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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION  
Budget Estimates, Fiscal Year 2026  
Congressional Justification  
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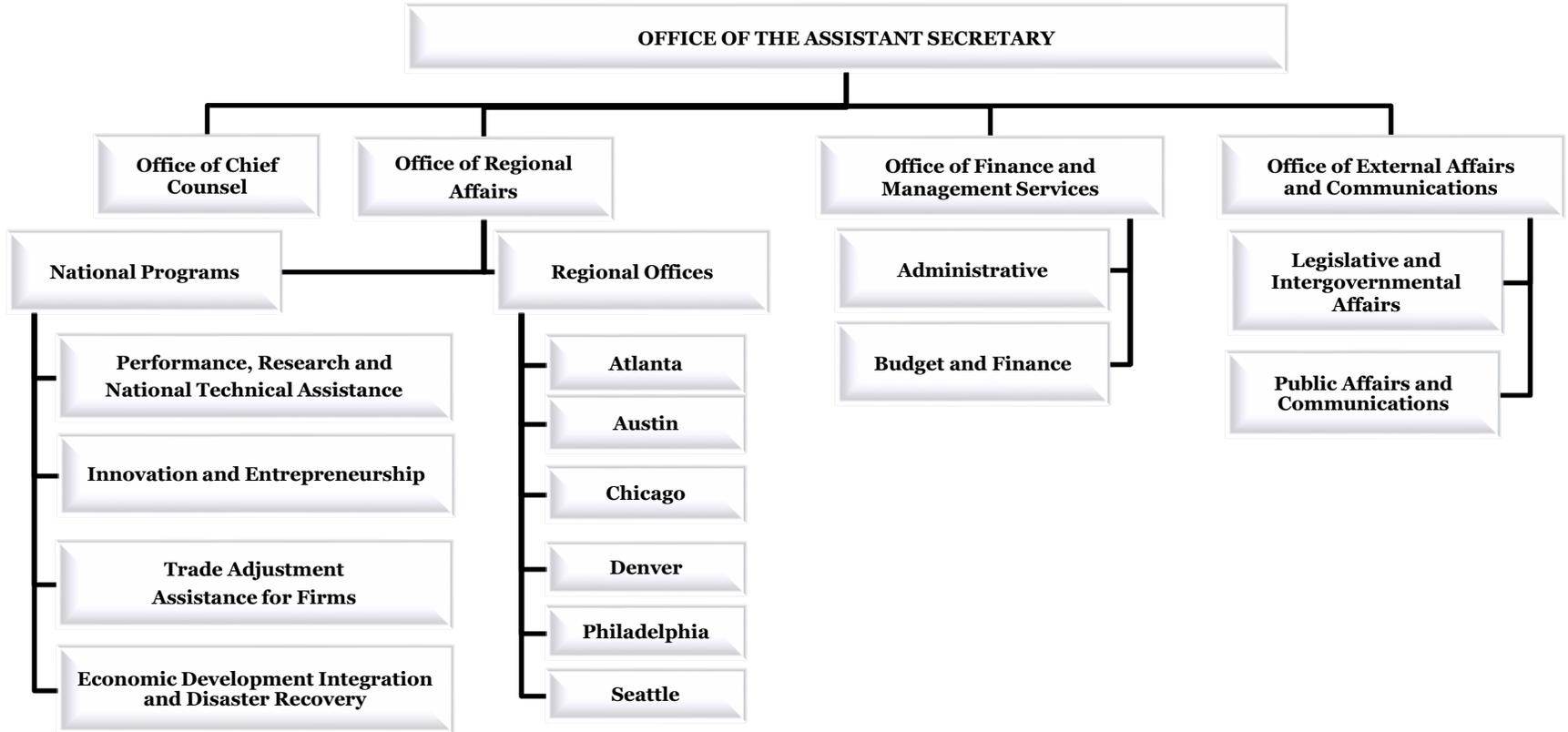
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Economic Development Administration



**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Budget Estimates, Fiscal Year 2026  
Executive Summary**

The Administration's 2026 Budget builds on the President's commitment to advance the vision of a Federal Government that spends taxpayer dollars more efficiently and effectively and provides necessary services in support of key national priorities while reducing deficits and keeping the Nation on a responsible fiscal path. The Administration has made the necessary tradeoffs and choices inherent in pursuing these goals. This means changing the role and size of the Federal Government and prioritizing the programs that provide a good return for the taxpayer, as well as those that serve the most critical functions while consolidating or eliminating duplicative, ineffective, or less critical programs.

In support of these goals, the Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY 2026 budget requests \$30.0 million to cover the costs associated with the first year of closing down the agency and restoring confidence in America's fiscal management.

**Performance:**

Consistent with the closure of EDA, there will not be GPRA targets for FY 2026. For FY 2025, please see the FY 2026/2024 Annual Performance Plan and Report.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
FY 2024 to FY 2026 PROGRAM INCREASES / DECREASES / TERMINATIONS**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)  
(By Appropriation, Largest to Smallest)

**Increases**

Page No in CJ	Appropriation	Budget Program	Title of Increase	Positions	Budget Authority
None					
Subtotal, Increases				0	0

**Decreases**

Page No in CJ	Appropriation	Budget Program	Title of Decrease	Positions	Budget Authority
EDA-37	S&E	Salaries and Expenses	Operations and Administration	(139)	(38,000)
Subtotal, Decreases				(139)	(38,000)

**Terminations**

Page No in CJ	Appropriation	Budget Program	Title of Termination	Positions	Budget Authority
EDA-11	EDAP	Good Jobs Challenge	Grants	0	(25,000)
EDA-13	EDAP	Public Works	Grants	0	(100,000)
EDA-15	EDAP	Partnership Planning	Grants	0	(34,500)
EDA-17	EDAP	Technical Assistance	Grants	0	(14,000)
EDA-19	EDAP	Research and Evaluation	Grants	0	(2,000)
EDA-21	EDAP	Trade Adjustment Assistance	Grants	0	(13,500)
EDA-23	EDAP	Economic Adjustment Assistance	Grants	0	(33,000)
EDA-25	EDAP	Assistance to Indigenous Communities	Grants	0	(5,000)
EDA-27	EDAP	Assistance to Energy Communities	Grants	0	(79,500)
EDA-29	EDAP	Regional Innovation	Grants	0	(50,000)
EDA-31	EDAP	STEM Apprenticeships	Grants	0	(2,500)
EDA-33	EDAP	Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs	Grants	0	(41,000)
Subtotal, Terminations				0	(400,000)

Total, Increases, Decreases and Terminations				(139)	(438,000)
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**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs (Discretionary)  
SUMMARY OF RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

	Positions	FTE	Budget Authority	Direct Obligations
Appropriation Available, 2024	0	0	400,000	269,559
Plus: 2026 Program changes	0	0	(400,000)	(269,559)
2026 Estimate	0	0	0	0

Comparison by activity / subactivity with totals by activity		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease		
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	
EDA-10	Good Jobs Challenge	Pos./BA	0	25,000	0	0	0	(25,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDA-12	Public Works	Pos./BA	0	100,000	0	0	0	(100,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	97,825	0	0	0	0	(97,825)
EDA-15	Partnership Planning	Pos./BA	0	34,500	0	0	0	(34,500)
	FTE/Obl.	0	30,321	0	0	0	0	(30,321)
EDA-18	Technical Assistance	Pos./BA	0	14,000	0	0	0	(14,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	12,641	0	0	0	0	(12,641)
EDA-21	Research and Evaluation	Pos./BA	0	2,000	0	0	0	(2,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	1,095	0	0	0	0	(1,095)
EDA-23	Trade Adjustment Assistance	Pos./BA	0	13,500	0	0	0	(13,500)
	FTE/Obl.	0	14,602	0	0	0	0	(14,602)

Comparison by activity / subactivity with totals by activity			2024		2026		Increase/Decrease	
			Enacted		Estimate		Personnel	Amount
			Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount		
EDA-25	Economic Adjustment Assistance	Pos./BA	0	33,000	0	0	0	(33,000)
		FTE/Obl.	0	28,374	0	0	0	(28,374)
EDA-27	Assistance to Indigenous Communities	Pos./BA	0	5,000	0	0	0	(5,000)
		FTE/Obl.	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDA-29	Assistance to Energy Transition Communities	Pos./BA	0	79,500	0	0	0	(79,500)
		FTE/Obl.	0	76,211	0	0	0	(76,211)
EDA-31	Regional Innovation	Pos./BA	0	50,000	0	0	0	(50,000)
		FTE/Obl.	0	400	0	0	0	(400)
EDA-33	STEM Apprenticeship Program	Pos./BA	0	2,500	0	0	0	(2,500)
		FTE/Obl.	0	0	0	0	0	0
EDA-35	Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs	Pos./BA	0	41,000	0	0	0	(41,000)
		FTE/Obl.	0	8,090	0	0	0	(8,090)
	Total <sup>1</sup>	Pos./BA	0	400,000	0	0	0	(400,000)
		FTE/Obl.	0	269,559	0	0	0	(269,559)
	Adjustments for							
	Recoveries <sup>1</sup>			(30,193)		(38,000)		30,193
	Unobligated balance, start of year			(154,450)		(185,000)		(30,550)
	Unobligated balance transferred			15,395		0		(15,395)
	Unobligated balance, end of year			253,689		38,000		(253,689)
	Rescission or cancellation of unobligated balances <sup>2</sup>			35,000		185,000		150,000
	Unobligated balance expiring			0		0		0
	Financing from transfers:							
	Transfer from other accounts (-)			0		0		0
	Transfer to other accounts (+)			11,000		0		(11,000)
	Appropriation			400,000		0		(400,000)

/1 – Recoveries for disaster supplemental funds are not being shown in this table.

/2 – FY 2025 Disaster Supplemental appropriations are not being shown in this table.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Activity: Good Jobs Challenge

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs, including the Good Jobs Challenge program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program in FY 2026. In the FY 2025 Full Year Continuing Appropriation budget, this program was subsumed under Economic Adjustment Assistance to align with EDA's Reauthorization.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Good Jobs	Pos./BA	0	25,000	0	0	0	(25,000)
Challenge	FTE/Obl.	0	0	0	0	0	0

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Public Works

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Public Works program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Public Works	Pos./BA	0	100,000	0	0	0	(100,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	97,825	0	0	0	(97,825)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Partnership Planning

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Partnership Planning program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Partnership	Pos./BA	0	34,500	0	0	0	(34,500)
Planning	FTE/Obl.	0	30,321	0	0	0	(30,321)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Activity: Technical Assistance

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Technical Assistance program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
 Economic Development Administration  
 Economic Development Assistance Programs  
 PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026  
 (Dollar amounts in thousands)**

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Technical Assistance	Pos./BA	0	14,000	0	0	0	(14,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	12,641	0	0	0	(12,641)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Activity: Research and Evaluation

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Research and Evaluation program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
 Economic Development Administration  
 Economic Development Assistance Programs  
 PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026  
 (Dollar amounts in thousands)**

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Research and Evaluation	Pos./BA	0	2,000	0	0	0	(2,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	1,095	0	0	0	(1,095)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Trade Adjustment Assistance

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Trade Adjustment Assistance	Pos./BA	0	13,500	0	0	0	(13,500)
	FTE/Obl.	0	14,602	0	0	0	(14,602)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Economic Adjustment Assistance

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
 Economic Development Administration  
 Economic Development Assistance Programs  
 PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026  
 (Dollar amounts in thousands)**

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Economic Adjustment Assistance	Pos./BA	0	33,000	0	0	0	(33,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	28,374	0	0	0	(28,374)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Assistance to Indigenous Communities

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Assistance to Indigenous Communities program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Assistance to Indigenous Communities	Pos./BA	0	5,000	0	0	0	(5,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	0	0	0	0	0

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Assistance to Energy Communities

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Assistance to Energy Communities program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Assistance to Energy Transition Communities	Pos./BA	0	79,500	0	0	0	(79,500)
	FTE/Obl.	0	76,212	0	0	0	(76,212)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Regional Innovation

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Regional Innovation Program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Regional Innovation	Pos./BA	0	50,000	0	0	0	(50,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	400	0	0	0	(400)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

Activity: STEM Apprenticeship Program

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the STEM Apprenticeship Program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
STEM Apprenticeship Program	Pos./BA	0	2,500	0	0	0	(2,500)
	FTE/Obl.	0	0	0	0	0	0

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce**  
**Economic Development Administration**  
**Economic Development Assistance Programs**  
**JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs (Tech Hubs)

Goal Statement

The Administration is not requesting funding for EDA's grant programs including the Tech Hubs Program.

Explanation and Justification

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2026  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs	Pos./BA	0	41,000	0	0	0	(41,000)
	FTE/Obl.	0	8,090	0	0	0	(8,090)

No resources are being requested for this grant program.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGES**

FY 2026

This language is proposed for the orderly closedown of the Economic Development Administration and its grants and loans previously awarded:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

In addition to amounts otherwise available, the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations available under this heading shall be available until expended for necessary expenses to carry out the closure of the Economic Development Administration, including ongoing administration, oversight, and monitoring of grants and loans previously awarded by the Economic Development Administration.

The following language is proposed in the general provisions for the Department of Commerce:

**(RESCISSIONS)**

SEC. 514[24]. ~~([b]a)~~ Of the unobligated balances from prior year appropriations available to the Department of Commerce, ~~[under the heading] the following funds are hereby permanently cancelled, not later than September 30, 2026, from the following accounts in the specified amounts— (1) “Economic Development Administration, Economic Development Assistance Programs”, \$185,000,000[\$30,000,000], only from prior year appropriations; are hereby permanently rescinded, not later than September 30, [2025] 2026.~~

~~([e]b)~~ The Department of Commerce shall submit to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report no later than September 1, 2026[5], specifying the amount of each rescission made pursuant to subsection (a)[~~and (d)~~].

~~([f]c)~~ The amounts rescinded in subsection (a)[~~(b), and (c) and (d)~~] shall not be from amounts that were designated by the Congress as an emergency or disaster relief requirement pursuant to the concurrent resolution on the budget or the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Economic Development Assistance Programs  
APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE AND CODE CITATIONS**

FY 2026

Economic Development Assistance Programs

- 1 For necessary expenses of the economic development assistance programs as provided for by law,

42 U.S.C. 3214(c), 3231

42 U.S.C. 3214(c) - Authorizes the transfer of appropriated funds from other federal agencies if such funds are used for the purpose for which (and in accordance with the terms under which) the funds are specifically authorized and appropriated.

42 U.S.C. 3231 - Authorizes funds to be appropriated for economic development assistance programs to carry out 42 U.S.C. 3121 *et seq.*, through fiscal year 2008, to remain available until expended.

- 2 Authorization of appropriations for defense conversion activities,

42 U.S.C. 3232

42 U.S.C. 3232(a) - In addition to amounts made available under section 3231 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out section 3149(c)(1) of this title, to remain available until expended.

42 U.S.C. 3232(b) - Funds made available under subsection (a) of this section may be used for activities including pilot projects for privatization of, and economic development activities for, closed or realigned military or Department of Energy installations.

- 3 Authorization of appropriations for disaster economic recovery activities,

42. U.S.C. 3233

42. U.S.C. 3233(a) - In addition to amounts made available under section 3231 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out section 3149(c)(2) of this title, to remain available until expended.

42. U.S.C. 3233(b) - The federal share of the cost of activities funded with amounts made available under subsection (a) of this section shall be up to 100 percent.

- 4 Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, at 19 U.S.C. 2345 – Authorizes appropriations to carry out Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF),

Public Law No: 114-27, Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015. Title IV of that Act, entitled the “Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015” extends the authorization of appropriations for TAAF through fiscal year 2021.

- 5 For section 27 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722). Specifically, 15 U.S.C. 3722(h) - The Secretary may use up to \$50,000,000 in each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024 to carry out this section.
- 6 For section 28 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722a). Specifically, 15 U.S.C. 3722a(k).
- 7 For section 29 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722b). Specifically, 15 U.S.C. 3722b(i).
- 8 For section 30 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3723).

**Department of Commerce  
Economic Development Administration  
Salaries and Expenses  
SUMMARY OF RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Positions	FTE*	Budget Authority	Direct Obligations
Appropriation Available, 2024	243	282	68,000	66,484
<i>Plus: 2026 Program changes</i>	(139)	(127)	(38,000)	(36,484)
2026 Estimate	104	155	30,000	30,000

**Comparison by activity /  
subactivity  
with totals by activity**

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Operations and Administration (1-year)	Pos./BA	243	68,000	104	30,000	(139)	(38,000)
	FTE/Obl.	282	67,160	155	30,000	(127)	(36,290)
Operations and Administration (No-year)	Pos./BA	0	0	0	0	0	0
	FTE/Obl.	0	194	0	0	0	(194)
Total	Pos./BA	243	68,000	104	30,000	(139)	(38,000)
	FTE/Obl.	282	67,354	155	30,000	(127)	(36,484)

\* 155 FTE represents the number of FTE if all Budget Authority is used for personnel, the actual costs will be supplemented with deobligations from grant funding.

**Comparison by activity /  
subactivity  
with totals by activity**

	2024		2026		Increase/Decrease	
	Enacted		Estimate		Personnel	Amount
	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
Adjustments for:						
Recoveries		0		0		0
Unobligated balance, start of year		(1,100)		0		1,100
Unobligated balance transferred		0		0		0
Unobligated balance, end of year		5,906		0		(5,906)
Unobligated balance expiring		840		0		(1,710)
Financing from transfers:						
Transfer from other accounts (-)		(5,000)		0		5,000
Transfer to other accounts (+)		0		0		0
Appropriation		68,000		30,000		(38,000)

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Salaries and Expenses  
JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)

Activity: Operations and Administration (1-year)

Goal Statement

For 2026, EDA requests a decrease of \$38.0 million and 139 positions below the 2024 enacted budget level, for a total of \$30.0 million and 104 positions for the Salaries and Expenses (S&E) account.

Base Program

The S&E appropriation is needed for the orderly closure of EDA and the ongoing administration, monitoring, and close-out of grants and loans previously awarded by EDA. These activities will be carried out through a steadily reducing footprint consisting of headquarters located in Washington, DC, and six Regional Offices located in Atlanta, Austin, Chicago, Denver, Philadelphia, and Seattle.

Statement of Operating Objectives

Support the orderly closure of EDA and the ongoing administration, monitoring, and close-out of grants and loans previously awarded by EDA.

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PROGRAM CHANGE FOR 2026  
(Dollar amounts in thousands)**

		2024 Enacted		2026 Estimate		Increase/Decrease	
		Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount	Personnel	Amount
		Closedown of EDA	Pos./BA	243	68,000	104	30,000
	FTE/Obl.	282	66,290	155	30,000	(127)	(36,290)

For 2026, EDA requests \$30,000,000, a decrease of \$38.0 million and 139 positions. This request allows for the orderly closure of EDA and ongoing grant monitoring, management, and close-out activities. These amounts represent the estimated costs for closure activities in 2026 and are intended to cover the following costs:

- Personnel costs, including severance payments, lump sum leave, salaries for personnel essential to servicing open grants during the closure, human resources support for conducting the closure, and any legal costs.
- IT operations and maintenance costs for EDA’s grant system and working capital fund costs for essential, centrally performed services of ongoing operations and active closedown activities.
- Real property, to cover either early termination fees or the full cost of the lease if necessary.
- Miscellaneous costs associated with closing the agency, including records management, responsible disposal of IT equipment, furniture removal, and any other costs required for the orderly closure of the agency.

EDA estimates it will take seven years to close the approximately 2,800 grants projected to be open at the end of 2025. This number includes awards made via FY 2025 disaster grants and Tech Hubs awards that are expected to be awarded in FY 2026.

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JUSTIFICATION OF PROPOSED LANGUAGE CHANGES**

FY 2026

This language is proposed for the closure of the Economic Development Administration.

**SALARIES AND EXPENSES**

For necessary expenses of the closure of the Economic Development Administration, including ~~but not limited to ongoing administration[erring], oversight and monitoring of grants and loans previously awarded by the Economic Development Administration, [the economic development assistance programs as provided for by law, \$68,000,000]~~ \$30,000,000: ~~Provided, That funds provided under this heading may be used to monitor projects approved pursuant to title I of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976; title II of the Trade Act of 1974; sections 27 through[, 28, 29 and] 30 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722 [, 3722a, 3722b and ]3723), as amended; CARES Act; American Rescue Plan Act; and the Community Emergency Drought Relief Act of 1977].~~

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APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE AND CODE CITATIONS**

FY 2026

Salaries and Expenses

- 1 For necessary expenses of the economic development assistance programs as provided for by law,

42 U.S.C. 3214(c), 3231

42 U.S.C. 3214(c) - Authorizes the transfer of appropriated funds from other federal agencies if such funds are used for the purpose for which (and in accordance with the terms under which) the funds are specifically authorized and appropriated.

42 U.S.C. 3231 - Authorizes funds to be appropriated for economic development assistance programs to carry out 42 U.S.C. 3121 *et seq.*, through fiscal year 2008, to remain available until expended.

- 2 Authorization of appropriations for defense conversion activities,

42 U.S.C. 3232

42 U.S.C. 3232(a) - In addition to amounts made available under section 3231 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out section 3149(c)(1) of this title, to remain available until expended.

42 U.S.C. 3232(b) - Funds made available under subsection (a) of this section may be used for activities including pilot projects for privatization of, and economic development activities for, closed or realigned military or Department of Energy installations.

- 3 Authorization of appropriations for disaster economic recovery activities,

42. U.S.C. 3233

42. U.S.C. 3233(a) - In addition to amounts made available under section 3231 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out section 3149(c)(2) of this title, to remain available until expended.

42. U.S.C. 3233(b) - The federal share of the cost of activities funded with amounts made available under subsection (a) of this section shall be up to 100 percent.

- 4 Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, at 19 U.S.C. 2345 – Authorizes appropriations to carry out Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms (TAAF),

Public Law No: 114-27, Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015. Title IV of that Act, entitled the “Trade Adjustment Assistance Reauthorization Act of 2015” extends the authorization of appropriations for TAAF through fiscal year 2021.

- 5 For section 27 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722). Specifically, 15 U.S.C. 3722(h) - The Secretary may use up to \$50,000,000 in each of the fiscal years 2020 through 2024 to carry out this section.
- 6 For section 28 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722a). Specifically, 15 U.S.C. 3722a(k).
- 7 For section 29 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3722b). Specifically, 15 U.S.C. 3722b(i).
- 8 For section 30 of the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. 3723).

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IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF GAO AND OIG RECOMMENDATIONS**

31 U.S.C. 720, as amended January 3, 2019, requires the head of a federal agency to submit a written statement of the actions taken or planned on Government Accountability Office (GAO) recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations with the agency's first request for appropriations made more than 180 calendar days after the date of the report.

The Good Accounting Obligation in Government Act (GAO-IG Act), passed on January 3, 2019, (P.L. 115-414) requires each agency to include, in its annual budget justification, a report that identifies each public recommendation issued by GAO and the agency's office of the inspector general (OIG) which has remained unimplemented for one year or more from the annual budget justification submission date. In addition, the Act requires a reconciliation between the agency records and the IGs' Semiannual Report to Congress (SAR).

**Section 1. Recommendations for which action plans were finalized since the last appropriations request.**

Nothing to report

**Section 2. Implementation of GAO public recommendations issued no less than one year ago that are designated by GAO as 'Open' or 'Closed-Unimplemented.'**

Open Recommendation(s) the Department has decided not to implement.

Nothing to report.

Open Recommendation(s) the Department plans to implement.

Nothing to report.

**Section 3. Implementation of OIG public recommendations issued no less than one year for which Final Action has not been Taken or Action Not Recommended has been Taken.**

Nothing to report.

**Section 4. Discrepancies between this report and the semiannual reports submitted by the Commerce Office of Inspector General or reports submitted by the GAO.**

Nothing to report.

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TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS**

EDA does not have any tribal consultations to report.