



Rural Zones

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Communities with populations under 15,000
- Must have a concentration of historic commercial structures
- Must prove economic distress based
- Must be in compliance with the state requirements
- Must submit a feasibility study or market analysis
- Must submit a master plan or strategic plan

Program Overview

The Job Tax Credit Program provides additional benefits to specified census tracts or additionally designated areas which are considered to be less developed or have a higher rate of poverty. The Rural Zone designation was approved and signed into law in May 2017 and provide enhanced state tax credit incentives to promote the revitalization of vacant rural Georgia downtowns by encouraging investment, job creation, and economic growth in long-established business districts. The establishment of up to 10 zones per year will enable businesses and investors to obtain tax credits for qualified activities occurring within designated Rural Zones. DCA, in partnership with the Georgia Department of Economic Development, will receive applications and designate zones each year to provide an incentive for job creation and private investment in the designated locations. Credits will be available for job creation activities, investment in downtown properties, and renovation of properties to make them usable.