



State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter

Sixteen funding and technical assistance opportunities are available for state, local, and tribal governments from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and others that can be used to support climate and energy initiatives, including economic development, sustainable communities, green infrastructure, and water efficiency. For full eligibility and application details, please visit the links provided below.

In addition, please visit EPA's [Grants website](#) for further grant opportunities, guidance on how to apply, and training.

Funding Opportunities

New! EPA Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities - \$20 million

Applications Due: February 25, 2022

Eligible Entities: States, local governments, U.S. territories and possessions, Indian tribes, public and private hospitals and laboratories, and other public or private nonprofit organizations.

Pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP), this notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to conduct ambient air monitoring of pollutants of greatest concern in communities with environmental and health outcome disparities stemming from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic. EPA will award funds to support community and local efforts to monitor their own air quality and to promote air quality monitoring partnerships between communities and tribal, state, and local governments.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

New! EPA Healthy Environmental Living Program Grant - \$500 thousand

Applications Due: January 28, 2022

Eligible Entities: State, Local, public nonprofit institutions/organizations, private nonprofit institutions/organizations, quasi-public nonprofit institutions/organizations, Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments, K- 12 schools or school districts: and non-profit organizations.

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications that work directly with communities to reduce environmental risk to protect and improve human health and the quality of life. To qualify as eligible projects under HELP, proposed projects must: (1) address Environmental Justice (EJ) in the states, tribes, and territories within EPA Region 6 states: Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas; and (2) identify how the proposed project will achieve measurable environmental and/or public health results in one or more of the following Target Program Areas: Pollution Prevention, Sustainable Materials Management, Lead-based Paint and/or Integrated Pest Management.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

DHS FEMA Fiscal Year 2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) - \$1 billion

Applications Due: January 28, 2022

Eligible Entities: U.S territories, states, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local communities for hazard mitigation activities. It does so with a recognition of the growing hazards associated with climate change, and of the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote climate adaptation and resilience with respect to those hazards. These include both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in the future.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#) .

DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge - \$500 million

Applications Due: January 26, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), others

Through this American Rescue Plan Act Good Jobs Challenge Notice of Funding Opportunity (ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO), the Economic Development Agency (EDA) aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. This ARPA Good Jobs Challenge NOFO is designed to help get Americans back to work by developing and strengthening regional systems to develop and execute sectoral partnerships that will lead to well-paying jobs. The goal of regional workforce training systems is to create and implement effective employer-driven training programs that will connect the existing and emerging skills needs of employers with workers and will help workers find and keep quality jobs and advance along their chosen career path.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Economic Adjustment Assistance - \$500 million

Applications Due: March 31, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), others

Through this ARPA EAA NOFO, EDA aims to assist communities and regions impacted by the coronavirus pandemic, including historically underserved communities. The pandemic has caused, and continues to cause, economic injury to U.S. communities and regions in devastating and unprecedented ways. EDA's ARPA EAA NOFO is designed to provide a wide-range of financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of the Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders. This is the broadest NOFO EDA is publishing under ARPA and any eligible applicant from any EDA Region may apply. EDA expects to fund a number of projects under this NOFO that support communities negatively impacted by the downturn in the coal economy, supporting transitioning away from coal.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#) .

DOC EDA FY 2021 American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities - \$100 million

Applications Due: March 31, 2022

Eligible Entities: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

EDA's American Rescue Plan Indigenous Communities Notice of Funding (NOFO) is designed to support indigenous communities as they respond to, and recover from, the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, including long-term recovery and resilience to future economic disasters. Under this announcement, EDA solicits applications under the authority of its Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which is intended to be flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of indigenous communities. Competitive applications for funding under this NOFO will propose projects designed to create the conditions for economic growth in indigenous communities and to accelerate economic recovery from the pandemic. These projects can include foundational economic infrastructure projects, such as such as broadband, energy, road, water, and wastewater infrastructure (including community water facilities); vocational and higher education facilities; and community health facilities that are necessary for future job creation. Projects can also include non-construction projects to provide technical assistance to support business development, entrepreneurship assistance, economic development planning, rural prosperity, and workforce training in indigenous communities. Further, EDA seeks to fund projects representing diverse geographies, from rural and urban settings to projects on or near tribal lands.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#) .

New! DOI FWS Coastal Program 2022 - \$6 million

Applications Due: September 22, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments , city or township governments, county governments, special district governments, Native American tribal governments (other than federally recognized), Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), and others

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Coastal Program is a voluntary, community-based program that provides technical and financial assistance through cooperative agreements to coastal communities, conservation partners, and landowners to restore and protect fish and wildlife habitat on public and private lands. The Coastal Program staff coordinates with partners, stakeholders and other Service programs to identify geographic focus areas and develop habitat conservation goals and priorities within these focus areas. Geographic focus areas are where the Coastal Program directs resources to conserve habitat for Federal trust species.

The Coastal Program takes an adaptive approach to designing and implementing coastal habitat protection and restoration strategies that anticipate and ameliorate the impacts of climate change and other environmental stressors. Coastal Program habitat improvement projects strive to increase coastal resiliency by improving the ability of coastal ecosystems to adapt to environmental changes and supporting natural and nature-based infrastructure projects to protect and enhance coastal habitats.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

DOI USGS Ground Water and Streamflow Information Program - \$1.7 million

Applications Due: January 20, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments , city or township governments, county governments, and others

The Groundwater and Streamflow Information Program of the USGS is offering a cooperative agreement funding opportunity to state or local water-resources agencies that collect groundwater data to participate in the National Ground-Water Monitoring Network.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

DOT FTA Enhancing Mobility Innovation - \$2 million

Applications Due: January 11, 2022

Eligible Entities: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, County governments, State governments, City or township governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Special district governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Private institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$2 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Public Transportation Innovation Program, Section 5312 funds, to support mobility innovations research efforts. Funds will be awarded competitively for projects that advance emerging technologies, strategies and innovations in passenger-centric mobility in two distinct areas. Of the total available funds, \$1,000,000 is available to accelerate innovative mobility for projects that improve mobility and enhance

the rider experience with a focus on innovative service delivery models, creative financing, novel partnerships, and integrated payment solutions; and \$1,000,000 is available for projects to support the development of software solutions that facilitate the provision of integrated demand-response public transportation service.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

NOAA CPO Regional Integrated Science and Assessments (RISA) FY2022 - \$5.86 million

Applications Due: January 11, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments , local government, Native American tribal governments

The RISA program builds relationships that help local decision makers and researchers collaborate on adapting to climate change. Through regionally-focused and interdisciplinary research and engagement teams, RISA expands the Nation's capacity to adapt and become resilient to extreme weather events and climate change. RISA teams accomplish this through applied and co-developed research and partnerships with communities. A central tenet of the RISA program is that learning about climate adaptation and resilience is facilitated by and sustained across a wide range of experts, practitioners, and the public. As such, the RISA program supports a network of people, prioritizing wide participation in learning by doing, learning through adapting, and managing risk with uncertain information.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

USDA Rural Utilities Service Solid Waste Management Grant Program - \$4 million

Applications Due: December 31, 2021

Eligible Entities: Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), public bodies, nonprofits, academic institutions

The Solid Waste Management Grant Program is designed to assist communities through technical assistance and training provided by grant recipients to qualified organizations. SWM grant funds can be used to help reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas, and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

USDA Community Forest Program - \$4 million

Applications Due: January 10, 2022

Eligible Entities: City or township governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), county governments, nonprofits having a 501(c) (3) status, other than institutions of higher education

The Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program (Community Forest Program) of the Forest Service offers a unique opportunity for communities to acquire and conserve forests that provide public access and recreational opportunities, protect vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, serve as demonstration sites for private forest landowners, and provide economic benefits from timber and non-timber products.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

USDA REAP Energy Audit and Renewable Energy Development Assistance Program - \$100 thousand

Applications Due: February 1, 2022

Eligible Entities: State governments, county governments, city or township governments, and Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

This program assists rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA). Assistance provided must consist of: energy audits, renewable energy technical assistance, renewable energy site assessments.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

No-Cost Technical Assistance Opportunities

EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: State, local and tribal governments

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: Tribal governments

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#) .

DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace.

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#) .

Grant Writing Basics Blog Series

Learn tips and advice for writing federal grant applications through the Grant Writing Basics Blog Series. The goal of the series is to provide the essential basics to begin writing on a solid foundation.

Topics covered include:

- How to Start Working on Future Funding Opportunities
- Demystifying Funding Opportunity Announcements
- Tips to Avoid Last Minute Problems
- Making Sure You Are Eligible before Writing

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