

# States' Economic Development Assistance Program (SEDAP)

## WHAT DOES THIS PROGRAM DO?

SEDAP is a competitive grant designed to support economic development activities across the Mississippi River Delta and Alabama Black Belt regions.

## WHO MAY APPLY FOR THIS PROGRAM?

Entities eligible to apply for SEDAP funding include:

- State and Local Governments (state agencies, cities, counties/parishes)
- Public Bodies
- Non-profit Organizations



Basic Public Infrastructure



Transportation Infrastructure



Workforce Development



Business Development

## WHAT IS AN ELIGIBLE AREA?

All eligible applicants must be applying for projects that operate in or are serving residents and communities within the 252 counties and parishes of the eight-state [Delta region](#).

## HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

In FY 2020, DRA will have \$14,170,000 of SEDAP funding available for eligible applicants. There is no maximum grant amount for SEDAP investments; however, each state is awarded funding based on DRA's State Funding Allocation [formula](#) which is approved by the Board of Governors each fiscal year.

### FY 2020 STATE ALLOCATIONS

STATE	SHARE OF FUNDING	FUNDING ALLOCATION
Alabama	10.26%	\$1,454,239.14
Arkansas	14.60%	\$2,068,161.88
Illinois	8.36%	\$1,185,208.84
Kentucky	9.29%	\$1,316,270.21
Louisiana	19.80%	\$2,805,548.41
Mississippi	15.41%	\$2,183,838.07
Missouri	11.37%	\$1,611,112.41
Tennessee	10.91%	\$1,545,621.04
<b>DRA Region</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$14,170,000.00</b>



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## HOW MAY THE FUNDS BE USED?

SEDAP funds must be invested in projects supporting one or more of the following categories:

- 1) Basic Public Infrastructure
- 2) Transportation Infrastructure
- 3) Business Development, with an emphasis on Entrepreneurship
- 4) Workforce Development

Additionally, all SEDAP projects should support one or more strategic goals in [DRA's Regional Development Plan III](#):

- Goal 1: Improved Workforce Competitiveness
- Goal 2: Strengthened Infrastructure
- Goal 3: Increased Community Capacity

## HOW ARE APPLICATIONS EVALUATED AND SELECTED FOR COMPETITIVE FUNDING?

The evaluation/selection process is a collaborative effort between the Federal Co-Chairman and each state's Designee who serve as liaisons between DRA and the [Board of Governors](#). On behalf of their governors, Designees recommend projects to the Federal Co-Chairman, but final project selection is determined by the Federal Co-Chairman.

## HOW DO WE GET STARTED?

Eligible applicants should work with their [Local Development District \(LDD\)](#) to prepare and submit applications to DRA. To begin an application, visit [funding.dra.gov](http://funding.dra.gov).

## WHO CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS?

Contact your [Local Development District](#).  
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