



State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Twenty-one 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

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

Applications Due: March 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 Pollution Prevention (P2) Grants - \$23 million

Applications Due: April 11, 2022

Eligible Entities: States, state entities such as universities, U.S. territories and possessions, and federally recognized Tribes and intertribal consortia.

EPA has announced two new grant opportunities. The first is a new P2 grant opportunity of approximately \$14 million that is the first of five annual installments of P2 grant funding provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. This opportunity does not include the fifty percent grantee funds matching requirement required by traditional P2 grants, increasing access to the funding for all communities. Additionally, EPA is announcing a second grant opportunity for the traditional P2 grants program that has been administered by the agency for over 25 years. This includes approximately \$9.38 million in P2 grant funding over a two-year funding cycle with individual grant awards up to \$800,000 for the two-year funding period or \$400,000 funded per year, and includes a cost share/match requirement of fifty percent. For both grant funding opportunities, EPA is strongly encouraging applicants to address environmental justice and/or climate pollution in their project(s).

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

New! EPA 2022 Lead Pipe Inventory and Public Engagement Demonstration Grant Program - \$350 thousand

Applications Due: April 25, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, local governments, water utilities, public nonprofit institutions/organizations, private nonprofit institutions/organizations, quasi-public nonprofit institutions/organizations, federally recognized tribal governments, and non-profit organizations

The Lead Pipe Inventory and Public Engagement (LPIPE) Demonstration Grant Program is EPA Region 1's competitive grant program to fund work directly with overburdened and underserved communities in New England that still have high prevalence of lead pipes to support EPA's mission to reduce environmental risks from lead in drinking water, protect and improve human health, and improve the quality of life by reducing exposure to lead in drinking water through identification of lead service lines and public engagement.

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

EPA Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transitions in Underserved Communities - \$10 million

Applications Due: April 28, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, local governments, federally recognized Indian tribal governments, U.S. territories or possessions, Public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations, public and private institutions of higher education, and hospitals located in the U.S. and its territories or possessions

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing community-engaged research that will address the drivers

and environmental impacts of energy transitions in underserved communities. For purposes of this competition and the evaluation of applications, “underserved communities” refers to populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life, including people of color, low income, rural, tribal, indigenous, and other populations that may be disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks.

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

New! EPA Fiscal Year 2022 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program - \$8 million

Applications Due: May 1, 2022

Eligible Entities: States, tribes, inter-tribal consortia, and territories

These grants support better environmental decisions by promoting the use of more timely and consistent data which is shareable by partners across the Exchange Network (EN) as well as by environmental professionals and the public. This Exchange Network Grant Program Solicitation Notice invites states, tribes, inter-tribal consortia, and territories to submit applications with goal(s) supporting the three EN funding areas: increased data access and innovative business processes; eliminate paper submittals and expand e-reporting; and augment information management capacity of EN partners.

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

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

Applications Due: September 30, 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! DOE Office of Science Research Development and Partnership Pilot (RDPP) - \$1.5 million

Applications Due: April 20, 2022

Eligible Entities: All domestic applicants except non-profit organizations

To help provide technical assistance to build capacity and achieve the goal of broadening institutional participation, this funding opportunity announcement will provide seed funding for institutions to: 1) develop new partnerships with other academic institutions and/or national laboratories to enable future participation in Biological and Environmental Research's Earth and Environmental Systems Sciences Division (EESSD) relevant research; 2) facilitate participation in planned EESSD research programmatic and user facility outreach and training activities; and 3) foster the development of climate and environmental science research and training capacity at under-represented institutions.

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

DOE EERE Small Innovative Projects in Solar 2022- Concentrating Solar Thermal Power and Photovoltaics - \$5 million

Applications Due: March 21, 2022

Eligible Entities: States, individuals, state governments, local governments, tribal governments, for-profit entities, educational institutions, and nonprofits that are incorporated (or otherwise formed) under the laws of a particular state or territory of the United States,

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is being issued by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) to invest in innovative research and development (R&D) that accelerates the large-scale development and deployment of solar technologies to support an equitable transition to a decarbonized electricity system by 2035 and decarbonized energy sector by 2050. Achieving this goal will support the nationwide effort to meet the threat of climate change and ensure that all Americans benefit from the transition to a clean energy economy.

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

New! DOI BOR WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects - \$5 million

Applications Due: April 27, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), city or township governments

Through the Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects (SWEP), the Bureau of Reclamation provides cost shared financial assistance to States, Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other entities with water or power delivery authority to implement 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.

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

DOI BIA Energy and Mineral Development Program (EMDP) - \$2.5 million

Applications Due: April 27, 2022

Eligible Entities: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, through the Office of Trust Services, Division of Energy and Mineral Development, is soliciting proposals from Indian Tribes, as described in Section IV of this notice, for projects that conduct resource inventories and assessments, feasibility studies, or other pre-development studies necessary to process, use and develop energy and mineral resources. These resources and their uses include, but are not limited to, biomass (woody and waste) for heat or electricity; transportation fuels; hydroelectric, solar, or wind generation; geothermal heating or electricity production; district heating; other forms of distributed energy generation; oil, natural gas, and helium; sand and gravel, coal, precious minerals, and base minerals (lead, copper, zinc, etc.).

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

DOI BOR WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I Grants - \$3 million

Applications Due: March 31, 2022

Eligible Entities: Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, local governmental entities, non-profit organizations, Existing Watershed Groups, and local and special districts (e.g., irrigation and water districts, county soil conservation districts)

The objective of this NOFO is to invite eligible entities to submit proposals for Phase I activities to develop a watershed group, complete watershed restoration planning activities, and design watershed management projects. See Section C.4. Eligible Projects for a more comprehensive description of eligible activities. A “watershed group,” as defined in Section 6001(6) of the Cooperative Watershed Management Act (see Section A.1. Authority for full citation) is a grassroots, non-regulatory entity that addresses water availability and quality issues within the relevant watershed, is capable of promoting the sustainable use of water resources in the watershed, makes decisions on a consensus basis, and represents a diverse group of stakeholders, including hydroelectric producers, livestock grazing, timber production, land development, recreation or tourism, irrigated agriculture, the environment, municipal water supplies, private property owners, Federal, state and local governments, tribes, and disadvantaged communities.

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

DOI FWS Coastal Program 2022 - \$6 million

Applications Due: September 30, 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](#).

DOI FY 2022 Energizing Insular Communities Grant Program - \$15.5 million

Applications Due: June 15, 2022

Eligible Entities: Local government entities, independent authorities, and educational institutions located in the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

The Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) is requesting proposals for its Energizing Insular Communities (EIC) Program which provides grant funding for sustainable energy strategies that mitigate climate change, reduce reliance and expenditures on imported fuels, develop and utilize domestic energy sources, and improve the performance of energy infrastructure and overall energy efficiency in the territories.

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

New! DOT FY 2022 Low or No Emission Grant Program - \$1.1 billion

Applications Due: May 31, 2022

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

The Low or No Emission Grant Program provides funding for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities such as recharging, refueling, and maintenance facilities.

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

DOT Center for Environmental Excellence - \$5 million

Applications Due: March 31, 2022

Eligible Entities: Unrestricted

The purpose of this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is to solicit applications for award of one cooperative agreement for the operation of a Center for Environmental Excellence (CEE). Under the planned award, the selected cooperative agreement Recipient shall manage, operate and maintain a CEE, for the purpose of providing a wide range of products and services to assist transportation agencies and industry in achieving environmental excellence in delivering their transportation programs, projects, and policies. Through information-sharing, technical assistance, partnership-building and training resources, the CEE shall help transportation agencies achieve environmental compliance and adopt transformative approaches to ensure transportation planning, project development, construction, maintenance, and operations serve all transportation system users.

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

USDA Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) - \$10 million

Applications Due: April 19, 2022

Eligible Entities: Non-profit entities, state and local entities, Tribal entities, Municipalities and other public bodies

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released information on the Rural Energy Pilot Program (REPP) on Jan. 19, 2022. REPP provides the secretary of agriculture \$10 million until expended to carry out a pilot program to offer financial assistance for rural communities to develop renewable energy. The REPP meets a recognized need for federal support to further develop renewable energy to help meet our nation's energy needs and combat climate change while prioritizing environmental justice, racial equity, and economic opportunity.

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

No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities

New! DOE National Community Solar Partnership (NCSP) States Collaborative

Applications Due: Not applicable

Eligible Entities: state energy offices, regulatory agencies, program administrators, and other critical partners

During the summer of 2021, NCSP conducted stakeholder engagement events with state partners to understand the barriers to equitable deployment of community solar across all states. NCSP heard that state partners would benefit from regular opportunities to engage with and learn from their peers in other states as they explore, design, launch, administer, and expand community solar programs. To address this, the Collaborative will facilitate peer learning opportunities to address specific issues around community solar implementation, provide technical assistance, and serve as a knowledge hub and support network. This work is in support of NCSP's [target](#) of expanding the benefits of community solar to five million homes by 2025.

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

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](#).

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](#).

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](#) .

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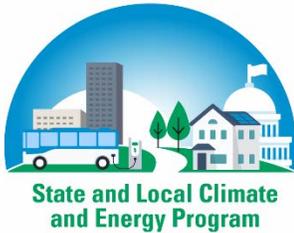
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