# Federal Funding and Investment Opportunities

for Georgia Counties



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# **Introduction to Hagerty**

#### \$49+ Billion

Federal Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Program

#### \$13+ Billion

American Rescue Plan Act Programs

#### \$4+ Billion

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and **Economic Security Act Programs** 

#### \$8+ Billion

Other Federal Grants, including Mitigation Grants and US Department of Housing and Urban Development Grants



#### 20+ Total Years

of Experience in Disaster Recovery Grant Program Management

## 27 States & **Territories**

Where Hagerty is Providing Support for Management of Federal Recovery Funds

# **Presentation Objectives**



Review the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and discuss example programs



Discuss IIJA programs that may impact Georgia counties



Highlight how Georgia counties can use their Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to leverage additional funding from the IIJA

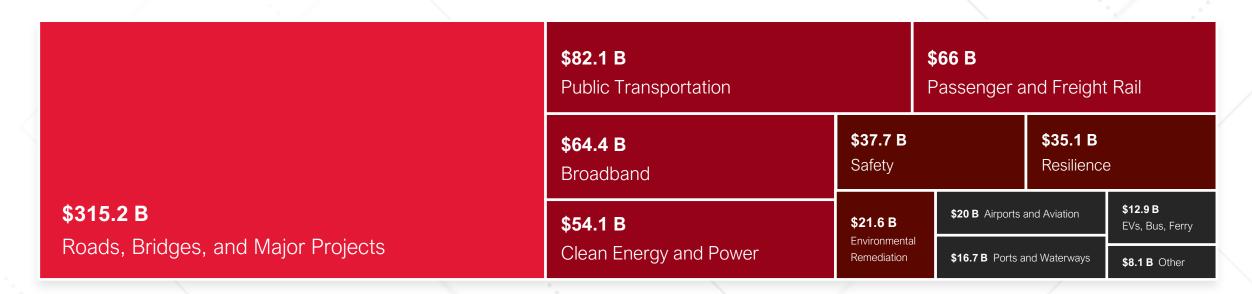


Example IIJA Programs Impacting Georgia Counties

Using CLFRF to Plan for and Leverage Funding Under IIJA

Key Takeaways

Questions



\$725+ B

Available to governments

\$470+ B

Available to governments for new or modified programs

240+

Unique programs accessible to governments 100+

Unique new or modified programs accessible to governments

Source: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook Data; Hagerty Consulting Internal Analysis \*Government is defined as state (including higher education), local, tribal, and territorial governments



\$700+B

Available to state governments

\$460+ B

Available to state governments for new or modified programs 210+

Unique programs accessible to state governments

90+

Unique new or modified programs accessible to state governments

\$220+ B

Available to local governments

\$100+ B

Available to local governments for new or modified programs 140+

Unique programs accessible to local governments

60+

Unique new or modified programs accessible to local governments

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# **Key Program Areas**



#### **Broadband**

Ensure that every American has access to reliable high-speed internet



### **Roads & Bridges**

Replace, rehabilitate, preserve, protect, and modernize roads & bridges



#### Water

Investment in drinking water, wastewater, water reuse, conveyance, and water storage infrastructure



#### Rail

Modernize the Northeast Corridor, refurbish Amtrak's fleet and facilities, upgrade freight rail service in rural communities

# **Key Program Areas**



#### **Grid**

**Build thousands** of miles of new, resilient trans-mission lines to facilitate the expansion of clean energy



## **Clean Energy**

Development, demonstration, and deployment of cuttingedge clean energy technologies



### Remediation

Abandoned mine land reclamation, orphaned well plugging, Superfund site cleanup, brownfield remediation



## **EV** Charging

Deployment of electric vehicle chargers along highway corridors to facilitate long-distance travel and within communities

# **Key Program Areas**



#### Resilience

Protection against droughts, hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and cyber attacks



#### **Ports**

Improve infrastructure at coastal ports, inland ports and waterways, and land ports of entry



## **Airports**

Reduce congestion and emissions and modernize our National Aerospace System



## Regional

Programs through regional commissions

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# **Example State-Administered Programs** that Impact Georgia Counties

## Clean Water and **Drinking Water State Revolving Funds**

- Both existing programs will receive additional funding plus expanded eligibility criteria to prioritize targeting disadvantaged communities
- States have authority to waive repayment on new funding or forgive some or all of loans' principal for disadvantaged communities
- Programs are managed by the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

### State and Local **Cybersecurity Grant Program**

- Provides funding to eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments
- Funds under this program will be made available to local governments
- These funds will be administered by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

#### **Building Resilient** Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- Competitive grants for hazard mitigation activities
- \$1 billion available in grants, administered by the Department of Homeland Security
- GEMA/HS Hazard Mitigation department offers technical assistance to local governments for project identification and application preparation

# **Example Programs Available Directly to Counties**

#### New

**National Culvert Removal.** Replacement, & Restoration Grant

- Competitive grants made available to replace, remove, and/or repair culverts or weirs and improve or restore passage for anadromous fish (i.e., fish that migrate from saltwater to freshwater to spawn)
- \$1 billion available in grants, administered by the Department of Transportation

#### New

**Promoting Resilient Operations for** Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-**Saving Transportation (PROTECT)** 

- Competitive grants to support planning, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure
- \$1.4 billion available in grants, administered by the Department of Transportation

#### New

**Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Grants (Community Charging)** 

- Competitive grants to to install electric vehicle charging and alternative fuel in locations on public roads, schools, parks, and in publicly accessible parking facilities. These grants will be prioritized for rural areas, low-and moderate-income neighborhoods, and communities with low ratios of private parking, or high ratios of multi-unit dwellings.
- \$1.25 billion available for States or Local governments and administered by the Department of Transportation

#### New

**Energy Improvement in Rural** or Remote Areas

- Competitive grants to improve resilience, safety, reliability of energy, and environmental protection from adverse impacts of energy generation in rural or remote areas around the country
- \$1 billion available in grants and administered by the Department of Energy



# **Example Programs Available Directly to Counties**

#### New

**Railroad Crossing Elimination Program** 

- Competitive grants for the mitigation or elimination of hazards at railway-highway crossings
- \$3 billion available in grants, administered by the Department of Transportation

#### Existing

Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program: **ReConnect Program** 

- Competitive loans and grants to build infrastructure and install equipment that provides modern, reliable, high-speed Internet service in rural America
- \$1.9 billion available, administered by the Department of Agriculture

#### Existina

**Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act** 

- Loans to provide Federal credit assistance to eligible surface transportation projects
- \$1.25 billion available, administered by the Department of Transportation

#### New

Solid Waste Infrastructure for **Recycling Infrastructure Grants** 

- Competitive grants to implement a strategy to improve post-consumer materials management and infrastructure, support improvements to local postconsumer materials management and recycling programs, and assist local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems
- \$275 million available in grants, administered by the Environmental Protection Agency

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# Using CLFRF to Leverage Funding under IIJA

#### Non-federal match for

IIJA programs

- Many IIJA programs require a local match generally, anywhere from 10-20% of the total award
- Under revenue loss, CLFRF can be used as the local match
- Outside of revenue loss, CLFRF can be used as the local match for certain broadband and Bureau of Reclamation programs

#### **Building internal capacity** •

for new or expanded programs

- CLFRF can be used to hire additional staff, including grants and program staff
- Under revenue loss, CLFRF can be used to fund application and pre-project costs. If the application is successful, these funds could be reimbursable

# Supporting community capacity for new or expanded programs

- Use CLFRF to provide nonprofits with financial assistance geared towards building community capacity to support IIJA goals. Take advantage of flexibility to classify nonprofits as beneficiaries under CLFRF to simplify delivery of funds.
- Engage stakeholders in a joint planning process to assess and prioritize community needs and develop a strategic allocation methodology for pursuing CLFRF and IIJA funding opportunities

# **Applying Lessons from CLFRF to IIJA Programs**

- Equity, resilience, and regional coordination are priorities under ARPA and IIJA
- Community partnerships built and feedback received under ARPA can help inform priorities for IIJA programs
- Local projects that couldn't be funded under ARPA could potentially be funded under IIJA programs
- 2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance) compliance requirements will generally be in place for programs under IIJA
- Program design and implementation, including reporting, that you've done under ARPA can help you do the same under IIJA programs



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- Early and often communication with federal and state elected officials and policymakers is key
- Federal government is placing emphasis on regional coordination partnering on large-scale, regional projects can increase competitiveness for several grant programs
- Many IIJA programs incorporate significant emphasis on equity and resilience each program may define and interpret these concepts in different ways
- Focusing on building internal capacity to support identifying, securing, and managing grants and grant-funded projects is key



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# Resources



## Resources

#### **Georgia Department of Transportation**

- Public Transportation
- Rail

#### Georgia Department of Community Affairs

Broadband

#### Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

- Cybersecurity
- Hazard Mitigation

#### Georgia Environmental Finance Authority

- Energy
- Water and Sewer

Georgia Ports Authority

**Georgia Aviation Authority**