

Economic Development Highway Program

The Economic Development Highway (EDH) Grant provides funding to local units of government to assist with highway projects that encourage private companies to engage in projects of “high economic benefit” within their areas.

The program promotes economic development in the state of Mississippi by supporting the construction and improvement of publicly-owned highways in areas that demonstrate immediate potential to attract or expand major industries or other significant development. The highway or highway segment to be constructed must be necessary to ensure adequate and appropriate access to a proposed business to encourage its location or expansion.

Business location or expansion projects benefitting from EDH-funded infrastructure improvements must involve a private investment of at least \$70 million for the project to qualify for EDH assistance. Local units of government may apply for EDH assistance in support of a business location or expansion project related to the following industries:

- manufacturers
- warehouses and distribution centers
- research and development facilities
- hospitals
- telecommunications and data processing facilities
- national or regional headquarters operations

Examples of projects that are eligible for EDH assistance include state highway construction or improvement projects and city and county road construction or improvement projects, including interchanges and bridges. Grant amounts will be based on the public infrastructure needs of the project and Mississippi Department of Transportation cost estimates.

Municipalities and counties must apply on behalf of a new or expanded industry based on the public infrastructure needs of the project. To apply, local units of government should contact MDA’s Financial Resources Division at 601.359.3552.

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Contact the Mississippi Development Authority’s Financial Resources Division
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