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## July

The 117th Congress passed and President Biden signed into law transformative legislation, including the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, the *Inflation Reduction Act*, the *CHIPS and Science Act*, the *PACT Act*, and the *Bipartisan Safer Communities Act*, and more. Together with Congressional appropriations, these represent investments and opportunities for our communities and our future.

This monthly newsletter provides a guide to some of the funding opportunities that these landmark laws have made possible and other opportunities for federal funding and resources.

### New Resources

- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) offers businesses and private nonprofit organizations loans for up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets. These loans cover losses that are not fully covered by insurance or other recoveries. The SBA also offers Economic Injury Disaster Loans to help meet working capital needs caused by recent disasters in the region. The deadline to apply for property damage is **July 16, 2024**. The deadline to apply for economic injury is Feb. 18, 2025. For additional information, please click here, [SBA Disaster Loan Program.pdf](#).
- The Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General has issued a [fraud alert](#) to highlight new regulatory requirements for EPA grant recipients and subrecipients to disclose both civil and criminal violations of federal law to the OIG. Disclosures should be made using [this form](#), which can be completed online or emailed to [OIG.Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:OIG.Hotline@epa.gov).

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## Active Grant Opportunities

The following grants and funding opportunities are active and available as of the publication of this newsletter.

### The CHIPS and Science Act

- **NEW** CHIPS Manufacturing USA Institute Competition
  - Description: This funding announcement seeks proposals from eligible applicants to establish and operate a CHIPS Manufacturing USA Institute focused on digital twins with integrated physical assets and computational capabilities. The institute should aim to tackle important semiconductor industry manufacturing challenges.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, local, and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, accredited institutions of higher education, and for-profit organizations that are domestic entities.
  - Deadline: September 9, 2024

### The Inflation Reduction Act

- Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program
  - Description: This program offers cost-share grants to assist with infrastructure improvements to increase the sale and use of agricultural commodity-based fuels. These grants will cover up to 75 percent of total eligible project costs, but not more than \$5 million, to assist transportation fueling facilities and fuel distribution facilities with converting to higher blend friendly status for ethanol (greater than 10 percent ethanol) and biodiesel (greater than 5 percent biodiesel) by sharing the costs related to the installation, retrofitting, or otherwise upgrading of fuel dispenser or pumps and related equipment, storage tank system components, and other required infrastructure.
  - Who can apply?
    - Owners of transportation fueling facilities and owners of fuel distribution facilities may apply for this program. Eligible facilities must be located in the United States and its territories and include fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket retailer fueling stations, fleet facilities (including automotive, freight, rail and marine), and similar entities with equivalent capital investments, as well as fuel/biodiesel terminal operations, midstream operations, and heating oil distribution facilities or equivalent entities.
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- Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)
  - Description: This funding opportunity provides grants, guaranteed loans, and combined grant and guaranteed loan combinations thru the REAP program to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses reduce energy costs and consumption and helps meet the country's critical energy needs.
  - Who can apply?
    - Agricultural producers – An entity directly engaged in production of agricultural products where at least 50 percent of their gross income comes from agricultural operations.
    - Small businesses in an eligible rural area.
  - Deadline: Varies based on grant type.
    - Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements (RES/ EEI)
      - Deadline: September 30, 2024
    - RES/EEI and Energy Efficient Equipment and Systems (EEE) guaranteed loan applications.
      - Continuous application cycle.
  
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
  - Description: This program protects the agricultural viability and related conservation values of eligible land by limiting nonagricultural uses which negatively affect agricultural uses and conservation values, protect grazing uses and related conservation values by restoring or conserving eligible grazing land, and protecting and restoring and enhancing wetlands on eligible land. There are two components of this program. First, Agricultural Land Easements (ALE) help private and tribal landowners, land trusts, and other entities such as state and local governments protect croplands and grasslands on working farms and ranches by limiting non-agricultural uses of the land through conservation easements. Second, Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE) help private and tribal landowners protect, restore and enhance wetlands which have been previously degraded due to agricultural uses.
  - Who can apply?
    - Eligible partners include American Indian tribes, state and local governments, and non-governmental organizations that have farmland, rangeland or grassland protection programs. Eligible landowners include owners of privately held land including land that is held by tribes and tribal members. All landowners, including required members of landowner-legal entities, must meet adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations and must be compliant with the HEL/WC provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985.
  - Deadline: Year-round

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- Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program
  - Description: The Community Change Grant aims to fund community driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation.
  - Who can apply?
    - A partnership between two community based non-profit organizations (CBOs) defined as a partnership between a CBO and one of the following: a federally recognized tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education.
  - Deadline: November 21, 2024

## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program
  - Description: This program provides grants to public water systems in small or disadvantaged communities to address emerging contaminants, including PFAS.
  - Who can apply?
    - These federal funds are first disbursed to states who make awards to local communities. Local communities can contact their state agencies on how to apply for the [Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant Program](#).
  - Deadline: Rolling applications
- Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Financing Program
  - Description: This program provides loan guarantees for projects that support clean energy deployment and energy infrastructure reinvestment in the United States.
  - Who can apply?
    - Project developers, clean tech manufacturers and service providers, regulated utilities, public power entities, and independent power producers.
  - Deadline: Rolling applications
- Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds
  - Description: This program provides low-cost financing to communities for a wide range of water quality infrastructure projects.
  - Who can apply?
    - These federal funds are first disbursed to states who make awards to local communities. Local communities can contact their state agencies on how to apply for the [Clean Water SRF and the Drinking Water SRF](#).
  - Deadline: Rolling applications

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- Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current (FMA Swift Current)
  - Description: The FMA Swift Current aims to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and within NFIP participating communities.
  - Who can apply?
    - States, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments.
  - Deadline: FY2023 January 15, 2025; FY2024 January 15, 2026.
  
- WaterSMART: Title XVI WIIN Act Water Reclamation and Reuse Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024
  - Description: The Water Reclamation and Reuse grant provides financial and technical assistance to local water agencies for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects.
  - Who can apply?
    - States, Indian tribes, municipalities, irrigation districts, water districts, wastewater districts; and other organization with water or power delivery authority.
  - Deadline: September 30, 2024
  
- WaterSMART: Desalination Construction Projects Under the WIIN Act for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024
  - Description: The overall objective of this funding is to support desalination projects that will develop and supplement municipal and irrigation water supplies through the treatment of ocean or brackish water, thereby providing a local supply, providing flexibility during water shortages, and diversifying the water supply portfolio.
  - Who can apply?
    - States, Indian tribes, municipalities, irrigation districts, water districts, wastewater districts; and other organization with water or power delivery authority.
  - Deadline: September 30, 2024
  
- WaterSMART Grant: Water and Energy Efficiency Grant
  - Description: The Water and Energy Efficiency Grant will fund projects that result in quantifiable water savings, implement renewable energy components, and support broader sustainability benefits. These projects conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the production of renewable energy, mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict, and accomplish other benefits that contribute to resilience and sustainability.
  - Who can apply?
    - States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts; any state, regional, or local authority whose members include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and other organizations with water or power delivery authority. Non-profit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of any entity listed above.
  - Deadline: October 30, 2024

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- Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Project Grant Fiscal Years 2023-2026
  - Description: The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that aims to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition and keep bridges in fair condition from deteriorating further. The program expands applicant eligibility which allows all levels of government to apply as direct recipients making it easier for local projects to advance the needs of the community.
  - Who can apply?
    - States and federal land management agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, and tribes.
  - Deadline:
    - Fiscal Year 2025 Planning Application, October 1, 2024
    - Fiscal Year 2025 Application Deadline, November 1, 2024
    - Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Application, October 1, 2025
    - Fiscal Year 2026 Application Deadline, November 1, 2025
  
- Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant
  - Description: The Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All grant aims to support planning and demonstration activities, as well as projects and strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.
  - Who can apply?
    - Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), a political subdivision of a state, city, township, county, federally recognized tribal government, and a multijurisdictional group of entities described in any of these entities.
  - Deadline: August 29, 2024
  
- Brownfields Job Training Grant
  - Description: The Brownfields Job Training Program seeks to create sustainable employment opportunities for unemployed and underemployed residents in communities impacted by solid and hazardous waste. The program focuses on promoting cleanup and remediation efforts, while also ensuring environmental protection and health and safety.
  - Who can apply?
    - States and local governments, land clearance authority or other quasi-governmental entities that operate under the supervision and control of, or as an agent of, a general purpose unit of local government, and non-profit organizations.
  - Deadline: August 15, 2024

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- Carbon Dioxide Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation (CIFIA) Program: Future Growth Grants
  - Description: The CIFIA program aims to fund infrastructure for large volume CO2 transport through various modes, including pipelines, rail, trucks, ships, and barges. This future growth grant provides financial assistance for developing and building CO2 transport capacity that may not be utilized in the initial years but becomes available when CO2 suppliers, conversion sites, or geologic storage facilities become operational.
  - Who can apply?
    - State and local governmental, Indian tribes, and for-profit entities.
  - Deadline: September 30, 2024
- **NEW** Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems
  - Description: This program is intended to promote, implement, deploy, demonstrate, showcase, support, and document the application of ADCMS practices, performance, and benefits.
  - Who can apply?
    - State DOTs, including the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. While State DOTs are the only eligible applicants to receive funds, they are encouraged to work in partnership with other State DOTs, local governments, Tribes, and private industry in designing their proposed projects.
  - Deadline: July 30, 2024
- **NEW** Coastal Zone Management Habitat Protection and Restoration Competition
  - Description: This competition seeks grant proposals from eligible Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Programs for coastal habitat restoration, planning, engineering, and design projects supporting the goals of the CZM Act.
  - Who can apply?
    - Coastal state or territorial CZM Programs approved by NOAA pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act.
    - Eligible CZM Program partners may include regional authorities, non-governmental organizations, institutions of higher education, state, territorial, tribal, and local governments.
  - Deadline: Letters of Intent due August 15, 2024. Full proposals (by invitation only) due January 9, 2025.
- **NEW** National Estuarine Research Reserve System Habitat Protection and Restoration Competition
  - Description: This funding opportunity aims to protect and restore ecologically significant habitats, including conserving land that play a critical role in helping communities become more resilient to natural hazards.
  - Who can apply?
    - National estuarine research reserves must serve as primary applicants. However, funding can be passed through to non-federal public partners.
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- **NEW** Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program
  - Description: The CFI Grant program will support projects that strategically deploy electric vehicle, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling infrastructure on public roads or accessible locations.
  - Who can apply?
    - State or political subdivision of a state, metropolitan planning organization, unit of local government, special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, port authority, Indian tribe, territory of the United States, an authority, agency, or instrumentality of an entity owned by one or more entities described above; or a group of entities described above.
  - Deadline: August 8, 2024



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The following grants and funding opportunities are upcoming and are not yet accepting applications. As more details become available for each of these programs, our team will be sure to include them in upcoming issues of this newsletter. *Please note that these dates are target announcement dates, and therefore subject to change.*

## Upcoming Notices and Funding Opportunities.

- Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Inflation Reduction Act and National Grant program
  - Description: DERA aims to identify and reduce diesel emissions resulting from goods movement facilities and vehicles servicing goods movement facilities in low-income and disadvantaged communities to address the health impacts of such emissions on such communities. The EPA anticipates the new funding opportunity will become available Fall 2024.
- Clean School Bus Competition
  - Description: The EPA will provide funding to replace diesel buses with electric and cleaner alternatives. The EPA anticipates the new funding opportunity will become available Fall 2024.
- Smart Manufacturing Technologies for Material and Process Innovation Funding Opportunity Announcement
  - Description: The Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies Office (AMMTO) plans to issue a \$33 million Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) focused on smart manufacturing technologies that can contribute to a resilient, responsive, leading-edge, and efficient manufacturing sector that delivers the technologies needed for the nation's clean energy transition. The funding opportunity will be posted in June 2024. Please click [here](#) for additional information.
- **NEW** Airport Terminal Program
  - Description: The DOT will provide competitive grants for airport terminal development projects that address the aging infrastructure of the country's airports. These grants will fund safe, sustainable, and accessible airport terminals and airport-owned airport traffic control towers. Funding will be made available July 2024.
- **NEW** Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program
  - Description: The RCP program aims to advance and support the reconnection of communities divided by transportation infrastructure with a priority on helping disadvantaged communities improve access to daily needs such as jobs, schools, healthcare, grocery stores, and recreation. The DOT anticipates the new funding opportunity will become available July 2024.
- **NEW** Railroad Crossing Elimination Program
  - Description: The Railroad Crossing Elimination Program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. The DOT anticipates the funding opportunity will become available July 2024.

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- **NEW** National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant
  - Description: The DOT will launch the National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Program which aims to improve fish passage for anadromous fish by replacing or repairing culverts under roads. This funding opportunity will be made available soon.
- **NEW** Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program – Non-State Applicants
  - Description: The Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program, open to non-state applicants, will provide funding for construction materials with significantly lower greenhouse gas emissions. The DOT will announce this funding opportunity soon.

## General Resources

- [Grants.gov](#): This is the most complete list of federal grant opportunities. It is searchable and updated frequently. Grants.gov also has a [Grants Learning Center](#).
- [Department of Transportation Competitive Grant Funding Matrix](#): Look through program descriptions on the chart to identify programs for which you have relevant projects.
- [Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Program Guide](#): Search keywords to identify relevant programs which will open throughout the next five years.
- [Inflation Reduction Act Program Guide](#): Search keywords to identify relevant programs and tax credits.
- [Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Exchange](#): OCED has a number of funding opportunities for clean energy projects through the IRA and IIJA. The page is similar to the DOT funding matrix with grant information.
- [Infrastructure and Clean Energy Technical Assistance Guide](#): This guide provides comprehensive information about more than 100 federal technical assistance programs that can support efforts to win Federal funding and deploy it in communities across the country.
- [Department of Labor Grants](#): DOL has published its new grant platform which aim to connect, protect, train, support, and empower workers and job seekers.

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