The Employment Incentive Program (EIP) is a financing program that may be used in conjunction with traditional private financing for economic development projects resulting in employment of low- and moderate-income persons.

Many types of public infrastructure projects, or loans to for-profit companies, can be financed with EIP funding. Projects creating opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons (at least 51% of total jobs created), greater job security, better working conditions, job training, enhancement of workplace skills, advancement opportunities, and benefits receive the greatest consideration.

**Eligible Uses**
- Public water and sewer systems (e.g. distribution and/or collection lines), wastewater treatment projects, rail spurs, and various other types of public facilities.
- Financing for fixed assets including: land, new facilities, rehabilitation of existing facilities, machinery, equipment, etc.

**Ineligible Uses**
- Speculative projects
- Refinancing
- Working capital
- Projects not needing EIP assistance

**Loan Terms:** Interest rates for loan projects are below market, generally fixed at 3%. Repayment period is typically five to fifteen years, depending on the asset financed.

**Application:** Applications are accepted throughout the year. To download a copy of the Initial Project Assessment form, please visit the EIP program website at: [www.dca.ga.gov/economic/financing/programs/employmentincentive.asp](http://www.dca.ga.gov/economic/financing/programs/employmentincentive.asp)

**Eligible Applicants:** Eligible applicants for funding under Georgia's EIP program are units of general-purpose local government. Excluded are metropolitan cities, urban counties and other units of government eligible to participate in HUD's urban counties, or metropolitan cities program. Currently, ineligible applicants under Georgia's program are Acworth, Albany, Alpharetta, Athens-Clarke County Unified Government, Atlanta, Auburn, Augusta-Richmond County, Austell, Ball Ground, Berkeley Lake, Brunswick, Buford, Canton, Chamblee, Chattahoochee, Cherokee County, Clarkston, Clayton County, Cobb County, College Park, Columbus Consolidated Government, Dacula, Dalton, Decatur, DeKalb County, Doraville, Duluth, East Point, Fairburn, Forest Park, Fulton County, Gainesville, Grayson, Gwinnett County, Hapeville, Hinesville, Holly Springs, Johns Creek, Jonesboro, Kennesaw, Lake City, Lawrenceville, Lilburn, Lithonia, Lovejoy, Macon-Bibb County, Marietta, Milton, Mountain Park, Norcross, Palmetto, Pine Lake, Powder Springs, Rest Haven, Riverdale, Rome, Roswell, Sandy Springs, Savannah, Smyrna, Sugar Hill, Suwanee, Union City, Valdosta, Waleska, Warner Robins and Woodstock, as well as any incorporated city within a HUD Entitlement Urban County which chooses to participate through a Cooperating Agreement with the Urban County in the HUD Entitlement Program or any other community designated by HUD as an entitlement community.

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**Above:** A Rail Spur funded by EIP in Walton County. The 2011 General Mills project used $500,000 in EIP funds to leverage $43,700,000 in private investment, creating 112 new jobs.

**MAXIMUM AWARD AMOUNTS**
The maximum award is $750,000 per project.

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**PROGRAM IMPACT**

- **220** - Total Awards
- **25,891** - Total Jobs Created and Retained
- **$63,900,000** - EIP Investment
- **$3,400,000,000** - Private Funds Leveraged
The Employment Incentive Program has funded projects in these communities since 2000:

Adairsville, City of
Adel, City of
Alamo, City of
Alapaha, City of
Alma, City of
Arabi, City of
Atkinson County
Bainbridge, City of
Baldwin County
Baldwin, City of
Barnesville, City of
Barnes County
Barrow County
Bartow County
Ben Hill County
Berrien County
Blackshear, City of
Blairsville, City of
Blakely, City of
Brantley County
Brooks County
Bulloch County
Butts County
Byron, City of
Cairo, City of
Calhoun, City of
Canton, City of
Carrollton, City of
Cecil, City of
Colquitt, City of
Columbia County
Commerce, City of
Cooke County
Cordelle, City of
Cornelia, City of
Crisp County
Cuthbert, City of
Dahlonega, City of
Darien, City of
Dawson County
Decatur County
Dooly County
Dublin, City of
Early County
Eastman, City of
Eatonton, City of
Effingham County
Elbert County
Elliott, City of
Emanuel County
Fitzgerald, City of
Folkston, City of
Franklin County
Georgetown-Quitman County
Glennville, City of
Glynn County
Gordon County
Greene County
Greensboro, City of
Griffin, City of
Habersham County
Hall County
Hancock County
Haralson County
Hart County
Hartwell, City of
Hawkinsville, City of
Hazlehurst, City of
Helen, City of
Homerville, City of
Jackson County
Jeff Davis County
Jefferson County
Jefferson, City of
Jenkins County
Jesup, City of
Johnson County
LaGrange, City of
Lavonia, City of
Lee County
Liberty County
Lowndes County
Lumpkin County
Macon County
Macon-Bibb County
Madison, City of
Manchester, City of
Meriwether County
Milledgeville, City of
Milledgeville, City of
Millen, City of
Mitchell County
Monroe, City of
Montezuma, City of
Monticello, City of
Moultrie, City of
Murray County
Nashville, City of
Oakwood, City of
Ocilla, City of
Oconee County
Orchard Hill, City of
Peach County
Pelham, City of
Pierce County
Pike County
Putnam County
Quitman, City of
Rabun County
Randolph County
Richland, City of
Sanderson, City of
Seminole County
Senoia, City of
Spalding County
St. Marys, City of
Stephens County
Stewart County
Summerville, City of
Swainsboro, City of
Sylvania, City of
Tallahassee, City of
Taylor County
Telfair County
Temple, City of
Tennille, City of
Thomaston, City of
Thomasville, City of
Thomson, City of
Tift County
Tifton, City of
Toombs County
Twigs County
Upson County
Valdosta, City of
Vidalia, City of
Vienna, City of
Villa Rica, City of
Wadley, City of
Walton County
Ware County
Warren County
Warrenton, City of
Waycross, City of
Wayne County
Waynesboro, City of
Webster Unified County
West Point, City of
White County
Whitfield County
Wilkes County
Wilkinson County
Winder, City of
Worth County
Zebulon, City of