



State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Twenty 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 Series: EPA Grants Award Process Webinars

April 28, 2 PM (ET) – Competition Process
May 5, 2 PM (ET) – Developing a Budget
May 10, 2 PM (ET) – Financial Management

Register today for EPA's new series of webinars for grant applicants and recipients beginning this month! Participants will hear from EPA staff about key aspects of the grants process and have the opportunity to submit questions. Additional information on each webinar as well as registration information can be found below. Advance registration is required and you must register for each webinar separately.

To learn more and register, visit the [webinar description](#).

New! EPA Clean School Bus Program - \$500 million

Applications Due: to be determined

Eligible Entities: State governments, local governments, non-profits, for-profits, tribes, tribal organizations, and tribal schools

Authorized by the recently signed Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA's Clean School Bus Program provides \$5 billion over the next five years to replace school buses with low- and zero-emission school buses.

EPA will be hosting a webinar on April 27th at 1 pm to discuss this funding opportunity.

An informational webinar will be hosted by EPA on the funding opportunity, and is scheduled for Wednesday, April 27th at 1:00 PM EST. To learn more or to register, visit [the webinar page](#).

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

New! EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program - \$1.6 million

Applications Due: May 20, 2022

Eligible Entities: Federally recognized tribal governments

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program supports and empowers communities working on solutions to local environmental and public health issues. The program is designed to help communities understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. Environmental Justice Small Grants fund projects up to \$100,000, depending on the availability of funds in a given year.

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

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, c, 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](#).

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](#).

New! BIA Tribal Climate Resilience 2022 Annual Awards Program Request for Proposals - \$46 million

Applications Due: July 6, 2022

Eligible Entities: Federally recognized tribes

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Trust Services, Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR, Branch) solicits proposals from Federally recognized Tribes and authorized Tribal organizations to receive awards to support 1) Tribal climate resilience planning and strategy implementation and 2) ocean and coastal management planning. The Branch supports Tribes as they prepare for climate change impacts on Tribal Treaty and Trust resources, economies, regenerative agriculture and food sovereignty, conservation practices, infrastructure, and human health and safety. The Branch’s Annual Awards Program will provide funding for projects that support Tribal climate resilience as Tribes incorporate science, including Indigenous and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK), Indigenous languages, and technical information.

An informational webinar will be hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Tribes and Climate Change Program on the funding opportunity, and is scheduled for Monday, April 25th at 1:30 – 3 pm MDT. To learn more or to register, visit [the webinar page](#).

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

New! America the Beautiful Challenge

Applications Due: to be determined

Eligible Entities: states, tribes, territories, local groups, non-governmental organizations, and others

The America the Beautiful Challenge coordinates funding from multiple Federal agencies and private philanthropy into one competitive grant program. It is a public-private grant program for locally led ecosystem restoration projects that invest in watershed restoration, resilience, equitable access, workforce development, corridors and connectivity, and collaborative conservation, consistent with the America the Beautiful Initiative .

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 Renewables Advancing Community Energy Resilience (RACER) - \$25 million

Applications Due: May 27, 2022

Eligible Entities: Federal agencies, state, local, and tribal governments, U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents, for-profit entities, educational institutions, and nonprofits

the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) announced the Renewables Advancing Community Energy Resilience (RACER) funding opportunity, which will award \$25 million in funding for projects to enable communities to utilize solar and solar-plus-storage to prevent disruptions in power caused by extreme weather and other events, and to rapidly restore electricity if it goes down.

Projects will foster engagement and ongoing communication among multiple stakeholders such as utilities, municipal planners, emergency responders, community groups, and others, especially in underserved communities located in areas vulnerable to extreme events causing frequent energy and power service disruptions. In addition, projects will develop and demonstrate rapid energy restoration technologies based on the community resilience plan in order to increase the durability of photovoltaic (PV) systems.

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

New! DOI BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) Grant - \$1 million

Applications Due: April 27, 2022

Eligible Entities: All federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribes, bands, villages, nations, or communities

Each year, the Division of Energy and Mineral Development, through its Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) program grants, offers Tribes financial support to establish their energy business or enhance the energy capacity of their business.

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

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 (SWEPP), 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 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](#) .

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](#).

No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities

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](#) .

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](#) .

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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