



State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Nine 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. Please double check application deadlines: many are being extended due to COVID-19 disruptions.

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

Funding Opportunities

NEW! EPA 2021 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) National Grants - \$46 million

Applications Due: March 16, 2021

Eligible Entities: regional, state, or local agencies; tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and native villages; or port authorities, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, and nonprofit organizations or institutions that: a) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to diesel fleets or b) have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality

To address diesel emissions and protect public health and air quality, EPA is authorized under Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) to offer funding assistance to accelerate the upgrade and turnover of the legacy diesel fleet. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions. DERA grants provide funding to eligible recipients so that they may implement programs which incentivize and accelerate the upgrading or retirement of the legacy diesel fleet. Eligible activities include the retrofit or replacement of existing diesel engines, vehicles and equipment with EPA and California Air Resources Board (CARB) certified engine configurations and verified retrofit and idle reduction technologies.

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

NEW! DOI BOR WaterSMART Grants: Water Marketing Strategy Grants for FY 2021 - \$3 million

Applications Due: April 7, 2021

Eligible Entities: special district governments, tribal governments, local governments, and state governments

Through WaterSMART Water Marketing Strategy Grants, the Department of Interior (DOI) Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) provides cost-shared financial assistance to States, Indian tribes, and local governments to develop water marketing strategies to establish or expand water markets or water marketing activities between willing participants, in compliance with state and Federal laws. Water Marketing Strategy Grants are a component of Reclamation's WaterSMART Grants Program, which also includes Water and Energy Efficiency Grants and Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects. The objective of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) 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 to develop a water marketing strategy to increase water supply reliability. Applicants under this NOFO may request funding to develop a water marketing strategy (project) to establish or expand water markets or water marketing activities.

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

DOI FWS Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund: Recovery Land Acquisition Grants - \$22.3 million

Applications Due: April 9, 2021

Eligible Entities: state governments

Section 6 of the ESA authorizes the Fish and Wildlife Service to provide Federal financial assistance to eligible State agencies to support the development and implementation of conservation programs for the benefit of resident listed species. This financial assistance, provided in the form of competitive grants, is made available through the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund (CESCF) Grant Programs. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) applies specifically to CESCF Recovery Land Acquisition (RLA) Grants.

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

NEW! DOI BOR WaterSMART - Applied Science Grants for FY 2021 - \$1.5 million

Applications Due: May 21, 2021

Eligible Entities: state governments, local governments, tribal governments, and special districts

Through WaterSMART Applied Science Grants, Reclamation provides cost-shared financial assistance to States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, or other organizations with water or power delivery authority, universities, nonprofit research institutions, and nonprofit organizations for projects to develop hydrologic information and water management tools and improve modeling and forecasting capabilities. Increased access to information and improved modeling and forecasting capabilities will help avoid water

conflicts and improve our ability to meet a variety of water management objectives, including: support for 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](#).

DOI FWS Coastal Program - \$13 million

Applications Due: September 30, 2021

Eligible Entities: county governments, Indian tribal governments, Indian tribal organizations, state governments, city or township governments, independent school districts, and others

The Coastal Program is a voluntary, community-based program that provides technical and financial assistance through cooperative agreements to coastal communities, conservation partners, and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. The Coastal Program staff coordinates with partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation goals and priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the Coastal Program directs resources to conserve habitat for Federal trust species.

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

NEW! DOI BOR WaterSMART Grants: Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects - \$3 million

Applications Due: March 18, 2021

Eligible Entities: state governments, special district governments, and others

This Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects FOA supports Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects that have been prioritized through planning efforts led by the applicant. These projects are generally in the final design stage, environmental and cultural resources compliance have been initiated or already completed, and the non-Federal funding, necessary permits, and other required approvals have been secured.

Through Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects, Reclamation provides assistance to states, tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other entities with water or power delivery authority to undertake small-scale water efficiency projects that have been prioritized through planning efforts led by the applicant. These projects conserve and use water more efficiently; mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict; and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western United States.

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

No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities

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](#).

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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