



U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY 2021 Appropriations Fact Sheet

ACTON NEEDED: NADO encourages members of Congress, especially those serving on the **Senate and House Appropriations Committees**, to support funding for the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) for fiscal year (FY) 2021 at an amount higher than or level with the congressionally approved FY 2020 funding level of **\$333 million**.

BACKGROUND: Originally established in 1965, the EDA is the only federal government agency that is exclusively focused on economic development. EDA works directly with communities and regions to help build locally driven, sustainable economic development plans based on community needs. EDA invests in planning, technical assistance, industry-driven workforce training, infrastructure, local capacity-building, business development financing, and community-driven projects that help increase prosperity in economically distressed communities. EDA also makes investments in communities that encourage innovation, entrepreneurship, and regional collaboration, all of which are key components of resilient economies. In general, EDA funding helps communities leverage existing regional assets and implement economic development strategies that make it easier for businesses to thrive. EDA investments also help communities experiencing industry loss, plant closures, and/or economic distress to reposition themselves for economic recovery.

The following table details EDA appropriations levels for FY 2018, FY 2019, and FY 2020. This table also shows the appropriations levels approved by the Senate and House Appropriations Committees for FY 2020.

<i>Budget figures are in millions</i>	FY2018 Final	FY2019 Final	FY2020 House	FY2020 Senate	FY 2020 Final	Change (FY19 – FY20)
Economic Development Administration	\$301.5	\$304	\$540	\$319.5	\$333	+ 29
Total – Economic Development Assistance Programs	\$262.5	\$265	\$498.3	\$279.5	\$292.5	+ \$27.5
Planning Grants	\$33	\$33	\$35	\$33	\$33	-
Public Works	\$117.5	\$117.5	\$250	\$119.5	\$118.5	+ 1
Economic Adjustment Grants	\$37	\$37	\$97	\$37	\$37	-
Technical Assistance	\$9.5	\$9.5	\$12.75	\$9.5	\$9.5	-
Research and Evaluation	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.6	\$1.5	\$1.5	-
Trade Adjustment Assistance	\$13	\$13	\$15	\$13	\$13	-
Regional Innovation Program/Sec. 27	\$21	\$23.5	\$30	\$31	\$33	+ 9.5
Assistance to Coal Mining Communities	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$30	\$30	-
Assistance to Nuclear Closure Communities	-	-	\$17	\$5	\$15	+ \$15
STEM Apprenticeship Pilot Program	-	-	\$5	-	\$2	+ \$2
Salaries and Expenses	\$39	\$39	\$41.65	\$40	\$40.5	+ 1.5

Key Talking Points: FY 2021 EDA Appropriations

1. **EDA investments promote high-quality jobs.** EDA investments support science, technology, and engineering sector jobs; advanced manufacturing; innovation and entrepreneurship; and emerging industries. EDA also invests in industry-driven workforce training, apprenticeships, early-stage seed funding, business incubators, and business development financing.
2. **EDA funding supports economic recovery and durability.** EDA investments are particularly important in communities that have experienced the closure of a major employer, the decline of an important industry, changes in workforce proficiency, and/or economic shocks or disruptions.
3. **EDA invests in critical community infrastructure.** EDA's infrastructure investments target critical community assets including water and wastewater systems, middle-mile broadband connectivity, and other needed public works projects.
4. **EDA funding decisions are data-driven and performance-based.** EDA collects and analyzes performance data to enhance program performance. EDA places particular emphasis on two important performance goals: 1) infrastructure investments that promote private enterprise and job creation in economically distressed communities; and 2) non-infrastructure investments that build community capacity to achieve and sustain regional economic competitiveness and economic growth.¹
5. **EDA investments are based on regional strategic plans and locally identified priorities.** EDA grants support and are aligned with strategic plans called Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), which are based on community input and regionally identified priorities. This helps ensure that EDA projects have significant local support and are part of a broader regional strategy.
6. **EDA grants promote increased prosperity in rural America.** EDA funding is an essential source of investment for rural communities that lack resources and face particularly significant barriers to economic advancement.
7. **EDA projects typically require local cost share and private sector investment.** EDA ensures that local businesses and community leaders are committed to project success by requiring matching funds.
8. **EDA has a proven track record of success.** Between FY 2012 and FY2018, EDA invested over \$1.9 billion in 4,710 projects that have helped communities and regions build the capacity for economic development. These investments are responsible for creating an estimated 233,664 jobs, saving 488,442 jobs, and generating approximately \$42 billion in private investment in communities throughout the nation.²

¹ For more information on EDA's performance goals, see <https://www.eda.gov/performance/>

² For more information on EDA's investments and outcomes, see <https://www.eda.gov/performance/data-disclaimer/>, download the excel file, and then view the "estimated outcomes by state" tab

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