TX-07 GRANTS NEWSLETTER

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This monthly newsletter provides a guide to funding opportunities to help ensure our community has the information needed to apply for grants and connect with federal programs to address key priorities in Texas' Seventh Congressional District. Please note that President Trump's recent executive orders have directed federal agencies to pause all grants from *IIJA* as well as within 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 Energy will host a virtual workshop for its Domestic Critical Minerals and Materials Supply Chain programs which you can access **here**.

- The Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration has released improvement updates to the National Transit Database (NTB) which you can access **here**.

- The Department of Homeland Security Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released the updated **Procurement Under Grants Policy Guide** for recipients and subrecipients awarded on or after October 1, 2025 as well as a series of webinars which you can find **here**.

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

- 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

- Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects
  - Description: This grant supports the development of small surface and groundwater storage projects that enhance water supply reliability, improve water management flexibility, and reduce environmental impacts. It aims to fund projects that provide long-term benefits such as improved water quality, ecosystem restoration, and groundwater management. Priority is given to projects with multiple benefits and broad stakeholder involvement.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: April 17, 2026

Other Federal Grants for Diverse Needs

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- **NEW** Drug Supply in Biological Specimens from Emergency Departments
  - Description: This project will aid local and national drug consumption surveillance activities by identifying gaps in existing drug testing protocols. The goal of this program is to facilitate information exchange across public health and public safety organizations and help coordinate an informed response to address the drug crisis.
  - Who can apply?
    - 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.
  - Deadline: September 5, 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, are encouraged to advance research.
  - Who can apply?
    - Unrestricted.
  - Deadline: September 5, 2025

- **NEW** Addressing Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking at HSIs, HBCUs, and TCUs Initiative
  - Description: This program supports activities focused on building the capacity of Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) to develop and implement strategies to prevent and address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking that meets the needs of its students, including effective response protocols and prevention programming.
  - Who can apply?
    - Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, including faith-based institutions.
  - Deadline: September 9, 2025

- **NEW** Training and Technical Assistance Initiative
  - Description: This program aims to strengthen the capacity of justice system professionals and victim service providers to respond effectively to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking by providing training and technical assistance to current and potential awardees.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Private institutions of higher education; Public housing authorities/Tribal housing authorities; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized) and organizations.
  - Deadline: September 9, 2025

- Public Humanities Projects
  - Description: This program supports projects that bring the ideas and insights of the humanities to life through in-person exhibitions and historic site interpretations. Projects must focus on one of the following areas: American Military History and Valor, The American Dream and Economic Freedom, American Exceptionalism in World Affairs, or the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled 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).
  - Deadline: September 10, 2025

- National Science Foundation Translation to Practice
  - Description: This grant supports research-based innovations with the potential to benefit the economy and society through various pathways, including commercialization, nonprofit development, open-source tools, and public-private partnerships. It aims to speed up technology development, support regional innovation, and prepare the future STEM workforce by turning scientific discoveries into real-world solutions that improve quality of life, boost national security, create high-paying jobs, and keep the U.S. competitive in key industries.
  - Who can apply:
    - Private institutions of higher education and nonprofit, non-academic organizations: Independent museums, observatories, research laboratories, professional societies, and similar organizations that are directly associated with educational or research activities.
  - Deadline: September 16, 2025

- **Regional Fire Science Exchange Announcement**
  - Description: This grant funds the leadership and operation of one of six regional fire science exchanges within the Fire Science Exchange Network (FSEN) for a two-year period. The selected exchange will connect scientists, land managers, and other stakeholders to share and apply the latest wildland fire science in their region. Proposals must address specific criteria, including regional relevance, partnerships, and planned activities, and adhere to annual funding caps set by each region.
  - Who can apply?
    - County, city or township governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Public housing authorities/ Native American housing authorities; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: September 18, 2025

- **Innovative Solutions for Improving Water Quality and Strengthening Local Economies in the Gulf of Mexico Watershed**
  - Description: This grant supports projects that aim to protect and restore the health of the Gulf of Mexico by improving water quality and natural habitats. Funding is available for efforts that reduce nutrient pollution and address harmful algal blooms using innovative and cost-effective approaches. The goal is to strengthen the region's environmental resilience while supporting local communities.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
  - Deadline: September 19, 2025

- **NEW** Research and Evaluation Initiative
  - Description: This funding opportunity from the Office on Violence Against Women aims to study approaches that prevent and address domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. By studying the efficacy of strategies for serving victims and holding offenders accountable, this research and evaluation Initiative helps communities assess their current programs and adopt proven strategies.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; 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, other than institutions of higher education; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized) and organizations.
  - Deadline: September 23, 2025

- **NEW** Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program
  - Description: This program provides training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and abuse by caregivers against individuals with disabilities and Deaf people, aiming to enhance direct services to these individuals.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Victim service providers; Nonprofits serving individuals with disabilities and Deaf people; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized) and organizations.
  - Deadline: September 23, 2025

- Brownfields Job Training
  - Description: This grant supports programs that train and place local, unemployed, and underemployed residents in environmental jobs related to cleaning up and redeveloping brownfield sites. The goal is to provide community members with the skills needed for long-term careers in areas like site assessment, cleanup, and environmental restoration.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Independent school districts; Public housing authorities; Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Regional Council or group of General Purpose Units of Local Government; Redevelopment Agency; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: September 26, 2025

- **NEW** Multistate Conservation Grant Program
  - Description: This program supports wildlife restoration and sport fish restoration projects and recruitment, retention and reactivation (R3). These projects aim to address regional or national priority needs of State fish, wildlife agencies, and their partners that are beyond the scope and capabilities of a single State.
  - Who can apply?
    - State governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education.
  - Deadline: September 22, 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/ Native American 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 organizations and governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: September 30, 2025

- **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, and special district governments; independent school districts; private, public and state controlled institutions of higher education; public housing authorities/Native American 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 organizations and governments (Federally recognized); and individuals.
  - Deadline: September 30, 2025

- **Humanities Research Centers on Artificial Intelligence**
  - Description: The purpose of this program is to support the establishment of new collaborative humanities research centers focused on gaining a clearer understanding of AI and its implications for the United States. A center is a sustained collaboration among multiple scholars focused on exploring the humanities implications of AI through two or more related scholarly activities.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Private institutions of higher education; Public and State controlled 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).
  - Deadline: October 1, 2025

- **NEW** Residential Services for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children
  - Description: The purpose of this program is to provide funding to organizations that can deliver high-quality and child-centered care, ensuring the safety and well-being of the children. Projects may focus on group homes, shelters, or transitional foster care services.
  - 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/Native housing authorities; Nonprofits that do and do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; Small businesses; Forprofit organizations other than small businesses; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized) and organizations.
  - Deadline: October 14, 2025

- **NEW** The 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.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district 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, and Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized).
  - Deadline: January 15, 2026

- Disaster Supplemental Grant Program
  - Description: This funding opportunity encourages broad-based local engagement and emphasizes projects that involve private industry in disaster recovery and economic renewal to ensure the maximum impact for taxpayer funding to support these communities. Applicants can choose from three funding pathways based on their recovery stage, capacity, and long-term development vision.
  - Who can apply?
    - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Institutions of higher education; Economic Development Districts and organizations; Public and private nonprofits working with local government; Public-private partnerships for public infrastructure.
  - Deadline:
    - Readiness and Implementation Grants: Rolling applications
    - Industry Transformation Grants: March 3, 2026

- 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

- 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
- **NEW** STEM K-12 Program
    - Description: This program supports innovative, multidisciplinary research that advances STEM teaching and learning, with a strong emphasis on generating new knowledge and informing educational practice. The program seeks to develop new tools, frameworks, and approaches, particularly those leveraging AI and emerging technologies, to enhance STEM education, prepare learners for a digital society, and strengthen the Nation's global leadership in STEM innovation.
    - Who can apply?
        - State, county, city, township, and special district governments; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Non-profit, non-academic organizations such as independent museums, observatories, and research laboratories; Forprofit organizations; Native American Tribal governments (Federally recognized)
    - 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 manage expectations accordingly.*

Upcoming Notices and Funding Opportunities

- 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 anticipates posting this opportunity in Summer 2025.

- **NEW** Centers for Genomics Research Capacity Building
    - This grant supports the establishment of Genomic Research Centers at under-resourced biomedical research institutions, fostering innovative, multi-investigator projects that advance critical areas of genomics. The National Institutes of Health anticipate posting this funding opportunity in Winter 2025.

- **NEW** Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)
    - This program's goal is to help veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness achieve meaningful, long-term employment by proposing strategies that promote economic prosperity to help veterans find employment and overcome barriers to a successful transition into the workforce. The Department of Labor anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Winter 2025.

- **NEW** Institutes for Higher Education Faculty and K-12 Educators
    - This program supports professional development programs that convene K-12 educators from across the nation to deepen their understanding of significant topics in the humanities and enrich their capacity for effective scholarship and teaching. The National Endowment for the Humanities anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2025.

- 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.

- National Center on Head Start Early Learning, Health and Family Engagement
  - This funding opportunity looks to open and operate the Head Start National Center (NC) on Early Learning, Health, and Family Engagement (ELHFE). This center will strengthen Head Start program practices and services leading to improved education, health, and family engagement services while also providing professional development and training. The Department of Health and Human Services anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2025.

- National Center on Head Start Program Management and Quality Assurance
  - This funding opportunity looks to open and operate the Head Start National Center (NC) on Program Management and Quality Assurance (PMQA) to provide training and technical assistance (TTA) that promotes best practices. The NC PMQA TTA will also lead to improved organizational leadership, governance, and administrative accountability. The Department of Health and Human Services anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 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.

- 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 anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Fall 2025.

- Veterans Legacy Grants Program
  - This program seeks to provide funding to educational institutions and other eligible entities to conduct cemetery research and produce educational tools for the public to utilize and learn about the histories of Veterans interred in VA national cemeteries and VA grant-funded State and Tribal Veterans' cemeteries. The Department of Veterans Affairs anticipates posting this funding opportunity in Spring 2026.

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.
- 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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