

# Welcome to EDA's Tribal Consultation

EDA is seeking input regarding the design and implementation of two new programs authorized as part of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022: the Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program (Tech Hubs) and the Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program (Recompete Pilot Program) as well as input on Disaster Supplemental Funding. EDA intends to release Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) for all three in the Spring of 2023.

EDA also seeks specific consultation on an issue in the Recompete Pilot Program where the statutorily required dataset for Tribes does not exist and how to equitably account for Tribal populations in light of that constraint.

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## EDA Panelists:

- Alejandra Castillo, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development
- Dennis Alvord, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development, Chief Operating Officer
- Carolee Wenderoth, EDA Tribal Engagement Coordinator
- Riley O'Leary, Management and Program Analyst
- Eric Smith, Director, Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- Susan Brehm, Regional Director, Chicago Regional Office
- Jeff Roberson, Chief Counsel

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# 2023 Disaster Supplemental

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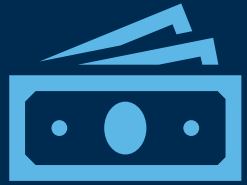
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# 2023 Disaster Supplemental

Coming Spring 2023

Funding



\$500 Million



Infrastructure and long-term economic recovery projects

Eligibility



All FEMA-declared natural disasters in 2021 & 2022

*Details to come in NOFO*

- ✓ District Planning Orgs
- ✓ Federally Recognized Tribes
- ✓ State and local governments
- ✓ Institutions of higher education
- ✓ Public & Private non-profits
- ✗ For-profit entities
- ✗ Individuals

# Eligible Projects

- Projects need to be in - or substantially benefit - a geography that was subject to a Presidentially-declared natural disaster that occurred in 2021 or 2022.
- A wide range of Economic Adjustment Assistance project types are eligible, including planning, workforce development, entrepreneurship, revolving loan funds, public works, and infrastructure projects.
- EDA encourages submissions based on long-term, regionally oriented, coordinated, and collaborative economic development or redevelopment strategies that foster economic growth and resilience.
- Any project that supports recovery from the declared natural disaster is eligible.

# Project Types

- Planning for recovery and response to disasters: feasibility studies, disaster response strategies, design and engineering
- Restoring or enhancing economic infrastructure: broadband, energy, roads, water, and wastewater
- Support the creation of new businesses and jobs: incubators, industrial parks, technical assistance
- Facilitating access to private capital investments: revolving loan funds

# Submitting a strong application

- A connection to the disaster
- Derived from planning and coordination
- A detailed budget
- Defined project milestones, activities, and deliverables
- Support and input from relevant stakeholders
- Consistent information across application package



Please monitor [EDA's website](#) for more information regarding the FY 23 Disaster Supplemental



# The Regional Technology & Innovation Hubs Program

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# What Is the Tech Hubs Program?

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**PWEDA**  
42 U.S.C. § 3121 *et*  
*seq.*

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Assistance**  
19 U.S.C. § 2341 *et*  
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15 U.S.C. § 3722

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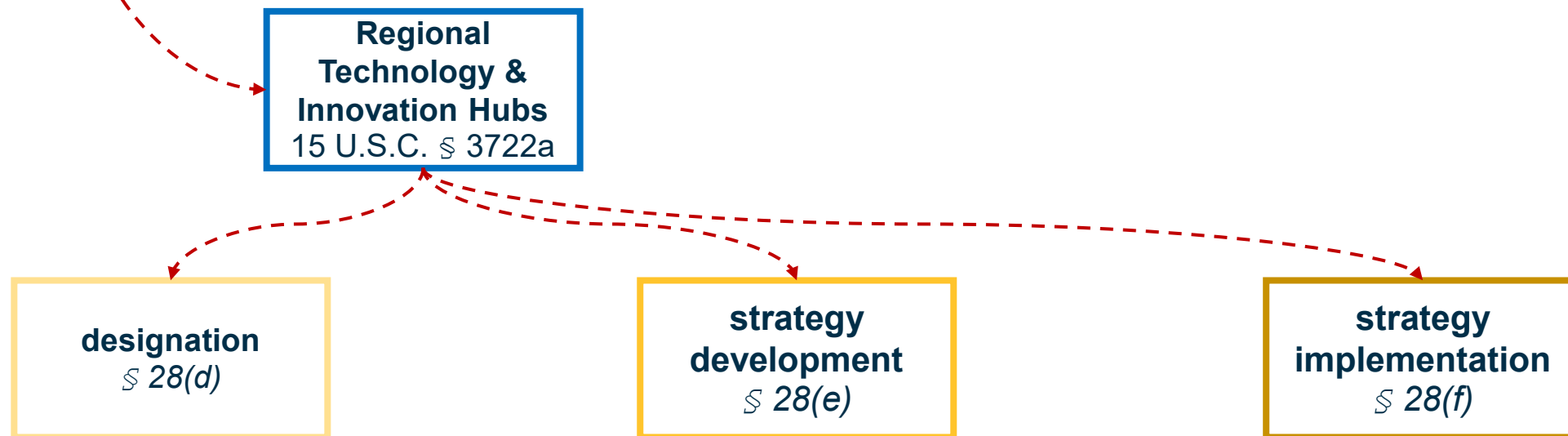
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**Regional  
Technology &  
Innovation Hubs**  
15 U.S.C. § 3722a

**Recompete Pilot**  
15 U.S.C. § 3722b

# What Is the Tech Hubs Program?

- The **new authority** allows us to do **three things**:



# Consortia Structure



## REQUIRED

institutes of higher ed

industry or firms in rel. tech, inno, or mfg sectors

labor or workforce training orgs

subnational / Tribal gov

econ dev orgs (sci, tech, inno, e'ship focused)

## *optional*

econ dev districts or ~

orgs ↑ underserved pops in sci, tech, inno, and e'ship

venture dev orgs

employee ownership membership assocs; State / local employee ownerships and coop dev ctrs; fin insts and investment funds (incl. CDFIs, min dep insts); similar

elem & 2ndary schools

national labs

federal labs

mfg extension centers

Mfg USA institutes

transpo planning orgs

cooperative extension services

orgs repping underserved communities in econ dev

institutions receiving NSF RIE awards

# Appropriation vs. Authorization



What we've been appropriated  
(i.e., the funding EDA can deploy  
for Tech Hubs *as of now*)

**\$500  
million**

The program's authorization level  
(i.e., the current maximum funding  
*over the full life of the program*)

**\$10 billion**

# RFI: We Want to Hear from You!



## Open Now!

## What Input Are We Seeking?

### All Program Aspects Including Design, Structure, and Evaluation

While the RFI poses specific questions, EDA welcomes all responses that stakeholders believe will support the development of a strong Tech Hubs program. Particular areas of interest include (but aren't limited to) how EDA might—

EDA published the RFI on Feb. 14. **Responses to the Tech Hubs RFI are due by 5pm ET on Mar. 16.**

structure a Tech Hubs program that will accelerate a region's evolution into a global leader in an industry of the future that strengthens the region and U.S. economic and national security

select and define metrics for assessment of successful Tech Hubs

identify how federal designations and federal grants can be structured to maximize desired impacts of the Tech Hubs program

design a competitive, inclusive, and accessible selection process for Tech Hub designations that both support critical tech. and innovation sectors as well as geographic diversity



**For all the details, see the statute at [15 U.S.C. § 3722a.](#)**

**More information regarding the Tech Hubs [RFI](#) can be found on [EDA's website.](#)**



# The Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Program ("Recompete Pilot Program")

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# What Is the Recompete Pilot Program?



- The Recompete Pilot Program is a new **statutory authority** that allows EDA to design and implement a new **program**:

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**Recompete Pilot**  
15 U.S.C. § 3722b

- Its purpose is to **alleviate persistent economic distress** and support long-term comprehensive economic development and job creation

# Tribes and Tribal Lands Are Eligible



- ❑ ***Tribal governments*** are specifically identified as eligible recipients
- ❑ ***Tribal lands*** are specifically called out as eligible geographic areas, including:
  - Land located within the boundaries of an **Indian reservation, pueblo, or rancheria**; or
  - Land not located within the above boundaries but for which title is held—
    - **In trust** by the United States for the benefit of an Indian Tribe or an individual Indian;
    - By an **Indian Tribe or an individual Indian**, subject to restriction against alienation under U.S. law; or
    - By a **dependent Indian community**

# Appropriation vs. Authorization



What we've been appropriated  
(i.e., the funding EDA can deploy  
for the Recompete Pilot Program  
*as of now*)

**\$200 million**

The program's authorization level  
(i.e., the current maximum funding  
*over the full life of the program*)

**\$1 billion**

# Calculating Maximum Grant Amounts



**The Reauthorize statute** states that grant amounts should be appropriate for the activities to be undertaken; it sets *\$20 million as a minimum over the full course of the program* for implementation grants and establishes a *formula for calculating maximum* grant amounts (assuming program is fully funded, which it is not currently).

$$\text{Prime-age employment gap} \times \text{Tribal prime-age population} \times \$70,585$$

## Prime-Age Employment Gap

Difference, expressed as a percentage, between:

- National 5-year average prime-age employment rate **AND**
- 5-year average prime-age employment rate of the eligible area (i.e., Tribal lands)

## Tribal Prime-Age Population

Sum of:

- Total number of individuals ages 25-54 living on Tribal land *multiplied by 0.65*; and
- Total number of individuals ages 25-54 included on the membership roll of the Tribal government *multiplied by 0.35*.

# Open Question: How to Calculate Maximum Grant Amounts Without Access to the Underlying Data



**Maximum Grant = Prime-age employment gap x Tribal prime-age population x \$70,585**

## Statute Requires Data That Do Not Exist\* to Determine Maximum Grants

- Number of Tribal members ages 25-54 living on Tribal land
- Number of Tribal members ages 25-54 on the membership roll
- Number of Tribal members ages 25-54 who are employed

*\*“data provided by the applicable Tribal government to the Department of the Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund programs under title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.).”*

## Finding a Path Forward

What is the best approach to address this challenge (e.g., providing Tribes an opportunity to submit the missing data on a case-by-case basis to EDA, using another data source as a proxy)?

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## What Input Are We Seeking?

**All Program Aspects Including Design, Structure, Evaluation, etc.** While the RFI poses specific questions, EDA welcomes all responses that stakeholders believe will support the development of a strong Recompete Pilot Program. Particular areas of interest include (but aren't limited to) how EDA might—

- structure the program to ensure the impacts are shared broadly and equitably;
- determine the scale and types of economic development interventions that are most likely to advance the economy in an area with a high prime-age employment gap;
- identify best practices for building local public capacity that would prepare local labor markets and communities for Recompete implementation and other future funding; and
- select and define metrics for assessment of successful Recompete communities.



**For details, see the statute at  
15 U.S.C. § 3722b.**

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# Discussion

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## ■ What is the best approach to address this challenge?

- Should EDA provide Tribes an opportunity to submit the missing data on a case-by-base basis to EDA?
- Should EDA use another data source as a proxy?

- Please send written questions and comments via email to: [EDAconsultations@eda.gov](mailto:EDAconsultations@eda.gov)
- Please leave any phone voice messages at: 202-482-5479
- These platforms will be available until March 23, 2023.
- Details regarding the Tech Hubs and Recompets RFI's can be found in the Dear Tribal Leader Letter, and on [www.eda.gov](http://www.eda.gov)