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January

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 Department of Energy's (DOE) Geothermal Technologies Office will provide a 30 percent tax credit for ENERGY STAR rated [Geothermal Heat Pumps](#) (GHPs) through 2032. GHPs offer an efficient solution for heating and cooling residential and commercial buildings. Increasing GHP deployment can also expand a domestic industry and create local jobs to install and maintain the systems. To learn more about the GHP tax credit please visit [here](#).
- The Environmental Protection Agency provides Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) Programs to support communities by building their capacity and addressing compliance challenges. Find a complete list of EPA WaterTA Programs [here](#).
- The Broadband Affordable Connectivity Program acts as a discount program on home broadband service for low-income and Tribal households. The internet provider gives a discount on the service. Some equipment is reimbursed by the program. For more information and to sign up, visit [here](#).

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 nonprofit entity; a private-sector entity; a consortium of private-sector entities; or a consortium of nonprofit, public, and private-sector entities.
 - Deadline: Rolling applications starting March 31, 2023

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- CHIPS Incentives Program – Facilities for Semiconductor Materials and Manufacturing Equipment
 - Description: This program provides funding to catalyze long-term economically sustainable growth in the domestic semiconductor industry in support of U.S. economic and national security. This is the second Notice of Funding Opportunity under this program, which seeks applications for projects to construct, expand, or modernize commercial facilities for semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment.
 - Who can apply?
 - A nonprofit entity; a private-sector entity; a consortium of private-sector entities; or a consortium of nonprofit, public, and private-sector entities with a demonstrated ability to substantially finance, construct, expand, or modernize a facility relating to the fabrication, assembly, testing, advanced packaging, production, or research and development of semiconductors, materials used to manufacture semiconductors or semiconductor manufacturing equipment.
 - Deadline: For all potential applicants, concept plans will be accepted between December 1, 2023, and February 1, 2024. For applications that are invited to advance to the full application phase, the CHIPS Program Office will communicate full application submission dates to applicants individually upon notifying them of their advancement.

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 five rounds of funding. Each round ends at 4:30 PM Eastern time on the following dates: September 30, 2023; December 31, 2023; March 31, 2024; June 30, 2023; 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.
 - Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance (EA/ REDA) grant funds
 - Deadline: January 31, 2024
 - Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements (RES/ EEI)
 - Deadline: There are 5 quarters of funding which end on the following dates: September 30, 2023; December 31, 2023; March 31, 2024; 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: Round 1 is due December 11, 2023, and round 2 is due May 20, 2024.

- Climate-Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes, and Territories Initiative
 - Description: This initiative will fund qualified organizations to form and support partnerships that will work collaboratively to support regional economies and their associated workforces by developing training programs that build in-demand skills, offering wraparound services that allow workers to successfully enroll in and complete training, and helping workers enter or advance into good jobs that enhance climate resilience.
 - Who can apply?
 - State governments; tribal governments; territorial governments; local governments; institutions of higher education; non-profit organizations or associations.
 - Eligible applicants must be located in coastal states or territories as defined by 16 U.S.C. § 1453(4) or in the District of Columbia.
 - Deadline: Letters of Intent are due by November 30, 2023. Full applications will be due by February 13, 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.

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- Transmission Siting and Economic Development Program
 - Description: This program aims to ensure the timely siting and construction of new or upgraded interstate or offshore electric transmission facilities while providing economic benefits to impacted communities. To accelerate and strengthen siting and permitting activities carried out by state, local, and Tribal siting and permitting authorities, this program will support efforts to standardize and streamline siting and permitting processes, coordinate across jurisdictions, and carry out robust public engagement, among other things.
 - Who can apply?
 - City or township governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); state governments; special district governments; county governments.
 - Deadline: April 5, 2024

- Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants (General Competition)
 - Description: The goals of the CPRG program are to implement ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative GHG reductions by 2030 and beyond. This program aims to pursue measures that will achieve substantial community benefits (such as reduction of criteria air pollutants (CAPs) and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs)), particularly in low-income and disadvantaged communities.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, tribes, 13 territories, and groups thereof that directly received a CPRG planning grant are eligible to apply for an implementation grant. In addition, municipalities, air pollution control agencies, and tribes that did not directly receive a planning grant but that seek funding to implement one or more GHG reduction measures that are included in an applicable PCAP (submitted to EPA by March 1, 2024) are eligible to apply.
 - Deadline: April 1, 2024

- Inflation Reduction Act Climate-Ready Workforce for Coastal States and Territories Competition
 - Description: NOAA is issuing this Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for qualified organizations to form and support partnerships that will work collaboratively to support regional economies and their associated workforces by developing training programs that build in-demand skills, offer wraparound services that allow workers to successfully enroll in and complete training, and help workers enter or advance into good jobs that enhance climate resilience.
 - Who can apply?
 - State governments, tribal governments, the recognized governing body of any Indian or Alaska Native tribe, band, nation, pueblo, village, community, component band, or component reservation;
 - Territorial governments; local governments; institutions of higher education (as defined in subsection (a) of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a))), including Historically Black Colleges and Universities, tribal colleges and universities, other minority-serving Institutions, community colleges, and technical colleges; non-profit organizations or associations.
 - Deadline: February 13, 2024

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- Bureau of Land Management Headquarters (HQ) Recreation and Visitor Services Program
 - Description: The Recreation and Visitor Services Program's goal is to improve climate resiliency on public lands while enhancing outdoor recreation opportunities and activities. The program aims to identify and remove outdoor recreation barriers, expand recreation opportunities for all, and provide an enhanced more sustainable recreational experience by delivering up-to-date and engaging visitor information online and in person.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, county, city or township governments;
 - Special district governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education;
 - Native American tribal governments;
 - Nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education.
 - Deadline: February 1, 2024
- Hydrofluorocarbon Reclaim and Innovative Destruction Grants
 - Description: The objectives of the HFC Reclaim and Innovative Destruction Grant is to support and contribute pilot projects for new and better technologies, to increase the reclamation of HFCs by expanding access to reclamation and improve the reclamation process. This grant also aims to support programs or pilot projects with innovative strategies that address market dynamics to increase HFC reclamation by lowering barriers; or pilot projects that create innovative technologies that destroy unusable and/or unwanted HFCs.
 - Who can apply?
 - States (including the District of Columbia); local governments; U.S. territories and possessions; Indian tribes; public universities and colleges, hospitals, and laboratories; and other public or private nonprofit institutions.
 - Deadline: February 16, 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 nonprofit 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

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- Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates
 - Description: The EPA is offering rebates to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) models.
 - Who can apply?
 - Local or state governmental entities responsible for providing school bus service to one or more public school systems; a public charter school district responsible for the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses for that charter school;
 - Eligible contractors are for-profit, not-for-profit, or nonprofit entities that have the capacity to (1) sell, lease, license, or contract for service clean or ZE school buses or related charging or fueling infrastructure to school bus owners or (2) arrange financing for such a sale, lease, license, or contract for service;
 - Nonprofit School Transportation Associations.
 - Deadline: January 31, 2024
- **NEW** Enhancing Arctic Data Management and Development of Data-Driven Products and Tools for Climate Resilience
 - Description: Through this funding opportunity, eligible applicants will implement Arctic data management initiatives and data system solutions that will not only facilitate access to data for researchers and the wider community, but also enable the utilization of years of OAR-supported Arctic research to develop useful and meaningful products for the Arctic community, while supporting interoperability with other NOAA data services and tools.
 - Who can apply?
 - Institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, international organizations, and state, local, and Indian tribal governments.
 - Deadline: Letter of Intent due January 11, 2024; application due March 1, 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

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- WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects for Fiscal Year 2023
 - Description: This program aims to fund projects study, design, and construct aquatic ecosystem restoration projects.
 - Who can apply?
 - Category A Applicants: States, tribes, irrigation districts, or water districts; state, regional, or local authorities; Agencies established under state law for the joint exercise of powers; Other entities that own a dam that is eligible for upgrade, modification, or removal;
 - Category B Applicants: Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with an entity described in Category A, with respect to a project involving land or infrastructure owned by the Category A entity;
 - All applicants must be located in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands.
 - Deadline: January 24, 2024
- 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: September 30, 2023, for FY22 funding but rolling deadline.
- National Estuarine Research Reserve System
 - Description: This program provides funding to projects that protect and restore ecologically significant habitats, including conserving lands that play a critical role in helping communities become more resilient to natural hazards.
 - Who can apply?
 - National Estuarine Research Reserves, but non-federal public partners can participate in the projects.
 - Deadline: January 10, 2024
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program
 - Description: This grant program aims to assist states, local governments, and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use, to reduce fossil fuel emissions, and to improve energy efficiency.
 - Who can apply?
 - States; local government; tribes.
 - Deadline:
 - April 30, 2024 for Local governments and Tribes.

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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 nonprofit 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

- **Marine Debris Interception Technologies**
 - Description: The objective of this funding opportunity is to support the installation, monitoring, and maintenance of proven marine debris interception technologies to benefit marine and coastal NOAA trust resources, coastal communities, and/or local economies.
 - Who can apply?
 - Entities eligible are state, local, tribal, and territory governments whose activities affect research or regulation of marine debris. Equally eligible are any institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, or commercial (for-profit) organization with expertise in a field related to marine debris.
 - Deadline: March 15, 2024

- **National Sea Grant BIL Marine Debris Challenge Competition**
 - Description: NOAA works through Sea Grant institutions to increase the understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, and conservation of the country's ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources by providing assistance to promote a strong educational base, responsive research and training activities, broad and prompt dissemination of knowledge and techniques, and multidisciplinary approaches to environmental problems. This competition will support innovative research to application (R2A) projects that will address the prevention and/or removal of marine debris and provide the potential for transformational behavior change.
 - Who can apply?
 - This opportunity is open to any person or group within the United States or its territories, as well as tribal nations within those geographies. Applicants must submit proposals in partnership with a relevant Sea Grant program.
 - Deadline: March 27, 2024

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- Marine Debris Removal
 - Description: The overall objective of this funding opportunity is to support impactful, large marine debris removal projects that will improve the resilience of the coastal and marine environment and implement strategies to prevent the re-accumulation of marine debris.
 - Who can apply?
 - Projects must take place in the coastal United States, Great Lakes, territories, and freely associated states (or their adjacent waterways). Entities eligible are state, local, tribal, and territory governments whose activities affect research or regulation of marine debris. Equally eligible are any institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, or commercial (for-profit) organization with expertise in a field related to marine debris.
 - Deadline: February 23, 2024
- 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: For this rolling NOFO, the First Application Submittal Period is due on December 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST). Second and Final Application Submittal Period due date is September 30, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT. Applications received after December 7, 2023, 4:00 p.m. MST and before September 30, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT, will be considered for the Second Submittal Period.
- 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: For this rolling NOFO, the First Application Submittal Period is due on December 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (MST). Second and Final Application Submittal Period due date is September 30, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT. Applications received after December 7, 2023, 4:00 p.m. MST and before September 30, 2024, 4:00 p.m. MDT, will be considered for the Second Submittal Period.

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- The Educational Component of the National Cooperative Geologic Mapping Program
 - Description: The primary objective of the EDMAP component of the NCGMP is to provide funds to support undergraduate and graduate students research projects that involve all activities relevant to the creation of geologic maps (defined broadly as all maps that characterize the solid Earth and/or its constituents). The NCGMP hopes to expand the research and educational capacity of national academic programs that teach Earth science students the broad range of techniques relevant to geologic mapping and the analysis of field, geophysical, borehole, and remote sensing data.
 - Who can apply?
 - EDMAP is restricted to U.S. universities with geoscience or related departments or programs.
 - Deadline: January 12, 2024
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)
 - Description: The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant makes federal funds available for mitigation activities in response to the growing hazards associated with climate change, and the need for natural hazard risk mitigation that promote climate adaptation and resilience.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, District of Columbia, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments.
 - Deadline: February 29, 2024
- 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), nonprofits that have a 501(c)(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, nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Individuals, for profit organizations other than small businesses.
 - Deadline: December 31, 2024

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- **Saving Lives with Connectivity: Accelerating Vehicle to Everything (V2X) Deployment**
 - Description: The goal of this program is to provide entities with funding to deploy, operate, document, and showcase integrated and advanced roadway deployments featuring applications enabled by interoperable wireless connectivity (among vehicles, mobile devices, and smart infrastructure) that substantially and quantitatively improve system safety, enhance traveler mobility, improve efficiency of goods movement, mitigate environmental impacts, and address disparities in transportation equity.
 - Who can apply?
 - Non-Federal domestic public sector organizations, domestic academic institutions, and private sector/other entities incorporated in the United States.
 - Deadline: January 17, 2024

- **Flood Mitigation Assistance**
 - Description: The objective of this funding opportunity is 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. It does so with a recognition of the growing flood hazards associated with climate change, and the need for flood hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation, equity, and resilience with respect to flooding.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and Federally recognized Tribal government.
 - Deadline: February 29, 2024

- **Accelerating Advanced Digital Construction Management Systems Program**
 - Description: This program aims to promote, implement, deploy, demonstrate, showcase, support, and document” advanced digital construction management systems. Accelerating the use of digital tools across the lifecycle of an infrastructure program can result in significant benefits to transit agencies, especially to reduce cost overruns and mitigate potential schedule changes.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, county, city or township governments, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, for profit organizations other than small businesses, special district governments, nonprofits with 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, private institutions of higher education.
 - Deadline: February 12, 2024

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- Rehabilitation of High Hazard Potential Dams (HHPD)
 - Description: The purpose of the HHPD grant is to reduce or eliminate the risk of eligible high hazard potential dams listed in the National Inventory of dams with a condition assessment of poor or unsatisfactory, and dams in fair condition with a population at risk (PAR) at or above one thousand.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, District of Columbia, U.S. territories.
 - Deadline: February 29, 2024

- National Dam Safety Program (NDSP) Fall State Assistance Grant
 - Description: NDSP provides funding to encourage the establishment and maintenance of effective state programs intended to ensure dam safety, protect human life and property, and improve state dam safety programs.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, District of Columbia, and U.S. territories with a state dam safety program that meets the requirements in 33 U.S.C. Section 467f.
 - Deadline: February 29, 2024

- Bureau of Land Management Headquarters (HQ) Threatened and Endangered Species Program
 - Description: Through this funding opportunity, awardees will implement proactive conservation and recovery actions that result in a direct on the ground population or conservation benefit for BLM special status species. The program aims to provide complete, current, and accurate information on the distribution and abundance of BLM special status species to assess and mediate threats to species and habitats or support proactive conservation and recovery efforts for BLM Special Status Species.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, county, city or township governments;
 - Special district governments, Independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education;
 - Native American tribal governments;
 - Nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education.
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- Bureau of Land Management Headquarters (HQ) Aquatic Resource Management
 - Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity is to ensure that water availability sustains healthy riparian and wetland areas and aquatic habitats. The program aims to restore degraded water resources with a focus on process-based approaches which promote riverscape health.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, county, city or township governments;
 - Special district governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education;
 - Native American tribal governments;
 - Nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education.
 - Deadline: January 19, 2024

- Bureau of Land Management Headquarters (HQ) Wildlife Program
 - Description: Federal funding will support projects that address wildlife habitat restoration that are in alignment with restoration landscapes, habitat land health standards, and improving connectivity supporting wildlife migration such as big game, and migratory birds. Collaboration with State and Tribal Wildlife agencies is integral to address data gaps, implement coordinated landscape or regional monitoring to inform populations status and trend tied to public lands administered by BLM.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, county, city or township governments;
 - Special district governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education;
 - Native American tribal governments;
 - Nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, nonprofits without 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education.
 - Deadline: January 19, 2024

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- 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. Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership and with the agreement of any entity listed above.
 - Deadline: This NOFO covers two application submittal periods:
 - Application Period 1: Proposals received by mail prior to Thursday, February 22, 2024, or proposals submitted electronically in Grants.gov prior to Thursday, February 22, 2024, will be considered for FY 2024 funding.
 - Application Period 2: Proposals received by mail prior to Wednesday, October 30, 2024, or proposals submitted electronically in Grants.gov prior to Wednesday, October 30, 2024, will be considered for FY 2025 funding.
- Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program
 - Description: This funding opportunity seeks to improve coordination to enhance access and mobility to vital community services for older adults, people with disabilities, and the low-income population. The FTA intends to finance innovative mobility management capital projects that will improve the coordination of transportation services and Nonemergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) services.
 - Who can apply?
 - State departments of transportation, designated recipients for Section 5310 funds, or local governmental entities that operate a public transportation service, or their eligible subrecipients that have the authority and technical capacity to implement a regional or statewide cost allocation pilot;
 - Private entities that provide shared ride on-demand service to the public on a regular basis are operators of public transportation and are therefore eligible subrecipients. Organizations that do not operate public transportation are not eligible applicants.
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- Grid Resilience and Innovative Partnerships (GRIP)
 - Description: The GRIP program will provide funding to modernize the American electric grid and to maximize the benefits of the clean energy transition as the nation works to curb the climate crisis, empower workers, and advance environmental justice.

The GRIP program is composed of three funding opportunities:

- The Grid Resilience Grant will provide funding to support activities that reduce the likelihood and consequence of impact to the electric grid due to extreme weather, wildfire, and natural disasters.
 - Who can apply?
 - The following domestic entities are eligible to apply: electric grid operator; electricity storage operator; electricity generator; transmission owner or operator; distribution provider; fuel supplier; and any other relevant entity, as determined by the Secretary.
 - Deadline: Concept paper due January 12, 2024; Application due April 17, 2024
- 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?
 - The following domestic entities are eligible to apply: institutions of higher education; for-profit entities; non-profit and not-for-profit entities; and state and local governmental entities, and tribal nations.
 - Deadline: Concept paper due January 12, 2024; Application due May 22, 2024
- The Grid Innovation Program aims to achieve the goals and objectives of the FOA Section I.A.ii, through high-impact, innovative projects. DOE seeks applications that may include technical and/or non-technical (e.g., focused on regulatory or business model innovation) approaches that improve grid reliability and resilience on the local, regional, and interregional scales. Applications may address the transmission system, the distribution system, storage, or a combination.
 - Who can apply?
 - The following domestic entities are eligible to apply: a State; a combination of two or more States; an Indian Tribe; a unit of local government; and a public utility commission.
 - Deadline: Concept paper due January 12, 2024; Application due April 17, 2024

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- Flood Mitigation Assistance Swift Current (FMA Swift Current)
 - Description: The FMA Swift Current aims to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and within NFIP participating communities.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments.
 - Deadline: January 15, 2025

- Battery Materials Processing and Battery Manufacturing
 - Description: This grant seeks to fund investments within the electric vehicle battery supply chain, increase domestic battery manufacturing, and create good paying clean energy jobs.
 - Who can apply?
 - U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents are eligible to apply for funding as a prime recipient or subrecipient;
 - Institutions of higher education, national laboratories; nonprofit and for-profit entities; state and local governments; and consortia of entities.
 - Deadline: March 19, 2024

- All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP)
 - Description: The ASAP program provides funding to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems (e.g., subway, commuter rail, light rail) for persons with disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs, by increasing the number of existing stations or facilities that are fully accessible.
 - Who can apply?
 - Designated recipients that operate or allocate funds to inaccessible pre-ADA legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems, and states (including territories and Washington, DC);
 - Local governmental entities that operate or financially support legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems and corresponding legacy stations/facilities.
 - Deadline: January 30, 2024

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- **NEW** Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program
 - Description: The RAISE grant seeks 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.
 - Who can apply?
 - States, District of Columbia, any territory or possession of the United States, a unit of local government, a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more states, a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, a Federally recognized Indian tribe or a consortium of such Indian tribes, a transit agency, a multi-state or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.
 - Deadline: February 28, 2024

- **NEW** Healthy and Resilient Gulf of Mexico
 - Description: The Environmental Protection Agency Gulf of Mexico Division (GMD) seeks to fund projects to improve its understanding of water quality conditions and water quality in a water body or segment.
 - Who can apply?
 - State agencies, interstate agencies, Indian tribes, local governments, institutions of higher learning, non-profit organizations, school districts or high schools designated as one of the eligible entities above are eligible.
 - Deadline: April 4, 2024

- **NEW** Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program
 - Description: This funding aims to provide grants to eligible entities to deploy, install, and operate advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, mobility, efficiency, system performance, intermodal connectivity, and infrastructure return on investment.
 - Who can apply?
 - State, local governments, transit agencies, metropolitan planning organizations (MPO), or other political subdivisions of a State or local government (such as publicly owned toll or port authorities), or a multijurisdictional group or consortia of research institutions or academic institutions.
 - Deadline: February 2, 2024

- **NEW** Energy Workforce Development: Career Skills Training
 - Description: This program funds career skills training programs where students receive classroom instruction and on-the-job training for industry-related certification to install energy efficient building technologies.
 - Who can apply?
 - Funding is only available to nonprofit partnerships.
 - Deadline: February 27, 2024

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Looking Ahead

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

- Department of Treasury: The online portal for car dealers to pre-register to offer the [EV tax credit](#) at the point of sale will start on January 1, 2024.
- Clean Ports Program
 - Description: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide \$3 billion to fund zero emission port equipment and technology to help ports develop climate action plans to reduce air pollutants at U.S. ports. The EPA anticipates this new funding opportunity will become available for application through a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) released in late winter 2024. For additional information please click [here](#).
- Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program
 - Description: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will be offering grants and/or rebates to eligible recipients to replace existing heavy-duty vehicles with clean, and zero emission vehicles through its. This program will also supply funding for zero emission vehicle infrastructure, workforce development and training planning, and technical activities. The EPA anticipates this new funding opportunity will become available for application through a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) released in early spring 2024. For additional information please click [here](#).
- Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools Program
 - Description: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide funding to monitor and reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions at schools in low-income and disadvantaged communities through. The EPA anticipates this new funding opportunity will become available for application through a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) released in December 2023.

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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 been working to publish its new and upcoming grant programs which aim to connect, protect, train, support, and empower workers and job seekers.

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