



State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Twelve 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

New! 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](#).

New! 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](#).

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](#).

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

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 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](#).

New! 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](#).

DOI FWS State Wildlife Grant Program – \$1 million

Applications Due: August 31, 2020

Eligible Entities: state governments, local governments, and Indian tribal governments

The State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program provides States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories (States) Federal grant funds for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. Eligible activities include both conservation planning and implementation activities.

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

New! NOAA OAR Climate Program Office 2020 – \$13.5 million

Applications Due: Letters of intent due on August 23, 2019; Full applications due October 28, 2019

Eligible Entities: state governments

The NOAA Climate Program Office supports competitive research through three major program areas: Earth System Science and Modeling (ESSM); Climate and Societal Interactions (CSI); and Communication, Education and Engagement (CEE). Through this announcement, CPO is seeking applications for 10 individual competitions in FY20.

In FY20, approximately \$13 million will be available for approximately 90 new awards pending budget appropriations. It is anticipated that most awards will be at a funding level between \$50,000 and \$300,000 per year with exceptions for larger awards, unless otherwise noted below. Federal funding for FY 2021 may be used to fund awards submitted under this Notice of Funding Opportunity. Current or previous grantees are eligible to apply for a new award that builds on, but does not replicate, activities covered in existing or previous awards. Current grantees should not apply for supplementary funding through this announcement.

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

New! 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

New! 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.

On September 4, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Eastern time, there will be a webinar that provides an overview of the Local Foods, Local Places program and the selection criteria for the 2019-2020 application.

[Register for the webinar](#)

Learn more about [applying for assistance](#)

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](#).

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](#).

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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