



Elements of a Successful Project

Public Works



Public Works Program

Public Works program helps distressed communities revitalize, expand, and upgrade by investing in their physical Infrastructure to

- **Attract new industry**
- **Encourage business expansion**
- **Diversify local economies**
- **Generate or retain long-term, private-sector jobs and investment through the development of land**
- **Generate or retain long-term, private-sector jobs and investment through infrastructure improvements needed for the successful establishment or expansion of industrial or commercial enterprises**



Types of Public Works Projects EDA Funds

- The development of key public infrastructure, such as technology-based facilities that utilize distance learning networks, smart rooms and smart buildings
- Multitenant manufacturing and other facilities
- Business and industrial parks with fiber optic cable
- Telecommunications and development facilities
- Traditional public works projects, including water and sewer systems improvements, industrial parks, business incubator facilities, expansion of port and harbor facilities, skill-training facilities, and brownfields redevelopment



Helpful Hints

- **Project periods depend on the scope of work and nature of the project.**
- **Projects must be completed within 5 years of award.**
- **Public Works awards typically range from \$ 500,000 to \$ 2,000,000.**
- **Applicants must demonstrate capacity to implement the project quickly and effectively.**
- **Economic Distress: Distress criteria include: high unemployment, low per capita income, or special need. One of these criteria must be met to qualify for a Public Works grant.**
- **Match: Assume 50%. Match must be available and committed to the project at the time of award.**
- **The next application deadline is October 17, 2014, and projects generally are considered on a quarterly cycle.**



Evaluation Criteria

- **Benefits areas of severe economic distress**
- **Leads to near-term generation or retention of private sector jobs**
- **Documents strong local support in both financial commitment and public/private leadership**
- **Leverages a significant private sector investment**
- **Consistent with EDA investment priorities**
- **Consistent with the area CEDS or another local economic development planning document**
- **Feasible given the assets of the area in which it is being proposed—i.e., other fundamental assets are in place to support the new EDA investment**