



## State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

15 funding and technical assistance opportunities are available for state, local, and tribal governments from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and others that can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including economic development, sustainable communities, green infrastructure, and water efficiency. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below.

In addition, please visit EPA's [Grants website](#) for further grant opportunities, guidance on how to apply, and training.

## Funding Opportunities

### FY19 Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grant – \$1.4 million

*Applications Due: September 20, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: states, local governments, and Indian tribes*

The EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization is soliciting applications for funding under Section 104(k)(7) of CERCLA, which authorizes funding to eligible entities to provide training, research, and technical assistance to facilitate the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, or site preparation. Grants awarded under the "Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Program" will help communities, organizations, agencies, businesses, and individuals tackle the challenge of cleaning up and revitalizing brownfield properties.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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### EPA Tribal Training Support for the Community and Tribal Air Quality Programs – \$300,000

*Applications Due: September 20, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: states, local governments, and Indian tribes*

EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards' (OAQPS) Community and Tribal Programs Group (CTPG) within the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), provides leadership and technical assistance to federally-recognized tribes and the EPA regional offices on tribal air quality issues. Additionally, CTPG provides cross-office coordination on tribal issues and consults with tribes to help protect the sovereignty and cultural resources in Indian country. The CTPG is soliciting applications from eligible entities to increase tribal capacity through training and technical support.

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to provide tribal training and technical support to tribal governments seeking to investigate, develop and establish air quality management programs for lands under their jurisdiction.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **New!** DHS FEMA FY19 Pre-Disaster Mitigation – \$250 million

*Applications Due: January 31, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, Native American tribal governments*

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters.

FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 as required by the Stafford Act to states and territories; and a tribal set aside of \$20 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for Native American Indian tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **New!** DHS FEMA FY19 Flood Mitigation Assistance – \$160 million

*Applications Due: January 31, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, Native American tribal governments*

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). In FY18, the FMA Program will prioritize proposals that address community flood risk by setting aside \$70 million for this purpose. FEMA will seek to fund two types of community flood mitigation activities: Advance Assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects and mitigation projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **New!** DOC EDA FY2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental – \$587 million

*Applications Due: applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received*

*Eligible Entities: state governments, local government, Indian tribe*

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) "as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019...".

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **New!** DOI BLM FY2020 Bureau-Wide Management Studies Support Program for National Conservation Lands – \$375,000

*Applications Due: November 15, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: state government, local government, Indian tribes*

The National Conservation Lands financially supports studies aimed at increasing our understanding of the resources present on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands and the effectiveness of BLM's resource management decisions. The program seeks to develop and maintain strong partnerships with State, local, and private stakeholders in shared conservation

stewardship by engaging partners in conducting management-focused research on the National Conservation Lands. Results from these studies on National Conservation Lands will inform management strategies utilized throughout BLM as well as other land management entities.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **DOI BOR WaterSMART Applied Science Grants – \$2 million**

*Applications Due: October 30, 2019*

*Eligible Entities:* states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the Western United States or United States Territories

The objective of this opportunity is to invite eligible non-Federal entities to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on applied science projects to develop hydrologic information and water management tools and improve modeling and forecasting capabilities. Results from these projects will be used by water managers to increase water supply reliability, provide flexibility in water operations, and improve water management. Project results must be readily applicable by water managers, resulting in tools and information that can be used to: support water supply reliability, management of water deliveries, water marketing activities, drought management activities, conjunctive use of ground and surface water, water rights administration, ability to meet endangered species requirements, watershed health, conservation and efficiency, and other water management objectives.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **DOI BOR WaterSMART Drought Response Program: Drought Resiliency Projects for FY20 and FY21 – \$750,000**

*Applications Due: October 16, 2019 for FY20; October 14, 2020 for FY21*

*Eligible Entities:* States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the Western United States or United States Territories

The objective of this FOA is to invite states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on Drought Resiliency Projects that will increase the reliability of water supplies; improve water management; and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **DOI BOR WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency for FY20 and FY21 – \$1.5 million**

*Applications Due: October 3, 2019 for FY20; September 30, 2020 for FY21*

*Eligible Entities:* states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority located in the Western United States or United States Territories

The objective of this FOA is to invite states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently; increase the production of hydropower; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; enable farmers to make additional on-farm improvements in the future, including improvements that may be eligible for Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) funding; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States and provide benefits for fish, wildlife, and the environment to mitigate impacts caused by drought.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **New!** DOI BOR WaterSMART Cooperative Water Management Program Phase I Grants – \$3 million

*Applications Due: November 13, 2019*

*Eligible Entities:* states, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, local and special districts, local government entities, interstate organizations, and non-profit organizations located in the Western United States or United States Territories

Through the Cooperative Watershed Management Program, Reclamation provides funding to watershed groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs. By providing this funding Reclamation promotes water reliability and cooperation between stakeholders to reduce conflict, facilitate solutions to complex water issues, and stretch limited water supplies.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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## **NOAA NOS FY20 Ocean Technology Transition Project – \$7.5 million**

*Applications Due: January 13, 2020*

*Eligible Entities:* state governments, local governments, and Tribal governments

The U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) is a national and regional partnership working to provide ocean, coastal and Great Lakes observations, data, tools, and forecasts to improve safety, enhance the economy, and protect our environment. U.S. IOOS Program, in conjunction with NOPP, is seeking to fund projects, subject to the availability of funds, which advance new or existing technology-based solutions that address long standing and emerging coastal observing, product development, and data management challenges. The projects will be focused on those technologies for which there are demonstrated operators who commit to integrated, long term use of those technologies and open data sharing. A Transition Manager for the project should be identified and a Transition Plan will be a Year One deliverable.

Funding will be targeted to technologies that are sufficiently mature for long term operations. This announcement specifically funds activities needed to progress these technologies through the transitional stages between research and full operations such as system integration, testing, validation, and verification. Funding will not be awarded to continue projects previously funded through the Ocean Technology Transition Project.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities**

### **EPA Local Foods, Local Places**

*Applications Due: September 30, 2019*

*Eligible Entities:* local governments and Indian tribes

EPA's Office of Community Revitalization invites communities interested in revitalizing neighborhoods through development of local food systems to apply for Local Foods, Local Places technical assistance. [Local Foods, Local Places](#) supports projects that:

- Create livable, walkable, economically vibrant main streets and mixed-use neighborhoods.
- Boost economic opportunities for local farmers and main street businesses.
- Improve access to healthy, local food, especially among disadvantaged populations.

Learn more about [applying for assistance](#)

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## EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: state, local and tribal governments*

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

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## On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: tribal governments*

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

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## DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance

*Applications Due: Not Applicable*

*Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions*

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

## Grant Writing Basics Blog Series

Learn tips and advice for writing federal grant applications through the Grant Writing Basics Blog Series. The goal of the series is to provide the essential basics to begin writing on a solid foundation.

Topics covered include:

- How to Start Working on Future Funding Opportunities
- Demystifying Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Tips to Avoid Last Minute Problems
- Making Sure You Are Eligible before Writing

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