



NADO Advocacy Update

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Which members of Congress control decisions about EDA?

And why?

There are 535 members of Congress in total.

But most decisions about EDA are made by only a handful of Congressional members.

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE (CJS)

Congressional subcommittee of jurisdiction for EDA appropriations. Has significant control over EDA funding.



Majority (Democrats)	Minority (Republicans)
Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) Chair	Jerry Moran (R-KS) Ranking Member
Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)	Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)
Jack Reed (D-RI)	Susan Collins (R-ME)
Chris Coons (D-DE)	Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
Brian Schatz (D-HI)	John Kennedy (R-LA)
Joe Manchin (D-WV)	Bill Haggerty (R-TN)
Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)	Katie Britt (R-AL)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Deb Fischer (R-NE)
Gary Peters (D-MI)	[Susan Collins (R-ME) full committee ranking]
[Patty Murray (D-WA) full committee chair]	

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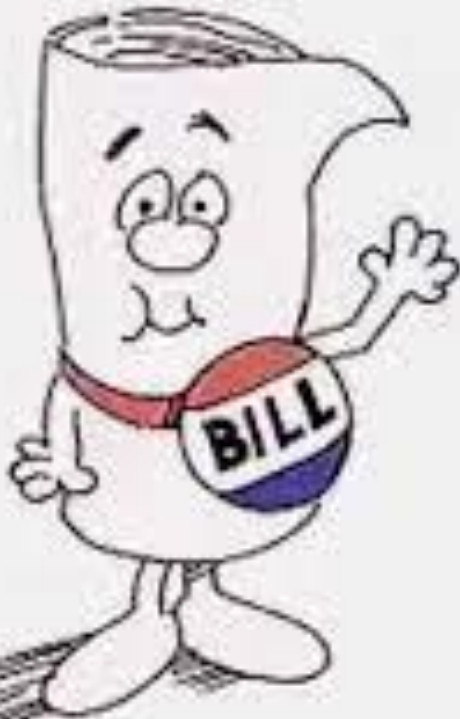
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Majority (Republicans)	Minority (Democrats)
Hal Rogers (R-KY) Chairman	Matt Cartwright (D-PA) Ranking Member
Robert Aderholt (R-AL)	Grace Meng (D-NY)
John Carter (R-TX)	Dutch Ruppersberger (D-MD)
Ben Cline (R-VA)	David Trone (D-MD)
Mike Garcia (R-CA)	Joe Morelle (D-NY)
Tony Gonzales (R-TX)	[Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) full committee ranking]
Andrew Clyde (R-GA)	
Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	
[Kay Granger (R-TX) full committee chair]	



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AUTHORIZATION VERSUS APPROPRIATION



AUTHORIZATION:
establishes federal programs

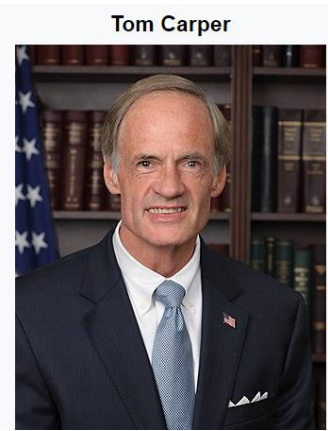
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APPROPRIATIONS:
provides funding for federal programs

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS (EPW)

Congressional committee of jurisdiction for EDA oversight. Has significant oversight control over EDA reauthorization.

Majority (Democrats)	Minority (Republicans)
Tom Carper (D-DE) – Chairman	Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) – Ranking Member
Ben Cardin (D-MD)	Kevin Cramer (R-ND)
Bernie Sanders (I-VT)	Cynthia Lummis (R-WY)
Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)	Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)
Jeff Merkley (D-OR)	Pete Ricketts (R-NE)
Edward Markey (D-MA)	John Boozman (R-AR)
Debbie Stabenow (D-MI)	Roger Wicker (R-MS)
Mark Kelly (D-AZ)	Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
Alex Padilla (D-CA)	Lindsey Graham (R-SC)
John Fetterman (D-PA)	



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE (T&I) SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Congressional subcommittee of jurisdiction for EDA oversight. Has significant oversight control over EDA reauthorization.

Majority (Republicans)	Minority (Democrats)
Scott Perry (R-PA) – Subcommittee Chair	Dina Titus (D-NV) – Ranking Member
Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-OR) – Vice Chair	Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC)
Garret Graves (R-LA)	Sharice Davids (D-KS)
Jennifer Gonzalez-Colon (R-PR)	Troy Carter (D-LA)
Chuck Edwards (R-NC)	Grace Napolitano (D-CA)
Anthony D’Esposito (R-NY)	John Garamendi (D-CA)
Derrick Van Orden (R-WI)	Jared Huffman (D-CA)
Mike Ezell (R-MS)	[Rick Larsen (D-WA) ex officio: full committee ranking]
[Sam Graves (R-MO) – ex officio: full committee chair]	



NADO ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

- **Reauthorize EDA**
 - EDA was last reauthorized in 2004 (19 years ago). Lapsed in 2008.
- **Increase funding for EDDs**
 - Increase appropriated funding for EDA Partnership Planning Grants
- **Reauthorize the Farm Bill**
 - Within Farm Bill reauthorization, reauthorize EDA
 - Within Farm Bill reauthorization, reauthorize Regional Commissions, including the Southwest Border Regional Commission
 - Within Farm Bill reauthorization, provide funding for the USDA Rural Partnership Program

DECEMBER 7TH, 2022

SENATE CONFIRMS JUAN SANCHEZ AS CO-CHAIR OF SOUTHWEST BORDER REGIONAL COMMISSION

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) issued the following statement after the Senate confirmed Juan Eduardo Sanchez to be the Federal Co-Chairman of the Southwest Border Regional Commission (SBRC):

“For years, I have fought hard to see the Southwest Border Regional Commission finally funded - to deliver resources and boost economic development with the people and communities of the Southwest border. Juan Sanchez is exactly the person to now lead this Commission,” **said Heinrich.** “Juan has devoted his career to serving our vibrant Southwest border communities. He has a sincere belief in our government and excels at making it work better for all Americans. I’m proud to see Juan confirmed to this role and have full faith that he will successfully lead the Southwest Border Regional Commission and support the thriving border communities in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.”

Background:

The commission is one of seven authorized federal regional commissions and authorities, which are congressionally-chartered, federal-state partnerships created to provide economic development in their respective areas. Congress first authorized the establishment of the SBRC in 2008 to promote economic development in the southern border regions of Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. In the previous two annual federal spending bills, Senator Heinrich successfully secured the first ever congressional investments to finally allow the SBRC to jump-start and expand its operations.



NADO ADVOCACY MATERIALS

NADO advocacy materials to help support your meetings with members of Congress, available at: <https://www.nado.org/advocacy-resources/>



Increase EDA Partnership Planning Funding in FY 2024 Appropriations

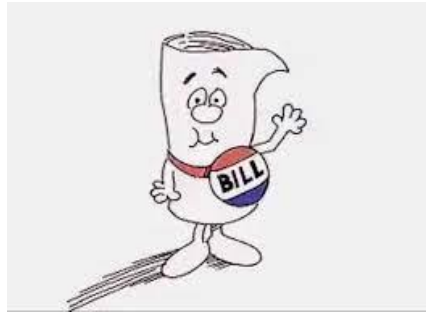
Although appropriations for EDA's economic development assistance programs have increased by **62%** over the last five years, funds for local **EDA Partnership Planning Grants** have increased by **only 9%** within the same timeframe, placing an increasingly heavy administrative burden on the same stakeholders that EDA is designed to support. The American Rescue Plan Act also provided a record \$3 billion for EDA but did not provide any additional funding for administrative support for Economic Development Districts (EDDs).

Economic Development Administration (Budget figures are in millions)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024 NADO Request
EDA Overall Appropriation	\$304	\$333	\$346	\$373.5	\$498	
Total – Economic Development Assistance Programs	\$265	\$292.5	\$305.5	\$330	\$430	
Partnership Planning	\$33	\$33	\$33.5	\$34.5	\$36	\$55 million

Action needed: Congress should increase FY24 Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations funding for EDA Partnership Planning to \$55 million.

FY 24 APPROPRIATIONS ADVOCACY PROGRAMMATIC REQUESTS

Programmatic Request form example:



Programmatic Requests:

- Funding requests for annual appropriations line items

versus

Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS):

- Earmarks

Programmatic Request Form—Fiscal Year 2024

1. Name / Title of Request: **FY 2024 funding for U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Partnership Planning Grants**
2. Name and contact information (phone and email) of the person or organization making the request. **[Your organization name and name and contact info for a point of contact]**
3. Appropriations Subcommittee **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**
4. Federal Agency:
Appropriations Account, Program, or Activity: **EDA Partnership Planning Grants**
5. Full dollar amount requested **\$55 million for FY 2024**
6. Dollar amount requested in the President's FY24 budget **AND** Dollar amount as enacted in both FY22 and FY23 (submissions without this information will not be considered).
Enacted FY 2022 level for EDA Partnership Planning: \$34.5 million
Enacted FY 2023 level for EDA Partnership Planning: \$36 million
President's FY24 budget – this line item not mentioned in President's FY24 Budget
7. Full explanation of, and rationale for, this request.
8. |

Although total overall appropriations for EDA's economic development assistance programs have increased by 62% over the last five years, funds for local EDA Partnership Planning Grants have increased by only 9% within the same timeframe, placing an increasingly heavy administrative burden on the same stakeholders that EDA is designed to support. Additionally, until recently, the appropriated funding level for EDA Partnership Planning had remained stagnant at a level of \$33 million for decades. Beginning in FY21, Congress took important steps to begin incrementally increasing the funding level for EDA Partnership Planning, but more significant increases are needed to help the EDDs main staffing levels that are sufficient to administer EDA

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION APPROPRIATIONS

Economic Development Administration	FY 2018 Final	FY 2019 Final	FY 2020 Final	FY 2021 Final	FY 2022 Final	FY 2023 Final
EDA Total Appropriation	\$301.5 million	\$304 million	\$333 million	\$346 million	\$373.5 million	\$498 million
Total – Economic Development Assistance Program	\$262.5 million	\$265 million	\$292.5 million	\$305.5 million	\$330 million	\$430 million
EDA Partnership Planning Grants	\$33 million	\$33 million	\$33 million	\$33.5 million	\$34.5 million	\$36 million

CHIPS ACT AUTHORIZED \$11 BILLION FOR EDA

- The [CHIPS Act](#) was signed into law in August 2022
- The bill contained \$52 billion to increase semiconductor manufacturing
- It also authorized a record **\$11 billion** for new programs to be administered through the EDA:
 - **\$10 billion** for the **Regional Technology Hubs Program**
 - **\$1 billion** for the **RECOMPETE Pilot Program**
- The CHIPS Act authorized – but did not appropriate – funding for these new EDA initiatives

FY23 OMNIBUS SPENDING BILL PASSES

- In December 2022, Congressional leaders passed an [FY23 omnibus spending bill](#) to keep the government funded through the end of FY23
- Among many other provisions, the omnibus bill contained a total of \$1.6 billion in funding for EDA, including:
 - \$498 million for regular FY23 appropriations
 - \$500 million for disaster supplemental assistance
 - **\$618 million for new programs:**
 - \$459 million for Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs Program
 - \$159 million for the RECOMPETE pilot program

EDA REGIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION HUBS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

EDA Seeks Input for Tech Hubs Program

On February 14, 2023, EDA issued a Tech Hubs Request for Information (RFI) [in the Federal Register](#) to solicit public input about the program design, structure, and evaluation of the Tech Hubs program.

Through this RFI, EDA seeks input in several areas, including but not limited to information on:

- structuring a Tech Hubs program that will accelerate regions evolution into a global leader in an industry of the future that strengthens the region and U.S. economic and national security;
- identifying metrics for assessment of successful Tech Hubs;
- designing a competitive, inclusive and accessible selection process for Tech Hub designations that would both support critical technology and innovation sectors, as well as geographic diversity; and
- identifying how federal designations and federal grants can be structured to maximize the desired impacts of the Tech Hubs program.

While this RFI specifically seeks input on these and other topics, EDA welcomes all responses that stakeholders believe will support the development of a strong Tech Hubs program.

Responses are due by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on March 16, 2023. Responses may be directly submitted via email to TechHubs@eda.gov with "Tech Hubs RFI" in the subject line. Full details on responding can be found in the [Federal Register](#).

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/programs/regional-technology-and-innovation-hubs>



March 16, 2023


To: techhubs@eda.gov

RE: Tech Hubs RFI

NADO Response to EDA Request for Information (RFI) on Implementation of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Regional Technology and Innovation Hub program. NADO is eager to see this program implemented.

<https://www.nado.org/advocacy-resources/>



Questions?
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