating agencies, business partners / Varies but projects are traditionally large in scale	
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Section 108 Loan Guarantee	Economic Development - Business		Section 108 is the loan guarantee provision of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Section 108 provides communities with a source of financing for economic development, housing rehabilitation, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects, public facilities, and large-scale physical development projects.	Loans or Financing	Urban areas and metropolitan county business partners / Varies by size of project	https://www.hudexchange .info/section-108/
US Department of Housing and Urban Development	Street Grants	Community Development - Housing		This grant program provides financing assistance for affordable housing in conjunction with the revitalization of downtown business districts.		Units of General Local Government / Varies	https://www.hud.gov/pro gram offices/public india n housing/programs/ph/h ope6/grants/mainstreet
	-	Economic Development		Provides competitively awarded grants to CDFIs and qualified nonprofit housing organizations to finance affordable housing and related community development projects.	Grants	CDFIs and qualified nonprofit housing / Varies	<u>https://www.cdfifund.gov/</u> <u>Pages/default.aspx</u>
U.S. Department of the Treasury	New Market Tax Credits	Community Development - Housing		The New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program permits taxpayers to receive a credit against Federal income taxes for making qualified equity investments in designated Community Development Entities (CDEs).	Tax Credits	Must be certified as a CDE by the Fund (Information about becoming a CDE are documented on the website) / Undefined	https://www.cdfifund.gov/ programs- training/Programs/new- markets-tax- credit/Pages/default.aspx

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U.S.	Work	Economic		Businesses can take a tax credit of up to \$2,400 for each 18-39 year-old new employee who are	Tax Credits	Businesses that hire 18-39 year old	http://www.doleta.gov/bu
Department of	Opportunity	Development -		a Designated Community Resident.		employees that are a Designated	siness/incentives/opptax/
the Treasury	Tax Credits	Business				Community Resident / Up to \$2,400	
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Local Municipalities		Community Development		Illinois law allows units of local governments to designate areas within their jurisdiction as Tax Increment Financing (TIF) districts. These districts dedicate sales tax revenues and additional property tax revenues generated within the TIF for improvements within the district to encourage new economic development and job creation. Funds may be used for costs associated with the development or redevelopment of property within the TIF, allowing blighted, declining and underperforming areas to again become viable, and allowing these areas to compete with vacant land at the edge of urban areas.	Tax Credits	Municipalities / Varies	https://www2.illinois.g ov/dceo/ExpandRelocat e/Incentives/Pages/Taxl ncrementFinancing.asp <u>x</u>
Local Municipalities	Special Service Areas	Community Development		Special Service Areas (SSA) are continuous areas within a municipality or county where additional services are provided beyond the general municipal or county services. These additional services are paid for through taxes or fees levied or imposed upon properties within the SSA. SSAs can be created by municipalities or counties. Additional services can include road maintenance; health and safety services for workers, tentants, and visitors to the SSA; public way maintenance and beautification; district marketing and avertising; facade improvements; auto and bike transit; and other economic development programs.	Tax or Fee	Counties / Varies	Various Municipal and County Websites https://www.dupageco.or g/Public_Works/Docs/311 31/
Local Municipalities		Economic Development - Business		A business improvement district (BID) is a public-private partnership in which businesses in a defined area pay an additional sales or hotel tax in order to fund improvements within the district's boundaries. BIDs provide services, such as cleaning streets, providing security, making capital improvements, and marketing the area. The services provided by BIDs are supplemental to those already provided by the municipality. BIDs may go by other names, such as business improvement area, business revitalization zone, community improvement district, special services area, or special improvement district. However, BIDs are governed by separate legislation than the Special Service Area legislation. Unlike an SSA, BIDs require a finding of certain eligibility criteria before one can be implemented.	Tax or Fee		Various Municipal Websites https://www2.illinois.gov/ rev/questionsandanswers /Pages/380.aspx https://www.fhwa.dot.go v/ipd/fact_sheets/value_c ap_bid.aspx
Local Municipalities		Economic Development - Business		Businesses located or expanding in an Illinois enterprise zone may be eligible for the following tax incentives: exemption on retailers' occupation tax paid on building materials; investment tax credit of 0.5% of qualified property; state sales tax exemptions on purchases of personal property used or consumed in the manufacturing process or in the operation of a pollution control facility; exemption on the state utility tax for electricity and natural gas and exemptions on the Illinois Commerce Commission's administrative charge and telecommunication excise tax. Exemptions are also available for companies that make minimum statutory investments that either create or retain a certain number of jobs. Additional local tax exemptions may also be available.	Tax Credits		https://www2.illinois.gov/ dceo/ExpandRelocate/Inc entives/taxassistance/Pag es/EnterpriseZone.aspx

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City of Chicago		Community Development		The Neighborhood Opportunity Fund generates revenue from downtown developments to finance commercial and cultural projects in our neighborhoods lacking private investment. For all Neighborhood Opportunity Fund projects, costs that can be funded by grants must generally be related to new construction or the rehabilitation of existing buildings.	Grants	Various	<u>https://neighborhoodopp</u> <u>ortunityfund.com/about/</u> <u>#who-we-fund</u>
City of Chicago	Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF)	Economic Development - Business		The Small Business Improvement Fund (SBIF) program uses Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenues to help owners of commercial and industrial properties within specific TIF districts to repair or remodel their facilities for their own business or on behalf of tenants.	Loans or Financing	Industrial tenants must have a maximum of 100 full-time employees; reimbursement for commercial tenants is based on annual sales; eligibility for property owners is based on net worth and liquidity; eligibility for owner- occupied commercial small business or not-for	
Counties		Community Development		Funding program with dollars allocated locally or at county level. The CDBG program encourages applicants to use funds help develop viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and opportunities to expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. Contact your local county's planning department for specific information.	Grants	Municipalities / HUD-based formula ranges from \$3.66 to \$30.29 per resident.	<u>https://www.hudexcha</u> <u>nge.info/programs/cdb</u> g/

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Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways	Invest in Cook	Transportation		A program to cover the cost of planning and feasibility studies, engineering right-of-way acquisition, and construction associated with transportation improvements sponsored by local and regional governments and private partners. The Invest in Cook program seeks applications that: prioritize transit and other transportation alternatives; support the region's role as north america's freight capital; promote equal access to opportunities; maintain and modernize what already exists; and increase investments in transportation.	Grants	Eligible project proposals: multimodal, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, freight, roadway and bridge improvement projects, as well as new technologies and policies. Eligible applicants include: local governments, regional transportation authorities, transit	<u>https://www.cookcount</u> <u>yil.gov/investincook</u>
Cook County Bureau of Economic Development	BUILT in Cook, BUILT 40-50, and Emerging Business Development Loan Program	Economic Development - Business		<ul> <li>BUILT in Cook Loan Fund, BUILT 50-40 Loan, and Emerging Business Development Loan programs are available.</li> <li>The intent of the BUILT Loan Program is to encourage job creation and retention activities while stabilizing the tax base of Suburban Cook County. The BUILT in Cook Loan Program will finance transit-oriented development (TOD);cargo-oriented development (COD); mixed-use/service sector; and business development loans. These can be used towards acquisition, site preparation, construction/rehabilitation, machinery and equipment acquisition, infrastructure improvements and project related soft costs.</li> <li>The 50-40 Loan Program was created to support job creation and retention projects that are typically associated with small businesses. The Program may be only be used to finance up 40% of total project costs (e.g. 50% lender financing, 40% CCBED, and 10% equity).</li> <li>The Cook County Emerging Business Development Loan (EBDL) Program, provides financing for certified minority and woman owned businesses in Cook County. Loans will typically be used to finance assets needed to provide construction, procurement, or public services to public or institutional users.</li> </ul>		in or planning to	https://www.cookcountyil .gov/service/economic- development-division

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Cook County Bureau of Economic Development	No Cash Bid	Economic Development		The Cook County No Cash Bid Program is an economic development tool designed to assist in the acquisition of tax delinquent property in order to transform parcels, through privately fundedre- developmentand public works programs, intoareas with new resourcesandan improved community environment. By assisting the municipalities in the process of acquiring Certificates of Purchase, Cook County Government is able to help revive areas with new housing and business ventures. These projects generate new property tax and sales tax from parcels that had once been a drain on municipal resources.	Grants	Any city, village, township, park district within the boundaries of Cook County, or the Cook County Forest Preserve District / Non- financial.	https://onedrive.live.co m/?authkey=%21AFnTA wbYMLO47%2Dg&cid= AAEC0EB9F19CF69C&id =AAEC0EB9F19CF69C%2 12592&parld=AAEC0EB 9F19CF69C%212498&o =OneUp
Cook County Department of Planning and Development	Tax Incentives	Economic Development - Business		DPD coordinates an array of tax incentives in cooperation with the Cook County Assessor. These incentives encourage private business investment, employment, the revitalization of properties, and rehabilitation of landmark buildings. These initiatives assist businesses by reducing the assessment level over a period of time. All tax incentive applications must have the support and consent of the municipality in order to be considered.	Tax Credits	Varies / Varies	<u>https://www.cookcount</u> <u>yil.gov/tax-incentives</u>
Cook County Bureau of Economic Development	Development	Economic Development - Business		Cook County Bureau of Economic Development (CCBED) has the ability to issue tax-exempt Industrial Development Revenue Bonds (IRB's) on the behalf of manufacturing companies located or planning to locate in Suburban Cook County. The IRB's can be used by manufacturing companies to finance qualified capital expenditures. The intent of the CCBED IRB program is to support job creation and retention activities as it relates to manufacturing companies in Suburban Cook County.	Loans or Financing		https://onedrive.live.co m/?authkey=%21AJ1LjY ILmMb%2DgN4&cid=AA EC0EB9F19CF69C&id=A AEC0EB9F19CF69C%212 590&parId=AAEC0EB9F 19CF69C%212498&o=O
Development Commission	Neighborhoo d Investment, Community- Wide Benefit, Accessibility Improvement s, and Planning Projects	Development	Planning	The CDC also has a Neighborhood Investment, Community-Wide Benefit, Accessibility Improvements, and Planning Projects category that addresses the needs of low-to moderate- income neighborhoods by providing funding for capital improvements. Neighborhood Investment, Community-Wide Benefit, Accessibility Improvements, and Planning Projects - usually used by municipalities/townships for capital improvement projects. Eligible projects include infrastructure construction, reconstruction, or installation; parks and playgrounds; water lines, sanitary sewer lines, storm drainage lines; planning activities; and activities that remove architectural barriers and in compliance with ADA.	Grants		
Kane County	Grand Victoria Riverboat Fund	Community Development	Economic Development	The Kane County Board utilizes Grand Victoria Riverboat funds to support a variety of projects and programs aimed at strengthening Kane County communities, promoting collaboration among area organizations, and providing long-term solutions to current problems facing Kane County residents. Capital projects that further education, environment, or economic development are eligible under this fund.	Grants	NFPs and local governments / Up to \$100,000	https://www.countyofk ane.org/Pages/kcci/rfp. aspx

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Kane County	Community Development Fund	Community Development		To support a variety of housing and community development activities aimed at improving the quality-of-life for Kane County residents, with a focus on affordable housing services, neighborhood infrastructure, public facility improvements, emergency shelter services, and planning or capacity-building initiatives.	Grants	NFPs, municipalities in Kane County for a project which principally serves residents who are low- to moderate- income / Unspecified	<u>https://www.countyofk</u> <u>ane.org/Pages/kcci/cdf.</u> <u>aspx</u>
Lake County	Public Improvement s Application	Community Development	Economic Development	Provides funding in support of affordable housing development, job creation, for low and middle income communitites.	Grants	Townships, municipalities, public agencies, Lake County departments, NFPs, public housing authorities, and a restricted number	<u>http://www.lakecountyil.g</u> <u>ov/1894/Community-</u> <u>Development</u>
Lake County	Human Services Grant Application	Community Development	-	Funding transportation services, facility enhancements, and supply of affordable and accessible housing.	Grants	Units of government, NFPs, that provide services to all residents of Lake County, Waukegan, or North Chicago, depending on the	<u>http://www.lakecountyil.g</u> <u>ov/1894/Community-</u> <u>Development</u>
Lake County	Affordable Housing Grant Application	Community Development - Housing		Funding affordable housing development for qualifying populations (see guide), including acquisition, hard costs, some soft costs, relocation, and operating costs.	Grants	Local governments, public agencies, public housing authorities, community housing development organizations	<u>http://www.lakecountyil.g</u> <u>ov/1894/Community-</u> <u>Development</u>
McHenry County Planning/ Community Development	Various	Community Development - Housing		Administers various US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs including: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the Housing Investment Partnership (HOME) grant, and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).	Grants	Various/ Varies	https://www.mchenrycou ntyil.gov/county- government/departments- j-z/planning- development/community-

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Will County	Various	Community		Various grant programs including Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment	Grants	Various/ Varies	https://www.willcountyill
Community		Development -		Partnership Project, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG).			nois.com/County-
Development		Housing					Offices/Economic-

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AARP	Community Challenge Grant	Community Development		Grants	The AARP Community Challenge grant program is part of the nationwide AARP Livable Communities initiative that helps communities become great places to live for residents of all ages. The program is intended to help communities make immediate improvements and jump-start long-term progress in support of residents of all ages.	The Community Challenge is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) and 501(c)(6) nonprofits and government entities. Other types of organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. / \$100-\$90,000	https://www.aarp.org/li vable- communities/communit y-challenge/info- 2023/2023- challenge.html?utm_m edium=email&utm_sou
Alcoa Foundation	Alcoa Foundation	Community Development	Economic Development	Grants	Provide funding for STEM, Workforce Development, General Education, General Job Readiness, Sustainable Design, Environmental Literacy, Natural Capital, Standards Leadership, Youth Leadership, Critical Social, Health, and Urgent Care Services, Community Safety, and Quality of Life oriented programs.	NFP 501(c)(3) organizations serving communities where Alcoa has operating plants or offices / Minimum \$15,000	https://www.alcoa.com /foundation/en/partner ships- programs/grants.asp
American Institute of Architects	Design Assessment Teams (DAT)	Planning - Technical Assistance		Grants	The American Institute of Architect's Design Assistance Team (DAT) program brings together architects and other multi-disciplinary experts to work alongside the residents and stakeholders of host communities on key local issues. Every project is community-driven and includes meaningful public participation in an intensive process that matches professional expertise with public values and aspirations for a place. The DAT program is based on the AIA's goal of helping communities, environmental sustainability, and the built environment. The DAT program operates as a pro bono public service of the AIA; team members donate their time and expertise to the community and the AIA provides staff and resources without compensation. However, each community is expected to fundraise to contribute to the overall project budget in order to cover team member travel expenses and	Municipalities / Technical Assistance	https://network.aia.org /communities/commun ity- home?CommunityKey= 3cda7595-d5aa-411c- 865f-e640f0b59119
Bank of America Foundation	Bank of America Foundation Grant Program aimed at improving local communities	Community Development	Economic Development	Grants	Individual and community support by improving the lives of individuals and families by investing in basic needs and workforce	Non profits (501c(3) status) - National and Targeted Chicago and Southern Illinois Markets / \$1 billion 4 year giving goal started in 2021	<u>http://www.bankofameric</u> <u>a.com/foundation</u>

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People for Bikes	Community Grants	Transportation - Active			Programs that transform city streets, such as Ciclovías or Open		<u>https://www.peoplefor</u> <u>bikes.org/grant-</u> <u>guidelines</u>
Union Bank	Community Recovery Program	,	Economic Development		The program is designed to support nonprofit organizations with community investments dedicated to social and economic justice within communities of color. It focuses on building economic stability, including supporting access to capital, entrepreneurship, job retention and retraining, driving equity through systems change, and providing critical social safety net services through local grants.	Nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to social and economic justice within communities of color / \$1,000-\$25,000	<u>https://www.unionban</u> <u>k.com/about-</u> <u>us/newsroom/communi</u> <u>ty-recovery-program</u>
Center for Community Progress		Planning - Technical Assistance			National Vacant Properties Campaign is a collaboration of four leading national organizations, Smart Growth America (SGA), Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), the International City and County Management Association (ICMA), and the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech (MI). NVPC is leveraging the expertise of partners, practitioners, and national experts to offer a range of training and technical assistance services to communities seeking to improve state and local systems for revitalizing vacant and abandoned properties.	Municipalities / Technical Assistance is available for a fee-for-service, or for eligible communities, financial scholarship to pay for technical assistance.	<u>http://www.communitypr</u> <u>ogress.net/</u>
Citi Foundation	Community Progress Makers; Community Finance Innovation Fund	Development -	Community Development		Community Progress Makers supports low-income communities and communities of color by working to expand affordable housing and access; environmental sustainability; economic development; financial health and wellness; workforce readiness and high-quality jobs. Community Finance Innovation Fund focuses on community development finance in four key areas: human capital and talent development; financial and risk-sharing models; technology and operational efficiencies; and thought leadership and research.	demonstate strong financial health and sound	https://www.citigroup.c om/citi/foundation/pro grams/community- progress-makers- fund.htm https://www.citigroup.c om/citi/foundation/pro grams/community- finance.html

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Enterprise Foundation	=	Community Development - Housing	Planning	Grants	Foundation/Enterprise Social Investment Corporation and the Natural Resources Defense Council to ensure smarter, healthier	technical assistance to developers to build more than 8,500 rental and for-sale homes that promote health, conserve energy, and natural resources, and enhance access to jobs, schools, and services.	https://www.enterpriseco mmunity.org/impact- areas/resilience/green- communities
Ford Foundation	Building Insitutions and Networks (BUILD)	Community Development	Economic Development	Grants	Types of support include grants, recoverable grants, loans and loan guarantees. Issue Areas: Democratic and Accountable Government ,Peace and Social Justice, Human Rights, Social Justice Philanthropy, Economic Fairness and Opportunity, Asset Building and Community Development, Natural Resources and Sustainable Development, Access to Education, Knowledge, Creativity and Freedom, Freedom of Expression, Sexuality and Reproductive Health and Rights	more. Presently open by invitation only / Funding	https://www.fordfound .org/work/our- grants/building- institutions-and- networks/
Funder's Network	Partners for Places	Community Development		Grants		The proposal must consist of a team of these partners: (1) the sustainability director of a city or a county for general applicants, OR a water director of a city, county, or utility (for green infrastructure applicants; and (2) one or more local or regional place-based foundations. / \$25,000-\$75,000 for one- year projects, \$50,000-\$150,000 for two-year projects, with a required 1:1 match from local foundations.	<u>https://www.fundersnetw</u> <u>ork.org/partners-for-</u> <u>places/</u>
Funder's Network		Community Development		Grants		frontline community group; (2) a local government	https://www.fundersnetw ork.org/partners-for- places/
Grand Victoria Foundation	Core Program	Economic Development		Grants	With input from grantees, the program supports organizations and efforts that develop and nurture individual leadership; design and implement new ideas to address long-standing, systemic challenges; offer opportunities for leaders and organizations to connect; share information and take collective action when necessary encourage and uplift community and civic engagement in the broad fields of Economy, Education, Elgin, Engagement, and Environment.	501(c)(3) registered charity / Up to \$300,000	http://www.grandvictoriaf dn.org/index.php?option= com_content&task=view& id=89

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Illinois Clean Energy Foundation	Energy and Natural Area Programs	-	Economic Development - Business	Grants	The Foundation funds projects in three core areas: improving energy efficiency, developing renewable energy resources, and preserving and enhancing natural areas and wildlife habitat throughout Illinois.	501c(3) NFPs and state and local government agencies serving Illinois residents./ Up to \$32,000 depending on program.	<u>www.illinoiscleanenergy.o</u> rg
JPMorgan Chase Bank	Various	Community Development		Grants	As the economy recovers, much of the growth is often channeled toward reviving commercial corridors and downtowns in U.S. cities. As a result, many disadvantaged neighborhoods are being left behind. In order to help alleviate this challenge, JPMorgan Chase offers grants to help communities in need of help. A variety of grants are available through their website.	501(c)(3) charitable NFPs / Undefined.	https://www.jpmorgan. com/country/US/en/jp morgan/private_bankin g/foundations/online_g rant_application/guideli nes_to_apply
KABOOM!	Community-Built Playspaces	Community Development		Grants	Work with communities to build new safe playgrounds in low- income or special needs communities where no playground exists or an existing unsafe or outdated playground needs replacement.	Child-serving NFPs, community development organizations, neighborhood coalitions, charter schools, or any organization that can mobilize a volunteer force and is in need of a playground. / Varies but require public participation and community funding of \$3,500-\$8,500.	<u>https://kaboom.org/gra</u> <u>nts</u>
Kresge Foundation	Social Investments	Community Development	Economic Development	Loans or Financing		Government entities, 501(c)(3) organizations that are not classified as private foundations and more / Varies	http://kresge.org/social- investment/community- development-trust
CivicWell	Services	Planning - Technical Assistance		Tax or Fee	The non-profit CivicWell provides customized, fee-based technical assistance to communities through contract planning and design services. CivicWell staff has expertise in planning, public participation, visioning, renewable energy resources and development of livable communities. Technical assistance is offered in three broad categories: Educational Services, Participatory Planning and Visioning, Policy Development Assistance	Municipalities / Technical Assistance	https://civicwell.org/ser vices/

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Metropolitan Life Foundation	Metropolitan Life Foundation	Economic Development		Grants	MetLife Foundation supports communities through grants that support and uplift low- and moderate-income people around the world to build a more confident future. MetLife Foundation partners with nonprofit organizations and social enterprises to close the equity and wealth gap, build financial health and inclusion, and support small business owners. Programs focus on Financial Health, Economic Inclusion, and development of Resilient Communities.	Invitation only / Unspecified.
National Association of Realtors (NAR)	Smart Growth Action Grants	Planning		Grants	NAR's Smart Growth Action Grant program is available to support efforts to implement programs and activities that position REALTORS as leaders in improving their communities by advancing smart growth. NAR's Smart Growth Action Grants are intended to help associations and members initiate and sustain an active role in bringing smart growth development principles to the community.	State or local REALTOR association / Maximum of \$10,000 per year
Communitiy Heart and Soul	Community Vitality	Planning		Grants	As a focus of the Orton Family Foundation, Community Heart and Soul works to engage the community they are working in to shape its future. They have a tested four-phase process that includes imagining what the given community wants to look like, connecting with stakeholders and citizens, planning for this community, and finally acting to set the community on the right track to become the community it imagines itself to be. Their partnership with communities lasts 2 years to ensure each phase is developed fully.	Communities with populations 2,500-30,000 / \$10,000 with equal match from municipality or organization
Project for Public Spaces	Community Placemaking Grants	Planning		Grants	The Project for Public Spaces is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and sustaining public places that build communities. It provides grants, technical assistance, education, and research through programs in parks, plazas and central squares; buildings and civic architecture; transportation and public markets.	Municipalities / Unspecified.
Rails to Trails Conservancy	Doppelt Family Trail Development Fund	-		Grants	This fund supports organizations and local governments that want to or are implementing projects to build or improve multiuse trails.	NFPs and local government / Annual total of \$85,0 among multiple projects
Wal-Mart Foundation	Local Community Grants	Community Development		Grants	Local community grants are awarded through an open application process and provide funding directly from Walmart and Sam's Club facilities to local organizations in the U.S.	501(c)(3) NFPs; government entities; or specific at large community benefit programs hosted by faith institutions / \$250-\$5,000
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/ or	<u>https://www.communityh</u> <u>eartandsoul.org/</u>
	<u>http://www.pps.org</u>
\$85,000	https://www.railstotrails.o rg/our- work/grants/doppelt/
ific at- y faith	https://walmart.org/how- we-give/local-community- grants