

# TX-07 GRANTS NEWSLETTER

July 2025

This monthly newsletter is intended to provide a guide to some of the funding opportunities to help ensure our community has access to the information needed to apply for grants to address key priorities in Texas' Seventh Congressional District. President Trump's recent executive orders and actions have directed federal agencies to pause all grant programs under the *IIJA*, however, and other grant programs. This pause creates uncertainty about the timing and availability of funding for infrastructure projects, potentially impacting project planning and implementation timelines.

We want to share what we are seeing, and we also want to hear from you about the experiences you have had with grant funding and grant applications. Your insights into federal grant funding are important to us. Please take a moment to [share](#) your priorities, concerns, and how this pause on federal grants impacts you.

## New Resources

- The Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women has a number of training videos for their FY 2025 programs which you can access [here](#).
- The Department of the Treasury hosts monthly webinars for their Community Development Financial Institutions Fund which you can access [here](#).
- The National Endowment of the Arts has published a notice for applicants regarding their implementation of Executive Order 14168 which you can read [here](#).
- The Department of Education has an overview of the changes made to Title II Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, known as the "uniform guidance", which you can watch [here](#).

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## Active Grant Opportunities

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

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### The Inflation Reduction Act

- **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 Native American Tribes; State and local governments; 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

### Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- **NEW Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation (CDLPI)**
  - Description: The CDLPI program aims to provide financial assistance to carry out and improve the national commercial driver's license (CDL) program. Its purpose is to improve the safety and integrity of the CDL program through activities such as accurate and timely data reporting, compliant issuance of licenses, prompt disqualification of unsafe drivers, and adoption of innovative approaches to enhance CDL processes.
  - Who Can Apply?
    - State, county, city, or township governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Small businesses and forprofit organizations.
  - Deadline: July 7, 2025

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- **Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grants; Low or No Emissions (Bus) Grants**
  - Description: The Federal Transit Authority (FTA) seeks to provide funding to state and local governments to purchase, lease, replace, or rehabilitate zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, as well as to acquire, construct, or lease supporting facilities. These programs support technological advancements and innovations to modernize transit systems, including modifications for low or no-emission vehicles and infrastructure.
  - Who Can Apply?
    - State, county, city, and township governments; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: July 14, 2025
- **Bridge Investment Program, Planning and Bridge Program**
  - Description: This grant program 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 Tribal governments.
  - Deadlines:
    - Fiscal Year 2026 Planning Application Due, October 1, 2025
    - Fiscal Year 2026 Application Due, November 1, 2025

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## Other Federal Grants for Diverse Needs

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- [Grants to Engage Men and Youth in Preventing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program](#)
  - Description: This program aims to combat human trafficking and support victims who have also experienced domestic or sexual violence with a project that focuses on encouraging men and youth to serve as allies in preventing gender-based violence.
  - Who Can Apply?
    - County, city, township and special district governments; Independent school districts; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, and Native American Tribal governments and organizations (Federally recognized)
  - Deadline: July 8, 2025
- [North American Wetlands Conservation Act \(NAWCA\) Standard Grants Program](#)
  - Description: This program supports partnerships to conserve wetlands and associated upland habitats across the United States. Projects must focus on the long-term protection, restoration, enhancement, and/or establishment of these habitats to benefit wetlands-associated migratory birds. Eligible activities support healthy wetland ecosystems and diverse bird populations, including waterfowl, shorebirds, and other migratory species.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized) and organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments); Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; Private institutions of higher education, and small businesses.
  - Deadline: July 10, 2025

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- **NEW** [Celebrating America250: Arts Projects Honoring the National Garden of American Heroes](#)
  - Description: This grant supports arts projects across disciplines that honor and celebrate the contributions of national heroes through creative works such as performances, exhibitions, and literary arts.
  - Who can apply:
    - State, county, city, township, or special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: July 14, 2025
- [Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund](#)
  - Description: This program provides funding for the recovery of historic and cultural resources in areas impacted by natural disasters that have received a major disaster declaration pursuant to the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act) in calendar years 2023 and/or 2024.
  - Who Can Apply?
    - State, county, city, township governments and special district governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Independent school districts; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: July 15, 2025
- **NEW** [Grants for Arts Projects 2](#)
  - Description: This program provides funding for public engagement in the arts and arts education to promote the health and well-being of people and their communities. This grant funds arts projects with clearly defined activities across a wide range of disciplines, including dance, design, music, theater, visual arts, museums, film, and arts education.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township governments and special district governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Independent school districts; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: July 17, 2025

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- **NEW** [Rehabilitation Long-Term Training Program](#)
  - Description: This Department of Education program provides funding to train students in fields where there are shortages of vocational rehabilitation professionals. The program supports academic training that prepares students to meet the specialized needs of individuals with disabilities, including those with physical, developmental, sensory, or mental health conditions. The goal is to strengthen the rehabilitation workforce and improve services for individuals with disabilities.
  - Who can apply?
    - States and public or private nonprofit agencies and organizations; Institutions of higher education; Native American Tribes and Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: July 17, 2025
- **NEW** [Parent Information and Training Program: Technical Assistance for Parent Training and Information Centers](#)
  - Description: This Department of Education program is seeking to support Parent Information and Training (PTI) centers to support families and individuals with disabilities to help them achieve their employment and independent living goals.
  - Who can apply?
    - Private nonprofit organizations that meet specific federal requirements under the Rehabilitation Act.
  - Deadline: July 18, 2025
- **NEW** [Sexual Assault Services Community-Based Services](#)
  - Description: This Department of Justice program supports nonprofit organizations that aim to enhance access to services for all survivors by providing community-based services in culturally specific communities.
  - Who can apply?
    - Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations.
  - Deadline: July 25, 2025
- **NEW** [Grants to Enhance Community-based Services for Survivors of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Program](#)
  - Description: This grant program supports the maintenance of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking services in community-based programs that offer culturally specific services and other resources; and the development of innovative community-based programming that improves access to services and resources for victims who face obstacles to using traditional services.
  - Who can apply?
    - Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS and Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS.
  - Deadline: August 1, 2025



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- **NEW** [National Outreach and Communications Program](#)
  - Description: This grant from the Department of the Interior supports outreach efforts that promote fishing and boating participation, conservation, and safe use of aquatic resources. Projects will engage the public through evidence-based strategies, enhance access and awareness, and align with the goals of the Sportfishing and Boating Safety Act. Activities are expected to increase participation and contribute to the long-term sustainability of recreational fishing and boating
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, or special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS; Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Small businesses and individuals.
  - Deadline: August 17, 2025
- [Fire Science Innovations through Research and Education \(FIRE\)](#)
  - Description: The FIRE program supports multidisciplinary research and education focused on wildland fire. Proposals should address innovative approaches in areas like data collection, modeling, community adaptation, and infrastructure vulnerability related to wildland fire. Collaboration among diverse groups, including academics, industry, and local communities, is encouraged to advance research.
  - Who can apply?
    - Unrestricted.
  - Deadline: September 5, 2025
- [The Coastal Program](#)
  - Description: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Coastal Program is a community-based program that helps coastal areas with technical and financial support to address complex conservation challenges of priority coastal ecosystems. The program protects at-risk species by improving habitats, enhancing connectivity for wildlife migration, and building resilient ecosystems through collaborative conservation efforts.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; Public housing authorities/Tribal housing authorities; Small businesses; Individuals; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal governments and organizations (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: September 30, 2025

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- **Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW)**
  - Description: This is a voluntary program that fosters partnerships to support both communities and the conservation of fish, wildlife, and their habitats. Through cooperative agreements with private landowners, the program offers technical assistance and financial support to restore and protect vital habitats, benefiting federal trust resources.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, or special district governments; independent school districts; private, public and state controlled institutions of higher education; public housing authorities/Tribal housing authorities; small businesses; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized) and organizations; and individuals.
  - Deadline: September 30, 2025
- **The Research-on-Research Security Program**
  - Description: The program encourages interdisciplinary, evidence-based projects that foster collaboration among STEM researchers, research security experts, and practitioners, including potential international partners. Projects may explore topics such as threat identification, policy impact, human behavior, and systemic or cultural factors affecting research security.
  - Who can apply?
    - Unrestricted
  - Deadline: Rolling applications
- **Education and Broadening Participation in Earth Sciences**
  - Description: This grant supports a range of programs aimed at engaging diverse audiences in Earth Sciences through education, research, and professional development opportunities. It funds undergraduate and teacher research experiences, postdoctoral fellowships, and early-career faculty who integrate research with education, especially those focused on broadening participation in the geosciences.
  - Who can apply?
    - Unrestricted
  - Deadline: Rolling applications



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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. Under the current administration, significant delays in grant award announcements and disbursements have been common. Applicants are advised to proceed with caution and manage expectations accordingly.*

## Upcoming Notices and Funding Opportunities

- National Digital Newspaper Program
  - Description: This program creates a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963 from all 56 states and U.S. jurisdictions. The Library of Congress (LOC) maintains this freely accessible, searchable online database. The National Endowment for the Humanities anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall of 2025.
- Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI)
  - The purpose of the CRISI Program is to invest in a wide range of projects within the United States to improve railroad safety, efficiency, and reliability; mitigate congestion at both intercity passenger rail and freight rail chokepoints to support more efficient travel and goods movement; enhance multi-modal connections; and lead to new or substantially improved Intercity Passenger Rail Transportation corridors. The FTA anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Spring of 2025.
- National Training and Technical Assistance Partner (NTTAP)
  - This program provides training and technical assistance focused on behavioral health and delivers high-impact T/TA to help health centers deliver comprehensive health services, address emergent public health issues and needs as they relate to behavioral health care, improve operational effectiveness, efficiency, and quality, and reduce health disparities. HRSA anticipates posting this notice of funding opportunity in Spring 2025.
- Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) Technical Assistance Grant Program
  - This program aims to provide technical assistance to employers and labor unions to increase women's participation in apprenticeable and non-traditional occupations (A/NTO). It supports the development of training programs, resources, and support services that prepare and retain women in industries such as manufacturing, construction, technology, and transportation. The Department of Labor anticipates posting this funding opportunity soon.
- Advanced Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies to Drive National Decarbonization
  - This funding opportunity aims to advance development and demonstration of clean hydrogen and fuel cell technologies, particularly in hard-to-decarbonize sectors like heavy-duty transportation and industrial applications and to enable long duration energy storage for a clean electric grid. The Department of Energy anticipates posting their deadlines soon.

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- Peer Supports for Augmentative and Alternative Communication
  - This grant will fund a three-year project to develop sustainable peer support models for individuals who use or could benefit from Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). The program aims to create communities where people with speech disabilities, including those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), can access support as well as increase AAC awareness and usage. The Department of Health and Human Services anticipates posting this funding opportunity soon.
- **NEW** Artificial Intelligence and Technology Collaboratory
  - This program aims to promote innovative cross-disciplinary teams working to advance the development and implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) approaches through research projects for Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and AD related dementias. The National Institutes of Health intends to publish this opportunity in Summer 2025.
- **NEW** National Centers for Cryo-electron Tomography (cryoET)
  - This funding opportunity seeks to support service centers to provide nationwide access to advanced cryoET instrumentation and technical support, and to assist investigators in acquiring the skills needed to perform cryoET studies. The National Institutes of Health anticipates posting the funding opportunity in Fall 2025.
- **NEW** Worker Training Program's Small Business Innovation Research E-Learning for HAZMAT and Emergency Response
  - This grant supports the development of technology-enhanced training products to improve the health and safety training of workers and supervisors involved in hazardous materials management and emergency response. The National Institutes of Health anticipate posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2025.

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## General Resources

- [Grants.gov](#): This is the most complete list of federal grant opportunities. It is searchable and updated frequently.
- [Department of Transportation Competitive Grant Funding Matrix](#): Look through program descriptions on the chart to identify programs for which you have relevant projects.
- [Department of Transportation Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Program Guide](#): Search by keyword to identify relevant programs that will open throughout the next five years.
- [Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Exchange](#): OCED has a number of funding opportunities for clean energy projects through the IRA and IIJA, and this page has a funding matrix with grant information.
- [Department of Labor Grants](#): DOL has a grant platform to connect, protect, train, support, and empower workers and job seekers.

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