



State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Fourteen 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! EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program - \$2.8 million

Applications Due: May 7, 2021

Eligible Entities: incorporated non-profit organizations—including, but not limited to, community-based organizations, grassroots organizations, environmental justice networks, faith-based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions, US Territories Tribal governments, must be either federally-recognized or state-recognized – including Alaska Native Villages, and Tribal organizations

The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) Program provides funding directly to eligible applicants for projects that help residents of underserved communities understand and address local environmental and public health issues. For purposes of this announcement, the term “underserved community” refers to a community with environmental justice concerns and/or vulnerable populations, including people of color, low income, rural, tribal, indigenous, and homeless populations that may be disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks. In general, the EJSG program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand and address local environmental and public health issues. Community-driven projects are projects that include activities where community residents and/or representatives are integrally involved in the thinking behind and execution of those activities. Therefore, applying organizations should have a direct connection to the underserved community impacted by environmental harms and risks.

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

New! EPA Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program - \$3.2 million

Applications Due: May 7, 2021

Eligible Entities: incorporated non-profit organizations—including, but not limited to, community-based organizations, grassroots organizations, environmental justice networks, faith-based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions, US Territories Tribal governments, must be either federally-recognized or state-recognized – including Alaska Native Villages, and Tribal organizations

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical service providers, and academia) as they develop community-driven solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities. For purposes of this announcement, the term “underserved community” refers to a community with environmental justice concerns and/or vulnerable populations, including people of color, low income, rural, tribal, indigenous, and homeless populations. Eligible projects must demonstrate use of the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Model to support their collaborative efforts during the project period. Applying organizations should have a direct connection to the underserved community impacted by the environmental harms and risks detailed in the workplan.

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

New! EPA Healthy Resilient and Sustainable Communities Grants in Region 10 - \$120 thousand

Applications Due: April 29, 2021

Eligible Entities: Region 10 (Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) states, local governments, city or township governments, federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia

The Region 10 Healthy, Resilient and Sustainable Communities grant program will support Region 10 communities as they develop and implement pollution prevention and/or sustainable materials management systems that help make their communities safer, healthier, and more resilient.

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

New! DOI BOR Water Conservation Field Services Program: Financial Assistance for Fiscal Year 2021 - \$250 thousand

Applications Due: May 5, 2021

Eligible Entities: any state, Tribe, irrigation district, water district, or other organization with water or power delivery authority located in Reclamation’s Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region.

The Bureau of Reclamation established the Water Conservation Field Services Program (WCFSP) in 1996 to encourage recipients of water from Federal water projects to conserve water and to assist agricultural and urban water districts in preparing and implementing water conservation plans in accordance with the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982. Through the WCFSP, Reclamation makes cost-shared financial assistance available for developing water conservation plans, designing water management improvements, identifying water management improvements through System Optimization Reviews (SORs), and improving the understanding of water conservation techniques through demonstration activities.

The objective of this FOA is to invite eligible applicants located in the geographic area covered by the Bureau of Reclamation's Columbia-Pacific Northwest Region to leverage their money and resources by cost-sharing water conservation planning with Reclamation to make more efficient use of existing water supplies.

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

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

Applications Due: April 21, 2021

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

Through WaterSMART Applied Science Grants, the Bureau of 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](#).

New! DOI FWS National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program - \$18 million

Applications Due: June 25, 2021

Eligible Entities: state governments

The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (Title III, Section 301, Public Law 101-646, 16 U.S.C. 3951-3956) established the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant (NCWCG) Program to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal areas through competitive matching grants to eligible State, Commonwealth, and Territory agencies. The NCWCG Program is funded by revenues collected from excise taxes on sport fishing equipment, electric motors and sonar, import duties on fishing tackle, yachts and pleasure craft, and a portion of gasoline tax attributable to motorboats and small engines. The primary goal of the NCWCG Program is the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems.

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](#).

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! USDA FS 2021 Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program - \$1 million

Applications Due: April 16, 2021

Eligible Entities: city or township governments, county governments, state governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized and not federally recognized), and others

The USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry (U&CF) Program restores, sustains, and manages more than 140 million acres of urban and community forest lands for the benefit of communities in the United States. Increasingly, our urban and community forests are facing threats such as insects, diseases, extreme weather events and other hazards. Additionally, the lack of investment in urban forest disaster mitigation is contributing to community disasters such as urban flooding and human heat deaths in our cities-- disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations . New systemic solutions are needed to create and enhance green infrastructure in the right place and at the right scale and encompass pressing social, economic, ecological, and historic factors holistically.

Grant Categories:

- **Increasing Resiliency of Urban Forests through Reforestation and Management.** The USDA Forest Service seeks innovative grant proposals for establishing climate resilient tree species in urban and community forests that are resistant to impacts of invasive pathogens, pests, and severe weather events. Applicants should consider long-term forest health as it aligns with species of choice, diversity, and genetic variation.
- **Planning Disaster Mitigation Strategies for Urban Forests.** The USDA Forest Service seeks innovative grant proposals for the critical management of our existing and future urban and community forests to promote disaster risk reduction and community resilience and better prepare communities for the increasingly destructive impacts of climate change.

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

No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities

New! DOE Waste-to-Energy Technical Assistance for Local Governments

Applications Due: April 9, 2021

Eligible Entities: tribal governments and local governments

The U.S Department of Energy's [Bioenergy Technologies Office](#) (BETO) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) are launching an organic Waste-to-Energy technical assistance program for local governments. Organic waste streams, such as food waste and wastewater sludge, represent significant environmental, economic, and social sustainability challenges for municipalities. BETO has funded analyses assessing these waste streams and various aspects of their management, such as existing uses and costs of disposal.

Given that these waste streams require local solutions, this technical assistance program seeks to provide municipalities with the most relevant data for their decision-making. BETO will fund up to 40 hours of subject matter assistance to municipalities topics, including:

- Waste resource information
- Infrastructure considerations
- Techno-economic comparison of options
- Equity assessments

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

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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