

Rural Communities Opportunity Grant— Intent to Apply/Pre-application

Purpose: To provide assistance to grant applicants by opening a consultation portal which will lead to high-quality applications.

Eligible applicants who submit a pre-application for the Rural Communities Opportunity Grant (RCOG) within the set timeframe (two months?) prior to the opening of the official application will receive consultation from GOEO outreach managers and grant administrators, which may include:

- Community needs assessment
- Project compatibility and readiness review (may include a site visit)
- Grant requirements instruction
- Grant writing tips
- Scope-of-work draft review
- Budget and Matching Funds advice
- Post-award reporting and compliance instruction
- Referrals to other resources

The Intent to Apply/Pre-application questions

In addition to general organizational questions, you will be asked to answer the following:

- Please describe your proposed Rural Communities Opportunity project by summarizing a Scope of Work.
- Choose a category that best describes your proposed economic development project:
 - business recruitment, development, and expansion;
 - workforce training and development; and
 - infrastructure and capital facilities improvements for business development
- Upload any additional information you deem to be helpful to understand the project
- Please describe the geographic area of the project (e.g., community wide, downtown, corridor, parcel, etc.).
- Please describe the potential economic development impact.
- What is the estimated project cost?
- What amount of grant funding do you intend to request for your proposed project?
- Please upload any budget documents you feel may help support your project proposal.

Any eligible applicant may apply for the RCOG regardless of having submitted an Intent to Apply/Pre-application. It is not a prerequisite to making an official application.