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May

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 Resource

- The Department of Energy is seeking input from local, state, and government entities on potential state-federal partnerships to support small and medium sized automotive manufacturers and assembly companies transitioning from ICE to electric, hybrid, and fuel cell vehicle assembly and parts production. This Request For Information aims to enable federal funding to support these transitions. For more information please click [here](#).
- CHIPS Program Office (CPO) Update: Given the significant volume of applications for limited available funds, the CPO has decided to close its first Notice of Funding Opportunity for [Commercial Fabrication Facilities](#) (NOFO) until further notice. The new deadline has been updated in the Active Grants Opportunity section below.

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

- CHIPS Incentives Program - Commercial Fabrication Facilities
 - Description: This program will provide funding for construction, expansion, and modernization of facilities for fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors, as well as wafer manufacturing facilities, semiconductor materials, and manufacturing equipment.
 - Who can apply?
 - A non-profit entity, private-sector entity, consortium of private-sector entities, or a consortium of non-profit, public, and private-sector entities.
 - Deadline: Preapplications due May 20, 2024; Full application due June 18, 2024

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- **NEW** Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program for CHIPS For America – CHIPS Metrology
 - Description: The SBIR program seek applications from eligible small businesses to explore the technical merit or feasibility of an innovative idea or technology for developing a viable product or service for introduction in the commercial microelectronics marketplace.
 - Who can apply?
 - Applicants must qualify as a Small Business Concern for Research/Research and Development (R/R&D) purposes, as defined in Section 1.05 of the NOFO
 - Deadline: June 14, 2024
- **NEW** CHIPS R&D National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program (NAPMP) Materials & Substrates
 - Description: The CHIPS R&D Program aims to enhance the national semiconductor industry's competitiveness by accelerating domestic capacity for advanced packaging substrates and substrate materials, a crucial technology for microelectronics systems.
 - Who can apply?
 - Domestic for-profit and non-profit organizations, accredited domestic institutions of higher education including community and technical colleges, and state, local, territorial, and Indian tribal governments.
 - Deadline: July 3, 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.
 - Deadline: There are two remaining rounds of funding which end on the following dates: June 30, 2024; September 30, 2024.

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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: There are two remaining rounds of funding which end on the following dates: June 30, 2024; 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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- Forest Legacy Program (FLP)
 - Description: This program provides funding to projects aiming to conserve forestland.
 - Who can apply?
 - Any landowner that meets the following conditions.
 - Their land is within, or partially within, a designated Forest Legacy Area (FLA) and their land has a minimum of 75 percent forestland or a documented plan that includes sufficient landowner capacity to reforest to at least 75 percent forestland.
 - Their land can be managed consistent with the purpose for which it was acquired by FLP.
 - The landowner is willing to sell or donate the interest in perpetuity and acknowledges that the conservation easement will be held by a government entity if federal funds are used for the acquisition.
 - Deadline: May 20, 2024
- Green and Resilient Retrofit Program
 - Description: This program provides funding for direct loans and grants to fund projects that improve energy or water efficiency, enhance indoor air quality or sustainability, implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation, low-emission building materials or processes, energy storage, or building electrification strategies, or address climate resilience, of eligible HUD-assisted multifamily properties.
 - Who can apply?
 - Owners receiving HUD rental assistance.
 - Deadline: Rolling applications until May 2024
- 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
- Clean Ports Program: Zero-Emission Technology Deployment Competition
 - Description: The ZE Technology Deployment Competition is designed to fund deployment strategies and solutions that will help ports achieve zero-emission operations. This includes funding to purchase ZE equipment, technologies, and related infrastructure directly serving a port, and expense related deployment.
 - Who can apply?
 - Port authorities, state, regional, local, or Tribal agencies that have jurisdiction over a port authority or a port, air pollution control agencies, private entities that apply for a grant in a statutory partnership with an entity described who own, operate, or use the facilities, cargo-handling equipment, transportation equipment, or related technology of a port.
 - Deadline: May 28, 2024

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- **Clean Ports Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition**
 - Description: The Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition is designed to fund climate and air quality planning activities focused on one or more ports that fall under the categories of emissions inventory and accounting exercises, strategy analysis and goalsetting, stakeholder collaboration and communication, and resilience planning.
 - Who can apply?
 - Port authorities, state, regional, local, or Tribal agencies that have jurisdiction over a port authority or a port, air pollution control agencies, private entities that apply for a grant in a statutory partnership with an entity described who own, operate, or use the facilities, cargo-handling equipment, transportation equipment, or related technology of a port.
 - Deadline: May 28, 2024
- **Inflation Reduction Act Funding for Advanced Biofuels**
 - Description: There is a need for more feedstocks and conversion technologies to enable more advanced biofuels with the lowest cost of production and the greatest reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Through this funding opportunity, the Department of Energy (DOE), Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) focuses on developing technologies that convert domestic lignocellulosic biomass and renewable organic waste resources into affordable low-carbon biofuels and bioproducts that significantly reduce carbon emissions on a life-cycle basis as compared to equivalent petroleum-based products.
 - Who can apply?
 - Institutions of higher education, for-profit entities, non-profit entities, state and local governmental entities, American Indian Tribes (federally recognized), and Alaska Native entities.
 - Deadline: May 24, 2024
- **NEW State-Based Home Energy Efficiency Contractor Training Competitive Grant Program**
 - Description: The Training for Residential Energy Contractors (TREC) Program aims to reduce training costs by providing workforce development tools, testing and certifications for contractors, and funding states to partner with non-profit organizations. It also aims to attract and train local workers for federally funded energy efficiency and electrification programs, such as Home Efficiency Rebates and Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Credit.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, the District of Columbia;
 - Subrecipients include institutions of higher education, for-profit entities, non-profit entities, state and local governmental entities, and Indian tribes.
 - Deadline: July 12, 2024

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- **NEW** Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program
 - Description: The program is launching a nationwide grant competition to replace non-zero-emission Class 6 and 7 heavy-duty vehicles with zero-emission Class 6 and 7 heavy-duty vehicles, including school buses, refuse haulers, transit buses, delivery trucks, utility trucks, bucket trucks, and other box trucks.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, including U.S. territories, municipalities, including public school districts, Indian Tribes, and non-profit school transportation associations.
 - Deadline: July 25, 2024

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities
 - Description: This program provides grants to public water systems in small or disadvantaged communities to address emerging contaminants, including PFAS.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, including Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
 - Deadline: Rolling applications
- Energy Infrastructure Reinvestment Financing
 - 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, among others.
 - 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?
 - States plus Puerto Rico, District of Columbia, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas.
 - Deadline: Rolling applications
- 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, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments.
 - Deadline: January 15, 2025

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- **Community Infrastructure Fund**
 - Description: This program will provide funding to address basic public and transportation infrastructure, as well as flood-control issues for communities.
 - Who can apply?
 - Counties/parishes, cities, or other political subdivisions of a state, including a special purpose district of a state or local government engaged in economic or community development activities or a consortium of political subdivisions; public or private non-profit organizations or associations; regional development organizations; economic development organizations; workforce investment boards; unions/labor organizations; community-based organizations; faith-based organizations; public Institutions of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; minority-serving institutions; trade/technical schools; Historically Black Colleges & Universities; Federally recognized tribes.
 - Deadline: Rolling cycle

- **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

- **Low or No Emission Grant Program**
 - Description: The Low-No 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.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, local governmental authorities, and Indian tribes.
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- National Fish Passage Program: Restoring River, Floodplain, and Coastal Connectivity and Resiliency
 - Description: This program aims to provide direct technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers, restore aquatic organism passage, and restore climate resilient aquatic connectivity in rivers, floodplains, and coastal habitats for the benefit of Federal trust resources. The program targets aquatic connectivity opportunities that rebuild productive and sustainable fisheries, contribute to the recovery and conservation of the service's aquatic trust species, enhance watershed health, promote resilient ecosystems and communities especially in disadvantaged communities, and improve economic vitality, including local employment.
 - Who can apply?
 - Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), non-profits that have a 501©(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), county, city or township governments, state governments, non-profits that do not have a 501©(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Individuals, for-profit organizations other than small businesses.
 - Deadline: December 31, 2024

- WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024/2025
 - Description: The Water and Energy Efficiency Grants 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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- Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program
 - Description: The goal of this program is to assist in the financing of buses and bus facilities capital projects, including replacing, rehabilitating, purchasing, or leasing buses or related equipment, and rehabilitating, purchasing, constructing, or leasing bus-related facilities.
 - Who can apply?
 - States or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service. Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and private non-profit organizations engaged in public transportation.
 - Deadline: April 25, 2024

- Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Project Grants FY2023-2026
 - 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:
 - FY 2025 Planning Application, October 1, 2024
 - FY 2025 Application Deadline, November 1, 2024
 - FY2026 Planning Application, October 1, 2025
 - FY2026 Application Deadline, November 1, 2024

- Slip-on Tanker Units
 - Description: This funding opportunity aims to develop and implement a pilot program to provide local governments who provide fire protection and other emergency services, with slip-on tankers to improve the wildland firefighting readiness for their area of protection. This funding opportunity provides financial assistance to acquire slip-on tanker units to establish fleets of vehicles that can be quickly converted to be operated as fire engines.
 - Who can apply?
 - Local government
 - Deadline: Statements of Interest due March 31, 2024; if invited to apply, Application is due June 4, 2024

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- Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding
 - 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: Planning and Demonstration Grant applicants have two deadlines:
 - May 16, 2024: Sole deadline for Implementation Grants. Deadline #2 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.
 - August 29, 2024: Deadline #3 for Planning and Demonstration Grants.
- Grid Resilience and Innovative Partnership (GRIP)
 - Description: The Smart Grid Grant is aimed at supporting projects that will achieve the goals and objectives set out in FOA Section I.A.ii, through innovative and ambitious uses of cutting-edge and market-ready technologies. These technologies can include new devices, materials, engineering designs, or software tools.
 - Who can apply?
 - Institutions of higher education, for-profit and non-profit entities, state and local governmental entities, and tribal nations.
 - Deadline: May 22, 2024
- Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation (RECI)
 - Description: The RECI program aims to create more efficient building energy codes that save money for American homes and businesses, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and encourage more resilient buildings. This implementation should maximize the benefits of the clean energy transition, empower workers, support resilience, and advance environmental justice.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, city, county, and township governments, Native American tribal organizations, small businesses, public housing authorities, Indian housing authorities, special district governments, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, independent school districts, non-profits, and for-profit organizations.
 - Deadline: July 6, 2024

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- **Pollution Prevention Grant Program**
 - Description: This two-year competitive funding opportunity will provide technical assistance (TA) (e.g., information, training, tools, expert advice) to businesses to encourage the development and implementation of source reduction practices (also known as “pollution prevention” or “P2”). The goal of this grant is to help businesses reduce the use of toxic chemicals and reduce pollution from air, water and land that can adversely impact human health and the environment. P2 will also help businesses save money by reducing their resource use, expenditures, waste, and liability costs.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, including the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., federally recognized Tribes and Intertribal consortia, colleges, and universities.
 - Deadline: May 17, 2024

- **Renew America’s Schools Prize to Cooperative Agreement**
 - Description: The Department of Energy (DOE’s) Renew America’s Schools program provides investments to transform decaying public school infrastructure into healthier, more energy efficient learning environments. The program supports the implementation of infrastructure improvements in schools, with a focus on local educational agencies (LEAs) that qualify as rural and/or high poverty.
 - Who can apply?
 - Educational institutions, local governments, Native/Tribal entities, non-profits, private sector, and state governments.
 - Deadline: June 13, 2024

- **Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program**
 - Description: Through the ATIIP, the Department of Transportation aims to award eligible projects that will construct safe and connected active transportation facilities in an active transportation network or active transportation spine. The ATIIP projects will help improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of active transportation networks and communities; improve connectivity between active transportation modes and public transportation; enhance the resiliency of on- and off-road active transportation infrastructure and help protect the environment.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, local or regional governmental organization, including a metropolitan planning organization (MPO) or regional planning organization or council, multicounty special district, a multistate group of governments; or an Indian Tribe.
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- National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
 - Description: The primary goal of the NCWCG Program is the long-term conservation of coastal wetland ecosystems. The mission of the Coastal Program is to achieve voluntary habitat conservation by providing technical and financial assistance, in collaboration with partners, for the benefit of federal trust species.
 - Who can apply?
 - Participation is limited to State agencies or entities designated as eligible by the Governor of a coastal State.
 - Deadline:
 - June 21, 2024

- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program
 - Description: The CRISI Program aims to enhance railroad safety, reduce congestion, and promote intercity passenger rail transportation, investing in infrastructure projects to support economic vitality, job creation, and climate change.
 - Who can apply?
 - A State (including the District of Columbia), group of States, Interstate compact, public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more states, political subdivision of a state.
 - Amtrak or another rail carrier that provides intercity rail passenger transportation (as rail carrier and intercity rail passenger transportation are defined in 49 U.S.C. 24102), a Class II railroad or Class III Railroad, including any holding company of a Class II or Class III railroad (as those terms are defined in 49 U.S.C. 20102), an association representing one or more railroads described in paragraph (g), federally recognized Indian Tribe, any rail carrier or rail equipment manufacturer in partnership with at least one of the entities described in paragraphs (a) through (g), Transportation Research Board and any entity with which it contracts in the development of rail-related research, including cooperative research programs, A University transportation center engaged in rail-related research, a non-profit labor organization representing a class or craft of employees of rail carriers or rail carrier contractors.
 - Deadline: May 28, 2024

- **NEW** National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program
 - Description: The NCWCG Program aims to acquire, restore, and enhance wetlands in coastal areas through competitive matching grants, collaborating with state agencies for voluntary habitat conservation by providing technical and financial assistance, in collaboration with partners, for the benefit of Federal trust species.
 - Who can apply?
 - State governments.
 - Deadline: June 21, 2024

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- **NEW** State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program
 - Description: This NOFO is seeking applications for the State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, the second of three digital equity programs authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021. The Capacity Grant Program aims to promote digital inclusion, digital literacy, online privacy, and consumer device availability and affordability.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, and the District of Columbia.
 - Deadline: May 28, 2024

- **NEW** WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects
 - Description: The Environmental Water Resources Projects will provide funding for water conservation, efficiency, management, infrastructure improvements, river restoration, and nature-based solutions. These collaborative efforts aim to increase water resource reliability and provide ecological benefits.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts, regional, or local authorities, organizations with water or power delivery authority, other organizations with water or power delivery authority, and non-profit conservation organizations.
 - Deadline: June 18, 2024

- **NEW** Highway Construction Training Program Grants
 - Description: The Highway Construction Training Program aims to develop, test, and review new curricula and education programs for the transportation workforce, and to implement these programs to provide hands-on career opportunities to meet current and future needs.
 - Who can apply?
 - Educational institutions and State Departments of Transportation (DOTs).
 - Deadline: June 17, 2024

- **NEW** Passenger Ferry Grant Program
 - Description: The Passenger Ferry Grant program offers competitive funding for projects supporting passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas. Funds are awarded based on factors such as age, condition, benefits to riders, project readiness, and connectivity to other modes of transportation. Eligible activities include capital projects to purchase, replace, or rehabilitate passenger ferries, terminals, and related facilities and equipment.
 - Who can apply?
 - States and federally recognized Tribes that operate a public ferry system in an urbanized area.
 - Deadline: June 17, 2024

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- **NEW** Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program
 - Description: The Low-No Ferry Program provides funding for projects that support the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferries and the electrification of or other reduction of emissions from existing ferries.
 - Who can apply?
 - Any eligible designated or direct recipient of FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Program (Section 5307) or Formula Grants for Rural Areas (Section 5311) may apply.
 - Deadline: June 17, 2024

- **NEW** Ferry Service for Rural Communities Program
 - Description: This program provides competitive funding to States to ensure basic essential ferry service is provided to rural areas.
 - Who can apply?
 - States
 - Deadline: June 17, 2024

- **NEW** Communities Taking Charge Accelerator
 - Description: The goal of the Communities Taking Charge Accelerator grant is to facilitate widespread adoption of electric transportation, forge partnerships between public and private entities, assemble diverse teams, propel the advancement of the American roadmap for decarbonizing transportation, and advocate for managed charging practices.
 - Who can apply?
 - State and local governmental entities, Indian Tribes, institutions of higher education, for-profit and non-profit entities.
 - Deadline: Concept Papers due May 20, 2024; Submission due July 16, 2024

- **NEW** WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects 2024
 - Description: This NOFO invites eligible applicants to share resources and money with Reclamation on Environmental Water Resources Projects, focusing on water conservation, efficiency, management, infrastructure improvements, and restoration projects for ecological benefits.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority; and other organizations with water or power delivery authority.
 - Non-profit conservation organizations, including watershed groups.
 - Deadline: June 18, 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

- **Clean Fuels & Products Shot: Supporting Carbon Utilization Products via Electrochemical Conversion and Refinery Retrofitting**
 - Description: The Department of Energy will provide funding to support engineering-scale R&D for electrochemical conversion of CO₂ into value-added products (minimum value of \$1/kg) with a specific focus on electrolyzer material set durability. It will also support feasibility studies that examine the retrofitting of refineries for carbon utilization and production of value-added products. For additional information please click [here](#).
- **NEW Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Inflation Reduction Act and National grants 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 of 2024.
- **NEW 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 of 2024.
- **NEW 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 on or around June 2024. Please click [here](#) for additional information.

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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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