



# Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program

## Overview

The Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program is designed to support long-term community investments that strengthen national security innovation and expand the capabilities of the defense industrial ecosystem.

Authorized under Section 846 of the Fiscal Year 2019 National Defense Authorization Act, the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program was developed in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Industrial Base Policy (formerly known as Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Policy) and the Under Secretary of Defense, Research and Engineering.

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation manages this program on behalf of the Department of Defense. A total of \$80 million has been allocated since 2020 to 17 Defense Manufacturing Communities to assist over 2,942 defense businesses and 75,000 workers. This program currently assists:

- more than 1,099 small and medium size companies to receive guidance on entering the defense sector;
- development of 50 new defense technologies/products;
- improvement of 109 defense technologies/products; and
- enhancement of cybersecurity capabilities of 440 companies.

For Fiscal Year 2023, a total of \$30 million has been allocated for the program, and the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) on April 24, 2023. To ensure applicants have the maximum amount of time to prepare proposals and establish proposed consortia, we encourage interested respondents to start writing their proposals now.

The funding and technical expertise provided through the program will enhance a region's ability to narrow gaps and address needs in defense manufacturing in the following areas:

- critical skills
- facilities
- research and development
- small business support

To qualify for funding through the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program, communities should demonstrate best practices in attracting and expanding defense manufacturing by bringing together key local stakeholders and using long-term planning that integrates targeted public and private investments.

The Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program competition is a two-step process. First, regional manufacturing consortia compete to receive designation as a Defense Manufacturing Community. Second, the most competitive Defense Manufacturing Communities are invited to submit a grant application for funding.

## Eligibility and Application Process

For this program, a consortium must be the applicant. A consortium can be comprised of the following organizations and various combinations of the following:

- state and local government organizations
- defense industry and association-led organizations
- non-profit organizations
- academia
- any combination of the above

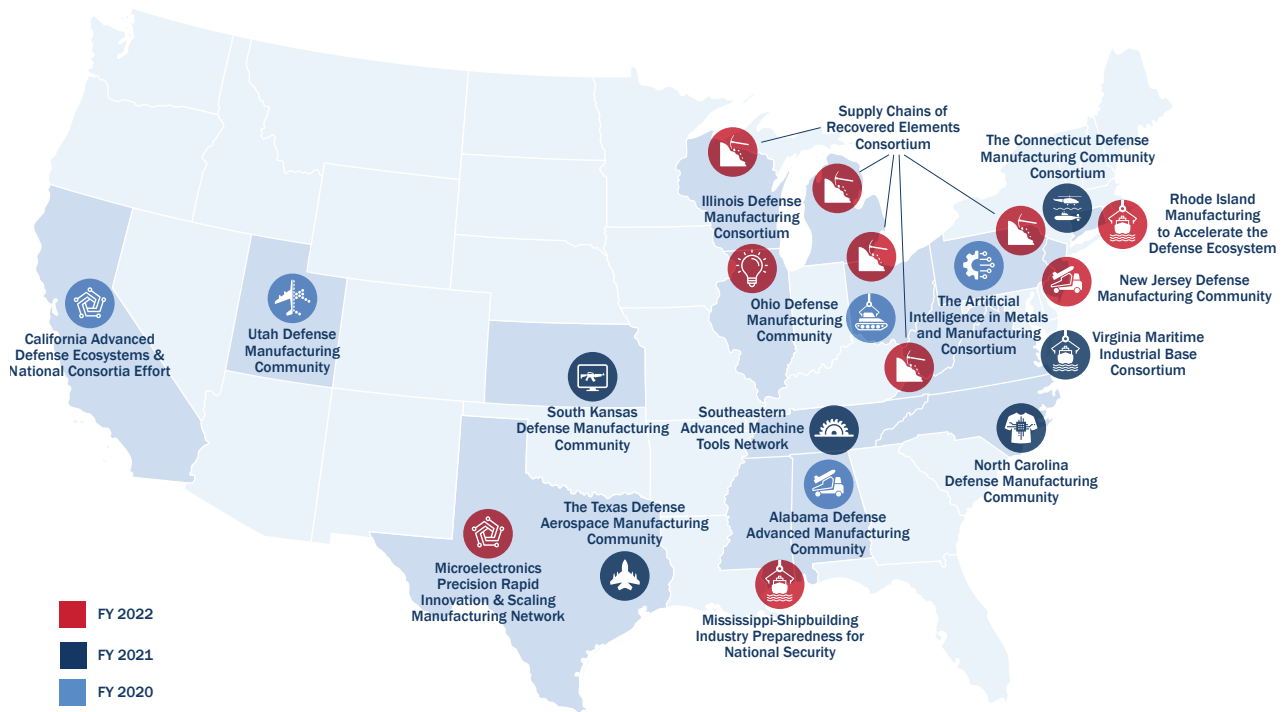
Additionally, the consortium must demonstrate regional collaboration capabilities and technological and/or industrial base supply chains that are determined to be critical to national security.

The Department of Defense, working with its private sector and non-profit partners, is developing and expanding technology capabilities that include the following areas: critical minerals, space, biotechnology, hypersonics, kinetic capabilities, energy storage and batteries, castings and forgings, microelectronics, and the submarine and shipbuilding workforce.

Proposals should be submitted by a Lead Organization on behalf of the regional manufacturing consortium. Lead Organizations can be state, local, or tribal government, non-profit or private-non-profit institutions.

Consortia that received a Defense Manufacturing Community Designation and grant funding in previous years - Fiscal Years 2020 to 2023 - and will have completed a funded scope of work by August 31, 2023, may compete for additional funding under this announcement. For more information about this program, please visit: [www.oldcc.gov](http://www.oldcc.gov).

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For more information on the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program, visit <https://oldcc.gov/defense-manufacturingcommunity-support-program>.

This is a general overview of the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program. For updates about the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program, please sign up for our emails by visiting [OLDCC.gov](https://oldcc.gov) and clicking on Contact Us.

## About the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

The Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, in coordination with the other Federal agencies, delivers a program of technical and financial assistance to enable states, territories, and communities to plan and carry out civilian responses to workforce, business, and community needs arising from Department of Defense actions; cooperate with their military installations and leverage public and private capabilities to deliver public infrastructure and services to enhance the military mission; achieve facility and infrastructure savings as well as reduced operating costs; and, increase military, civilian, and industrial readiness and resiliency, and support military families. For more information, visit: [www.oldcc.gov](http://www.oldcc.gov)



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