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October

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 Army Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Program is a federal loan program that offers credit assistance in the form of direct loans and loan guarantees for non-federal dam safety projects. The program aims to maintain, upgrade, and repair dams identified in the [National Inventory of Dams](#). To learn more about the CWIFP, including eligibility, benefits, awarded FY2023 projects, and how to apply, please click [here](#).
- NOAA's Ocean Acidification Program is launching a new round of Regional Resiliency & Vulnerability Assessments (RVAs), which combine ocean acidification research with social science to evaluate regional vulnerabilities. As current projects conclude, NOAA will host a public virtual workshop on November 9, 2024, to share lessons learned and address challenges such as engaging Indigenous communities, working in data-limited regions, and building interdisciplinary teams. The workshop will also facilitate networking between current investigators and new partners. To register for the webinar, please click [here](#).

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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 Inflation Reduction Act

- **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: 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
- **Fisheries Citizen Science Funding**
 - Description: Citizen science is a focus area of the NOAA, involving voluntary participation in scientific processes. The solicitation aims to support citizen science projects supporting federal fisheries stock assessments and climate-ready fisheries management. Funding will prioritize projects that provide information to supplement stock assessments and increase understanding of climate change impacts on fish stocks and communities.
 - Who can apply?
 - Individuals, institutions of higher education, non-profits and for-profit organizations, foreign public entities or foreign organizations, and state, local, territorial and Indian Tribal governments.
 - Deadline: November 4, 2024
- **NEW Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program**
 - Description: The Low Carbon Transportation Materials Program aims to reduce air pollution by providing reimbursement and incentive funding for low carbon construction materials in transportation infrastructure projects, such as steel, concrete, and asphalt.
 - Who can apply?
 - A unit of local government, a political subdivision of a State, metropolitan planning organization (MPO), or a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function.
 - Deadline: November 25, 2024
- **NEW Regional Resiliency & Vulnerability Assessments for Ocean and Coastal Acidification**
 - Description: The NOAA Ocean Acidification Program is seeking proposals for regional projects to synthesize ocean and coastal acidification information, focusing on the impact on human communities. This program aims to identify partners, assess needs, and develop tools for management, adaptation, and resilience, ultimately enhancing decision-making and economic stability.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, local and Tribal governments, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, commercial organizations, and authorized Federal agencies.
 - Deadline: March 5, 2025

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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
- **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.

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- [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: November 13, 2024
- [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
- [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.
 - Deadline: January 9, 2025

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- **Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants**
 - Description: UPGrants aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by demonstrating that various products can be replaced or supplemented with alternatives derived from anthropogenic carbon oxides. Public procurement incentives for carbon conversion products can stimulate a market for products with lower life-cycle CO2 emissions, calculated on a cradle to gate basis.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, local government, public utility or agency, institutions of higher education, for-profit and non-profit entities, and Tribal Nations.
 - Deadline: April 30, 2025

- **Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program**
 - Description: The goal of the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program is to fund programs that ensure all communities have the access and skills needed to fully participate in the digital world, regardless of their background or circumstances.
 - Who can apply?
 - A political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a State, including an agency of a State that is responsible for administering or supervising adult education and literacy activities, or for providing public housing, in the State. An Indian Tribe, Alaska Native entity, Native Hawaiian organization, a foundation, corporation, institution, or association that is a nonprofit entity and not a school, a community anchor institution, local educational agency, or an entity that carries out a workforce development program.
 - Deadline: October 22, 2024

- **NEW Consumer Recycling Education and Outreach (REO) Grant Program**
 - Description: The Recycling Education and Outreach Grant will fund projects designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by minimizing food waste, expanding compost markets, increasing public awareness of residential food waste composting programs, boosting collection rates, and reducing contamination.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, local government, Indian Tribe, a nonprofit organization; or a public-private partnership.
 - Deadline: December 20, 2024

- **NEW Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects (Small Storage Program)**
 - Description: The Small Storage Program aims to improve water storage for future generations by supporting stakeholder efforts to stretch scarce water supplies. Funding will help design and construct small storage facilities, improve municipal and irrigation water supplies, enhance groundwater management, and enhance water quality.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, county, city or township governments, special districts, Native American Tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized), and nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS other than institutions of higher education.
 - Deadline: December 12, 2024

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- **NEW** [Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Grants](#)
 - Description: Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) offer no-interest or low-interest loans for brownfield cleanups and subgrants. Applications are evaluated based on a vision for cleanup, resource strategy, environmental, social, health, and economic benefits, community engagement, reasonable costs, grant funding use, and capacity for successful cooperative agreement implementation.
 - Who can apply?
 - Local government, local public authority (including any public and Indian housing agency under the United States Housing Act of 1937), school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments (whether or not incorporated as nonprofit entities under state law), other regional or interstate government entities, or agencies of local government, regional councils established under governmental authority or group of general purpose units of local government established under Federal, state, or local law (e.g., councils of governments) to function as a single legal entity with authority to enter into binding agreements with the Federal Government.
 - Nonprofit organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, limited liability corporation in which all managing members are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or limited liability corporations whose sole members are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, limited partnership in which all general partners are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or limited liability corporations whose sole members are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations.
 - Deadline: November 14, 2024

- **NEW** [Brownfield Assessment Grant \(Assessment Coalition Grant\)](#)
 - Description: Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. A portion of the Assessment Grant funding must be used to conduct site assessments, but not for cleanup activities.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, county government, regional council established under governmental authority (such as regional planning commissions), group of general purpose units of local government established under Federal, state, or local law (e.g., councils of governments) that function as a single legal entity with authority to enter into binding agreements with the Federal Government.
 - Deadline: November 14, 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

- Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program
 - Description: The RAISE grant aims to invest in surface transportation that will have a significant local or regional impact, consistent with the Department of Transportation strategic goals to improve safety, strengthen economical and global competitiveness, and sustainability. The DOT anticipates this new funding opportunity will be available for application through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be released in Fall 2024.
- Reducing Truck Emissions at Port Facilities
 - Description: The Department of Transportation will provide funding to reduce truck idling and emissions at ports, including through the advancement of port electrification. The DOT anticipates this new funding opportunity will be available for application through a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be released in Fall 2024.
- National Advanced Packaging Manufacturing Program (NAPMP)
 - Description: The CHIPS Research and Development Office (CHIPS R&D) intends to announce, via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), an open competition for new research and development (R&D) activities to establish and accelerate domestic capacity for semiconductor advanced packaging. For more information, please click [here](#).
- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT)
 - Description: The Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant program provides funding to ensure surface transportation resilience to natural hazards including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The DOT anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2024.
- **NEW** Electric Drive Vehicle Battery Improving Economics, Recovery and Reuse, and State of Health
 - Description: The Electric Drive Vehicle Battery Recycling and Second-Life Applications Program focuses on the research, development, and demonstration of second-life uses for electric vehicle batteries after they have powered electric vehicles, as well as technologies and processes for their recycling and final disposal. The DOE anticipates posting this funding opportunity soon.

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- **NEW** Intercity Passenger Rail program
 - Description: The Department of Transportation's Federal Railroad Administration will soon open the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the Federal State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (Fed-State National). This program provides funding for capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service in the national network.
- **NEW** Clean School Bus Rebates program
 - Description: The Environmental Protection Agency will soon launch the next round of funding for the Clean School Bus Rebates program. This initiative focuses on transitioning school buses to clean energy, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and providing cleaner air for students, bus drivers, school staff, and the communities they serve daily.

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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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