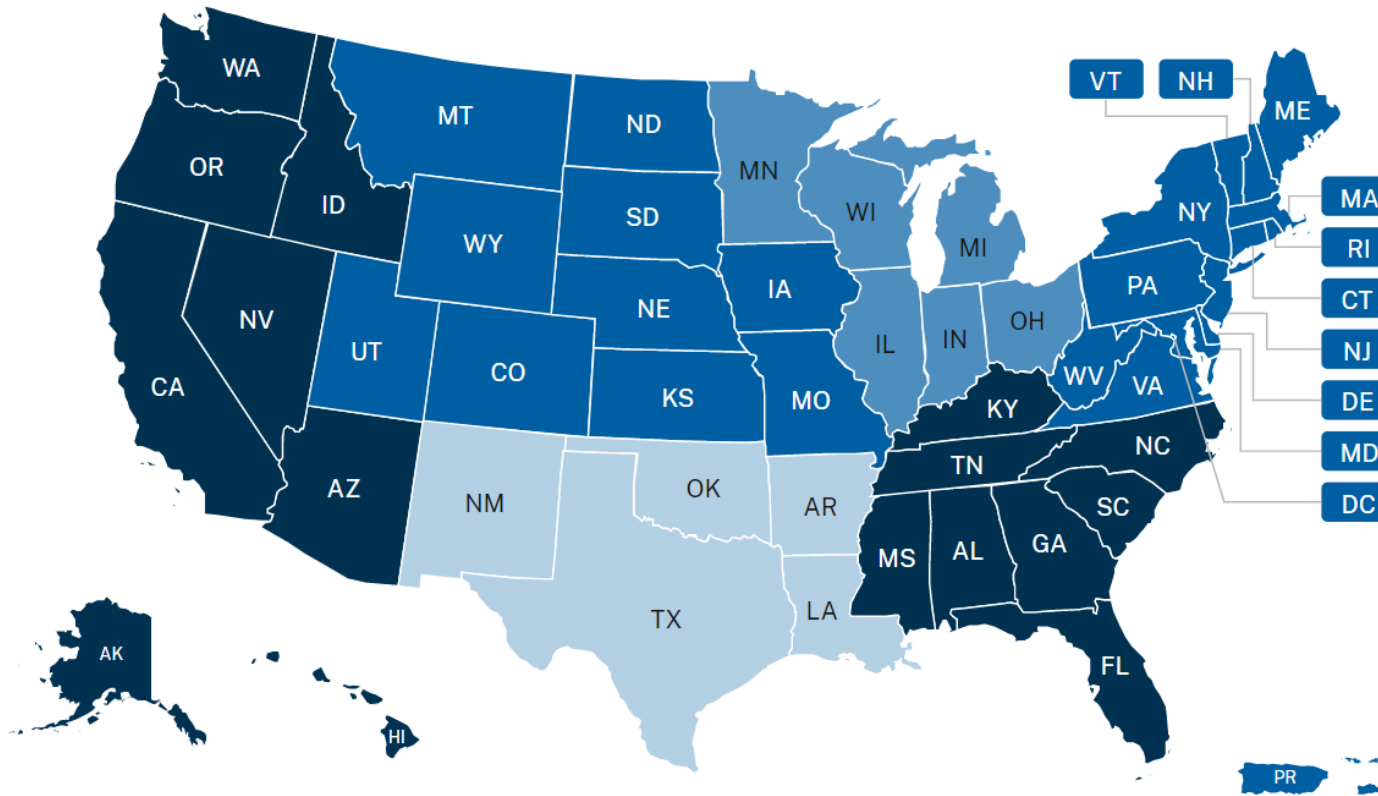


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Seattle Regional Office (SRO)

- **EDA Organizational Structure**
- **SRO Fun Facts**
- **What We Do**
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Regional Offices



Offices are **strategically placed across the nation** to support all 50 states and nine U.S. territories by congressional design.

- **Economic Development Representatives**
- **Technical experts** in engineers, environmental specialists, and economic development specialists
- **400+ Economic Development Districts (EDDs)**

SEATTLE REGIONAL OFFICE - SRO (EDA)

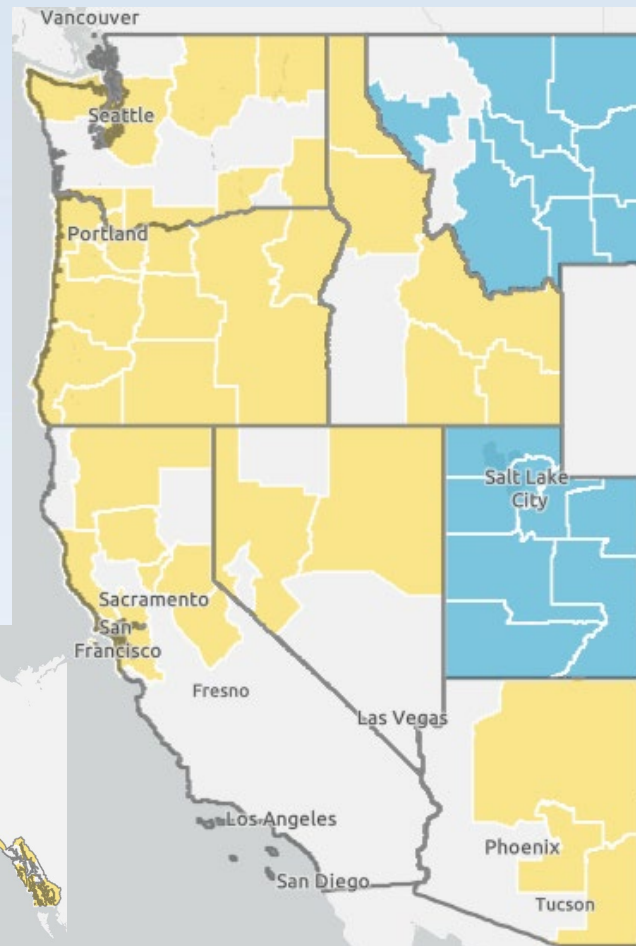
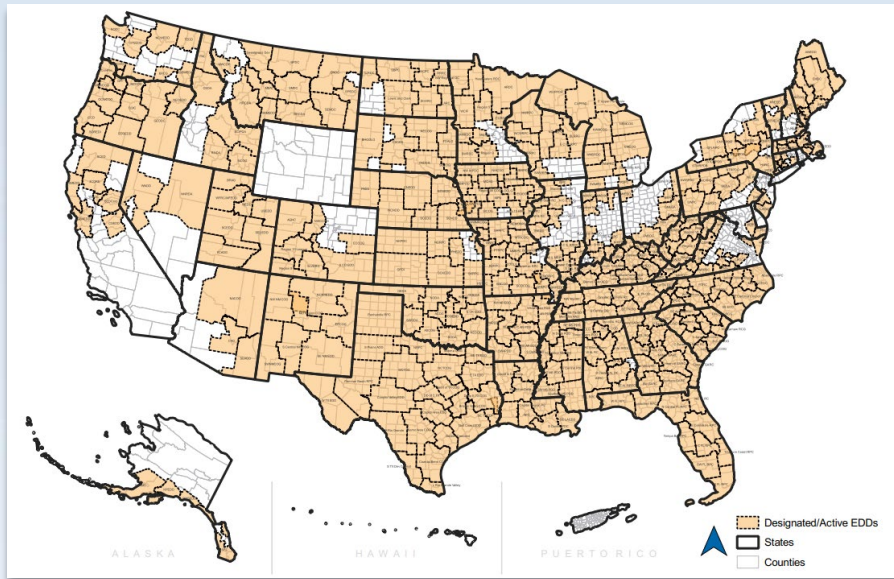
- Coming in at over **1.3 million square miles** and spanning **9 time zones**, the Seattle Regional Office (SRO) covers more geographic territory than three other EDA Regional Offices *combined*. The region's ecosystems range from the Arctic to the Tropics.
- SRO works with a **vast array of Governments**, including 3 Territories, 3 Compact of Free Association Sovereign Nations, over 100 Native Hawaiian Organizations, and over 400 Native American and Alaskan communities.
- **Communities on remote islands** and off the road system rely on boats, barges and planes for materials supply. Combined with limited construction windows in arctic areas and sensitive environmental areas, these challenges generally mean that SRO projects on average have **longer timeframes for construction projects** than many other Regions.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS - 400+ TOTAL – 86% OF NATION



Strategic partners providing comprehensive economic development planning and technical assistance to communities across the nation to provide capacity to underserved areas



Key Takeaways

- EDDs are key partners in helping navigate economic shifts from business closures, disasters, and industry transition
- While they are non-federal organizations – they are critical to EDA’s mission
- Where gaps exist, economic development capacity *might* be limited and hinder readiness and resiliency
- EDA teams are working to expand coverage in gap areas

Seattle Region

WHAT WE DO

- Fostering **Locally-Driven, Place-Based** Economic Development
 - Economic Development Representatives (Stakeholder Support)
 - Economic Development Districts
 - Economic Recovery Support Function
- Grant Program Management
 - Strategic Economic Development: Planning and Technical Assistance
 - Implementation: Public Works, Economic Adjustment Assistance, RLF
 - Rapid Response: Disaster Supplementals
 - Headquarters-led Program Support (e.g., RIS/Build to Scale)

INVESTMENT PRIORITIES

EDA's investment priorities provide an overarching framework to ensure its grant investment portfolio – ranging from planning to infrastructure construction -- contributes to local efforts to build, improve, or better leverage economic assets that allow businesses to succeed and regional economies to prosper and become more resilient. Competitive grant applications will be responsive to the evaluation criteria listed under each individual funding announcement, including at least one of the below investment priorities.

1. **Critical Infrastructure:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that support development of public facilities, including basic public infrastructure, transportation infrastructure, or telecommunications infrastructure.
2. **Workforce:** Economic Development planning or implementation projects that –
 - a. Support job skills training to meet the hiring needs of the area in which the project is to be carried out and that result in well-paying jobs; or
 - b. Otherwise promote labor force participation.
3. **Innovation and Entrepreneurship:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that –
 - a. Support the development of innovation and entrepreneurship-related infrastructure;
 - b. Promote business development and lending; or
 - c. Foster the commercialization of new technologies that are creating technology-driven businesses and high-skilled, well-paying jobs of the future.
4. **Economic Recovery Resilience:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that enhance the ability of an area to withstand and recover from adverse short-term or long-term changes in economic conditions, including effects from industry contractions or economic impacts from natural disasters.
5. **Manufacturing:** Economic development planning or implementation projects that encourage job creation, business expansion, technology and capital upgrades, and productivity growth in manufacturing, including efforts that contribute to the competitiveness and growth of domestic suppliers or the domestic production of innovative, high-value products and production technologies.

U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

EDA leads the federal government economic development agenda by **promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.**

The FY25 Disaster Supplemental Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) makes approximately \$1.45 billion in funding available to American communities with major disaster declarations due to hurricanes, wildfires, severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024.

EDA's Disaster Funding Objective

The FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental NOFO is not just about rebuilding—
it's about transforming local economies after a disaster, with an emphasis on improving communities' economic outcomes and resilience to future disasters.

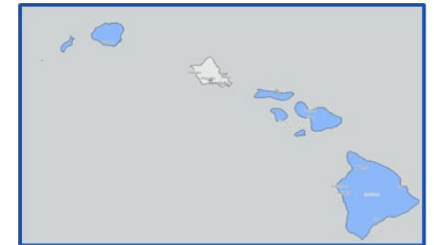
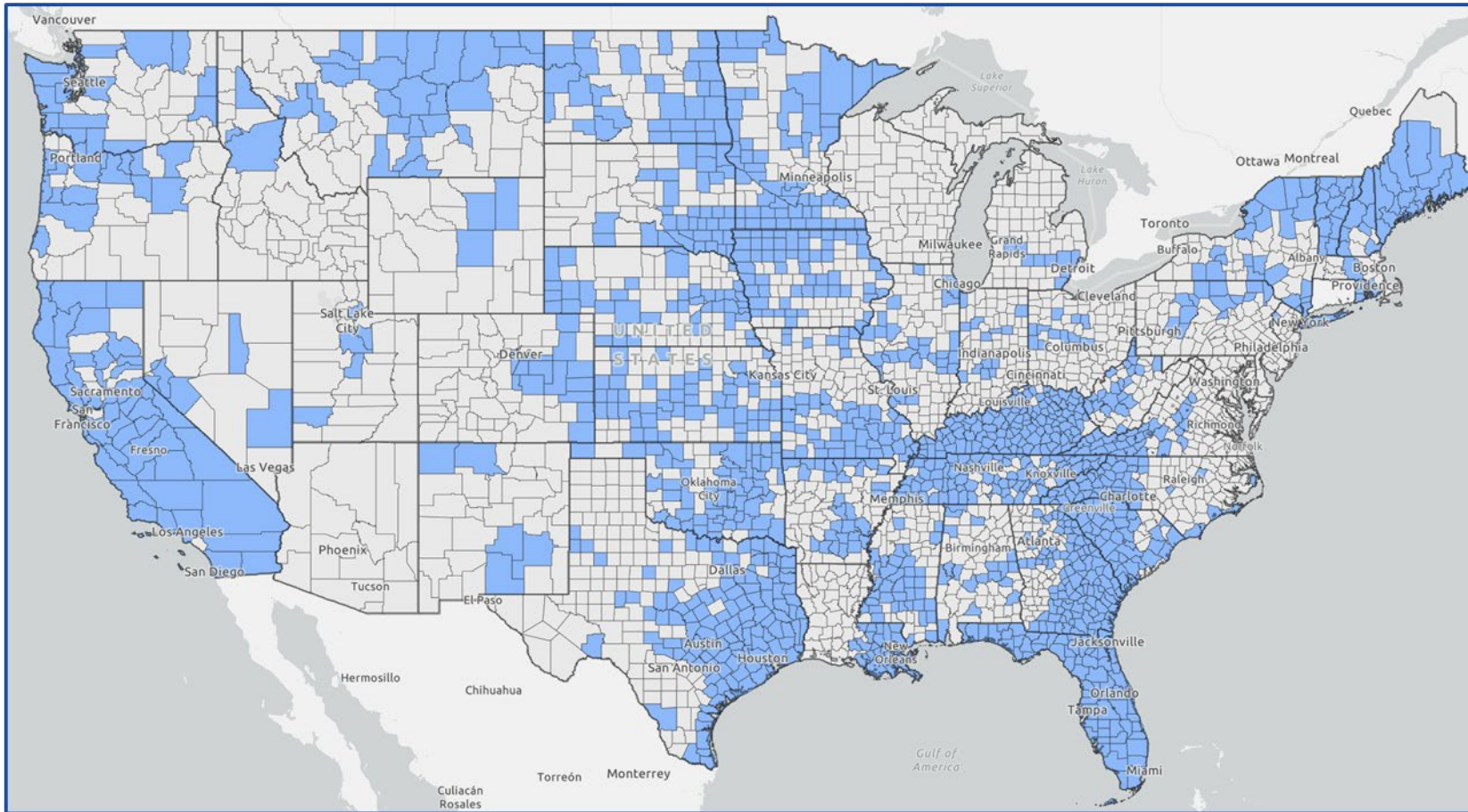
FY25 Disaster Supplemental Goals

- Address the economic challenges faced by communities recovering from natural disasters and **improve economic trajectories, surpassing pre-disaster economic conditions** for business creation and growth, job creation and workforce development.
- Fund **construction and non-construction projects** responsive to post-disaster priorities by engaging all aspects of the community, with an emphasis on private industry partners.
- **Maximize return-on-investment** by leveraging and aligning EDA funding with other public and private investments.

What Distinguishes this Disaster Funding Opportunity?

- EDA has established three granting pathways to ensure funds are responsive to local needs for recovery.
- In this program, applicants are required to complete new narratives to explain their project's intended impacts and their engagement strategies.
- EDA is providing resources to help potential applicants including recorded webinars, FAQs and tailored technical assistance through EDA's network of Economic Development Representatives.

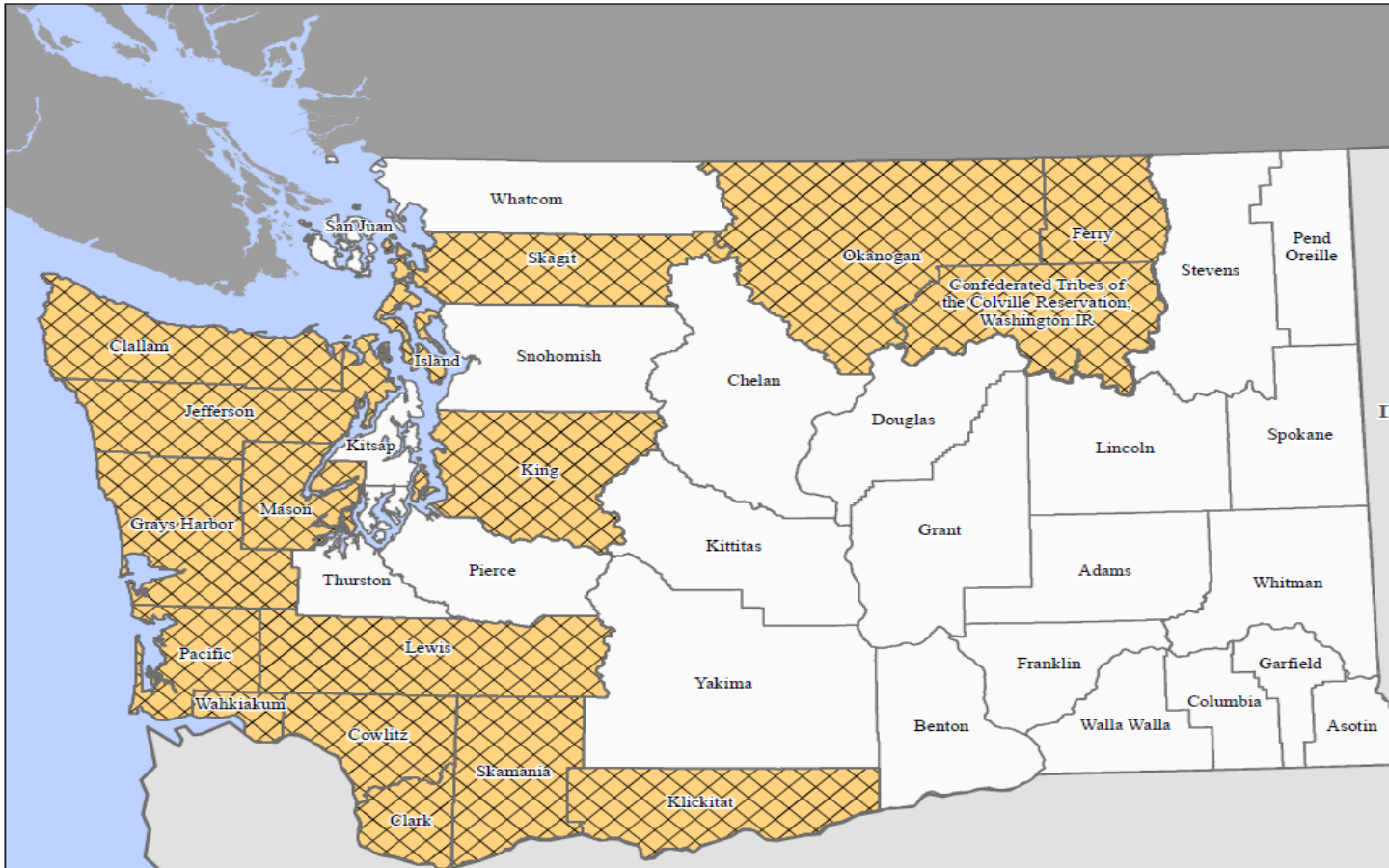
Eligible Locations



Areas with at least one FEMA major disaster declaration in CY2023 or CY2024

*Tribal Areas and U.S. Territories with Major Declarations Not Displayed

FEMA-4775-DR, Washington Disaster Declaration as of 04/28/2024



Three Funding Pathways

Readiness	Implementation	Industry Transformation
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Non-construction grants generally ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Non-construction grants generally ranging from \$100,000 to \$5 million.▪ Construction grants generally ranging from \$2 million to \$20+ million	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A portfolio of 3 to 5 construction and/or non-construction grants generally ranging from \$20 million to \$50 million
<p><i>Deadline: Rolling until fund exhausted</i></p>	<p><i>Deadline: Rolling until fund exhausted</i></p>	<p><i>Deadline: March 3, 2026 at 5pm Eastern</i></p>

Types of Projects

Readiness	Implementation	Industry Transformation
Non-Construction Projects	Construction or Non-Construction Projects	Construction and Non-Construction Projects
<p><i>Individual</i> projects for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recovery/resilience strategic planning ▪ Organizational capacity building (e.g., recovery coordinators) ▪ Predevelopment costs (e.g., architectural and engineering plans; permit applications) 	<p><i>Individual</i> projects for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction or upgrading of public infrastructure ▪ Incubator or workforce development facility construction ▪ Technical assistance ▪ Revolving Loan Funds 	<p>A portfolio of 3 to 5 large, multi-component, projects that collectively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitate transformative economic growth through scaled private sector investment

What Makes an Application Competitive?

COMMUNITY NEED

How well you understand the community's disaster recovery needs

PROJECT STRATEGY

How well the project addresses the community's needs

FEASIBILITY

How likely the project is to succeed

IMPACT

How impactful the project will be and how you will measure success

Note: For Industry Transformation Path, another important competitiveness factor is the strength of your coalition.



Thank you

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