



State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Seventeen 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

Featured Webinar: EPA Grants Award Process Webinars

January 26, 2022 | 2:00-3:30 pm ET

EPA invites all grant applicants and grant recipients to attend a Grants Award Process Webinar. Hosted by EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment, this high-level webinar will cover topics related to finding and applying for grants as well as the basics of managing a grant award. Participants will have the option to translate slides into a variety of languages, as well as access live transcripts of the webinar.

[Register](#)

EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities - \$20 million

Applications Due: February 25, 2022

Eligible Entities: States, local governments, U.S. territories and possessions, Indian tribes, public and private hospitals and laboratories, and other public or private nonprofit organizations.

Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), this notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to conduct ambient air monitoring of pollutants of greatest concern in communities with environmental and health outcome disparities stemming from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic. EPA will award funds to support community and local efforts to monitor their own air quality and to promote air quality monitoring partnerships between communities and tribal, state, and local governments.

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

EPA Healthy Environmental Living Program Grant - \$500 thousand

Applications Due: January 28, 2022

Eligible Entities: State, Local, public nonprofit institutions/organizations, private nonprofit institutions/organizations, quasi-public nonprofit institutions/organizations, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, K- 12 schools or school districts: and non-profit organizations

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications that work directly with communities to reduce environmental risk to protect and improve human health and the quality of life. To qualify as eligible projects under HELP, proposed projects must: (1) address Environmental Justice (EJ) in the states, tribes, and territories within EPA Region 6 states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas; and (2) identify how the proposed project will achieve measurable environmental and/or public health results in one or more of the following Target Program Areas: Pollution Prevention, Sustainable Materials Management, Lead-based Paint and/or Integrated Pest Management.

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

DHS FEMA Fiscal Year 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) - \$1 billion

Applications Due: January 28, 2022

Eligible Entities: U.S territories, states, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities for hazard mitigation activities. It does so with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in the future.

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

DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge - \$500 million

Applications Due: January 26, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), others

Through this American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO), the Economic Development Agency (EDA) aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. This ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO is designed to help get Americans back to work by developing and strengthening regional systems to develop and execute sectoral partnerships that will lead to well-paying jobs. The goal of regional workforce training systems is to create and implement effective employer-driven training programs that will connect the existing and emerging skills needs of employers with workers and will help workers find and keep quality jobs and advance along their chosen career path.

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

DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance - \$500 million

Applications Due: March 31, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), others

Through this ARPA EAA NOFO, EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, including historically underserved communities. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. EDA's ARPA EAA NOFO is designed to provide a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. This is the broadest NOFO EDA is publishing under ARPA and any eligible applicant from any EDA Region may apply. EDA expects to fund a number of projects under this NOFO that support communities negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal economy, supporting transitioning away from coal.

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

DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities - \$100 million

Applications Due: March 31, 2022

Eligible Entities: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

EDA's American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities Notice of Funding (NOFO) is designed to support indigenous communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of its Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is intended to be flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of indigenous communities. Competitive applications for funding under this NOFO will propose projects designed to create the conditions for economic growth in indigenous communities and to accelerate economic recovery from the pandemic. These projects can include foundational economic infrastructure projects, such as such as broadband, energy, road, water, and wastewater infrastructure (including community water facilities); vocational and higher education facilities; and community health facilities that are necessary for future job creation. Projects can also include non-construction projects to provide technical assistance to support business development, entrepreneurship assistance, economic development planning, rural prosperity, and workforce training in indigenous communities. Further, EDA seeks to fund projects representing diverse geographies, from rural and urban settings to projects on or near tribal lands.

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

New! DOI BOR WaterSMART: Title XVI Congressionally Authorized Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects - \$20 million

Applications Due: March 15, 2022

Eligible Entities: Sponsors of water reclamation and reuse projects specifically authorized for funding under Title XVI of Public Law (P.L.) 102-575, as amended (43 United States Code [U.S.C.] 390h through 390h-39)

The objective of this NOFO is to invite sponsors of congressionally authorized water reclamation and reuse projects (Projects) to request cost-shared funding for the planning, design, and/or construction of those Projects. The U.S. Department of the Interior's (Department) WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Program provides a framework for Federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies for future generations in support of the Department's priorities. Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to support stakeholder efforts to stretch scarce water supplies and avoid conflicts over water.

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

New! DOI BOR WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects - \$30 million

Applications Due: March 15, 2022

Eligible Entities: Sponsors of projects eligible for funding under section 4009(c) of the WIIN Act, P.L. 114-322. Eligible entities under Section 4009(c) include sponsors of Projects that have submitted a Title XVI feasibility study to Reclamation for review by the date that this NOFO is posted

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

New! DOI BOR WaterSMART: Desalination Construction Projects Under the WIIN Act - \$30 million

Applications Due: March 15, 2022

Eligible Entities: Sponsors of seawater and brackish water desalination projects located in the Western United State or United States Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 that have submitted a feasibility study to Reclamation for review by the date this NOFO is posted

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

DOI FWS Coastal Program 2022 - \$6 million

Applications Due: September 22, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments , city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (other than federally recognized), Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), and others

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) 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.

The Coastal Program takes an adaptive approach to designing and implementing coastal habitat protection and restoration strategies that anticipate and ameliorate the impacts of climate change and other environmental stressors. Coastal Program habitat improvement projects strive to increase coastal resiliency by improving the ability of coastal ecosystems to adapt to environmental changes and supporting natural and nature-based infrastructure projects to protect and enhance coastal habitats.

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

USDA REAP Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Program - \$100 thousand

Applications Due: February 1, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

This program assists rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA). Assistance provided must consist of: energy audits, renewable energy technical assistance, renewable energy site assessments.

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

No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities

New! Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance

Applications Due: January 28, 2022

Eligible Entities: Cities, townships, counties, special district governments, tribal governments, tribal nations (federally recognized), and tribal governments (non-federally recognized)

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance can provide holistic planning support at the earliest stages to communities that may not have the capacity to start on their own. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide support for project- or application-specific needs and community-wide resilience needs for up to 36 months. FEMA connects communities with experienced mentors who provide support and lessons learned.

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

New! Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) Community Technical Assistance

Applications Due: April 15, 2022

Eligible Entities: Communities or organizations in the United States, communities in remote locations or islands, communities experiencing energy resilience challenges. This includes local governments, tribal organizations, community-based nonprofits and nongovernmental organizations, special purpose districts, and municipal utilities and electric co-ops

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in partnership with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), is soliciting applications for community technical assistance through the Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP). ETIPP works alongside remote, island, and islanded communities to transform their energy systems and increase energy resilience. Competitively selected communities will receive substantial technical assistance from the ETIPP network on energy analysis and planning to advance community-driven energy transitions. The ETIPP network combines the technical expertise of DOE and its national laboratories with the local insights and experience of regional partner organizations to identify and implement solutions that address community needs and goals.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#) or [attend the webinar](#) on February 16th, 2022 at 2pm EST.

New! Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Technical Assistance Opportunity

Applications Due: March 1, 2022

Eligible Entities: Community groups, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, national parks, and local, state, and federal agencies

Do you have an idea for a park, trail, or conservation project? Could you use help building organizational capacity for your outdoor recreation and conservation efforts? The National Park Service-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program is here to help with planning, design, and technical expertise!

Join an informational webinar on Thursday, January 27 from 3:00-4:30 PM ET to learn more about the NPS-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program and the 2022 application process.

[Register](#)

For more information about this opportunity, 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](#).

New! Interagency Working Group Funding Opportunities Web Tool

During a December 15 roundtable summit hosted by the White House and the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities, IWG launched its [federal funding clearinghouse](#).

The user-friendly, one-stop web tool enables leaders and advocates in Energy Communities to access up to \$38 billion in available federal funding for infrastructure, environmental remediation, union job creation, and community revitalization.

Many of the opportunities do not require any matching funds, helping reduce barriers many communities face in accessing funding for projects. Users of this centralized database can easily sort, and filter opportunities based on funding type, program purpose, and eligibility.

[Access the one-stop resource](#) .

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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