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FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge
Department of Commerce

GENERAL INFORMATION

Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EDA-HDQ-ARPBBS-2021-2006976
Funding Opportunity Title:	FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement Grant
Category of Funding Activity:	Other (see text field entitled "Explanation of Other Category of Funding Activity" for clarification)
Category Explanation:	Economic Development
Expected Number of Awards:	55
CFDA Number(s):	11.307 -- Economic Adjustment Assistance
Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement:	No
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Version:	Synopsis 4
Posted Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Last Updated Date:	Jul 22, 2021
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 19, 2021
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Oct 19, 2021
Archive Date:	Nov 14, 2021
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$30,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$500,000
Award Floor:	\$200,000

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants:	Public and State controlled institutions of higher education County governments Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification) Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized) Special district governments Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education State governments Private institutions of higher education
Additional Information on Eligibility:	Pursuant to section 3(4) of PWEDA (42 U.S.C. § 3122(4)(a)) and 13 C.F.R. § 300.3 (Eligible Recipient), eligible applicants under this NOFO include a(n): (i) District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District (EDD); (ii) Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; (iii) State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; (iv) institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or (v) public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a general purpose political subdivision of a State. Under this NOFO, EDA is not authorized to provide grants or cooperative agreements to individuals or to for profit entities. Requests from such entities will not be considered for funding.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Agency Name: Department of Commerce**Description:**

Through this American Rescue Plan Act Build Back Better Regional Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (ARPA BBBRC NOFO), EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. This ARPA BBBRC NOFO is designed as a two-phase competition to (1) help regions develop transformational economic development strategies and (2) fund the implementation of those strategies that will create and grow regional growth clusters. Such efforts will help regional economies recover from the pandemic and build economic diversity and resiliency to mitigate impacts of future economic disasters.

In Phase 1, EDA will provide technical assistance grants to approximately 50-60 coalitions (through a lead institution). These coalitions will be considered “finalists” and the grants will be used by the finalists to prepare more detailed applications for transformational projects that benefit their respective geographic regions and are aligned around a holistic approach to building and scaling a strategic industry.

In Phase 2, EDA will award each of the 20-30 finalist coalitions \$25-75 million (and potentially up to \$100 million) to fund the collection of projects they identified. The projects will be funded through grants to coalition members.

This particular Funding Opportunity is for Phase 1 Concept Proposals ONLY.

Funding Amount Information

EDA anticipates up to \$30,000,000 in total being awarded in Phase 1, in technical assistance grants of up to \$500,000 each. In Phase 2, EDA anticipates funding regional growth clusters with component projects that collectively cost between approximately \$25,000,000 and \$75,000,000, though EDA will consider regional growth clusters above and below these amounts depending on the strength of the Proposal and quality of the individual component projects. EDA anticipates that the cost of individual non-construction and construction component projects within regional growth clusters will range from approximately \$750,000 to \$25,000,000, or more if the cluster or project warrants it.

Read the attached full Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for more information and for instructions on how to apply.

Link to Additional Information: See Related Documents**Grantor Contact Information:** If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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