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## SEPTEMBER 2022 FEDERAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Dear Community Members,

Thank you for your interest in federal grants update from Congresswoman Suzan DelBene's office. This is our inaugural grants e-newsletter, and we will be sending regular updates regarding federal grant opportunities throughout the year. Below you will find federal grant opportunities available to organizations and local governments in Washington's First Congressional District. **Please note that this list is not comprehensive of all grant opportunities available.**

### Other ways that the Congresswoman's office can help:

- Answering questions about federal grants
- Connecting directly with federal agencies
- Letters of support for program and project applications
- Grants workshops\*  
Answering questions about federal grants

Reach out to [Rachel.Alger@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rachel.Alger@mail.house.gov) for more information regarding federal grants.

\*[Federal Grants 101 Presentation with Grants.gov](#) (March 2022)

**Access Code:** Grants2022#

The Congresswoman's office holds regular grants workshops. Linked above is a recent virtual workshop with [Grants.gov](#) covering how to navigate and apply for federal funding. This is an excellent 101 to review if your organization is ever considering applying for federal funding. **Please note that from September 23-29, [Grants.gov](#) will be undergoing major technical upgrades and will not be usable.**

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## **Funding Spotlight: [Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act](#)**

Last November, President Biden signed the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act into law – an historic investment to repair and modernize crumbling and outdated infrastructure across the nation, ensuring all American communities have the infrastructure to succeed in the 21st Century economy and ending bottlenecks that add needless delays and costs for businesses bringing products to market and families traveling to school or work. This legislation is helping create better roads, cleaner water, and faster internet made with American products and built by American hands. [Learn more on Build.gov.](#)

### **Broadband**

#### **[Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program](#) (National Telecommunications & Information Administration)**

##### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** Provides funding for bringing high-speed internet to unserved and underserved communities.

**Applicants:** Local and state governments, Tribal governments, technology companies, electric utilities, utility cooperatives, public utility districts, telecom companies, telecom cooperatives, nonprofits, regional planning councils, Native entities, economic development authorities, collaboratives of two or more of the above entities

**Closing:** September 30, 2022

#### **[Rural eConnectivity Program](#) (Dept. of Agriculture)**

##### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** The Rural eConnectivity Program (ReConnect) Program provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

**Applicants:** Local and state governments, Tribal governments, public and private universities & colleges, nonprofits, special district governments, independent school districts, public housing authorities, for profit institutions, and small businesses

**Closing:** November 2, 2022

### **Climate, Environment & Recreation**

#### **[Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership \(WREP\)](#) (Dept. of Agriculture)**

**Info:** One of the conservation programs created under the Farm Bill. USDA will be prioritizing projects that support efforts to mitigate climate change through wetland restoration while also prioritizing assistance to underserved communities.

**Applicants:** State, local, and Tribal governments, nonprofits

**Closing:** Sept. 23, 2022

#### **[Solar Manufacturing Incubator](#) (Dept. of Energy)**

**Info:** This funding program seeks to invest in innovative research and development (R&D) as well as research, development, and demonstration (RD&D) projects that enable continued cost reductions, while developing next-generation solar technologies and boosting American solar manufacturing, especially in cadmium telluride (CdTe) photovoltaics. These projects will support the scaling of affordable solar generation and facilitate secure, reliable integration of solar electricity into the nation's energy grid to ultimately benefit the U.S. economy.

**Applicants:** For profit institutions and small businesses

**Closing:** October 3, 2022

#### **[Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program](#) (Environmental Protection Agency)**

### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** Funding for innovative strategies and approaches for issues such as community engagement and participation in environmental programs, equitable distribution of financial resources, capacity-building and outreach, and technical assistance and training to enhance access to financial assistance opportunities and promote effective grants management and performance, are necessary especially for underserved communities that have, and continue to be, plagued by environmental pollution and health, and environmental justice, challenges.

**Applicants:** Public and private universities and colleges, public and private nonprofit organizations, Intertribal Consortia (coalition of two or more Tribal governments)

**Closing:** October 4, 2022

### **Coastal Habitat Restoration and Resilience Grants for Underserved Communities (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)**

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** Grants for underserved communities working on habitat restoration and resilience projects.

**Applicants:** Local, state, and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, for profit institutions, institutions of higher education, and US territories that can demonstrate status as an underserved community or that will partnership with an underserved community or Tribal entity in coastal areas.

**Closing:** October 5, 2022

### **Marine Debris Removal Program (National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration)**

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** Program focuses on two priority areas: 1) removing large marine debris, including abandoned and derelict vessels, derelict fishing gear, and other debris generally collected by hand, and 2) using proven interception technologies to capture marine debris.

**Applicants:** Local, state and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, for profit institutions and small businesses, and public and private colleges and universities, and independent school districts

**Closing:** October 5, 2022

### **Community Wildfire Defense Grants (Dept. of Agriculture)**

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** To assist at-risk local communities and Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire. Focused on three goals: 1) **Restore and Maintain Landscapes:** Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances, in accordance with management objectives, 2) **Create Fire Adapted Communities:** Human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property, 3) **Improve Wildfire Response:** All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.

**Applicants:** State, local, Tribal, and special district governments, nonprofit organizations, public and state controlled institutions of higher education

**Closing:** October 7, 2022

### **Solar and Wind Grid Services and Reliability Demonstration (Dept. of Energy)**

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** Program will provide funding to demonstrate the capability of large-scale solar and wind plants to provide grid services to the bulk power grid as well as improving grid reliability.

**Applicants:** Utilities, laboratories, equipment manufacturers, software vendors, universities and community colleges

**Closing: *Concept Papers:*** September 15, 2022 ***Full Applications:*** November 17, 2022

### **Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program (Dept. of Agriculture)**

**Info:** The purpose of this funding is to increase the sales and use of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel by expanding the infrastructure for new renewable fuels derived from US agricultural products and to encourage a more comprehensive approach to market higher blends by sharing costs related to building out biofuel-related infrastructure. Funding is available to fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket fueling stations, fleet vehicles, and fuel distribution facilities, including terminal operations, depots, and midstream partners.

**Applicants:** Transportation fueling facilities, including: fueling stations, convenience stores, hypermarket fueling stations, fleet facilities (rail and marine) and fuel distributions facilities, including: terminal operations, depots, and midstream partners

**Closing:** November 21, 2022

### **Industrial Efficiency & Decarbonization: Industrial Efficiency & Decarbonization (Dept. of Energy)**

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** This program will fund high-impact, applied research and development and prototype or pilot-scale technology validation and demonstration projects in order to expedite the adoption of transformational industrial technology necessary to increase energy efficiency across industry and in high GHG-emitting industrial subsectors, reducing both energy usage and GHG emissions. This includes cross-sector industrial decarbonization approaches via opportunities in energy efficiency; industrial electrification; low carbon fuels, feedstocks and energy sources; and industrial carbon capture and utilization.

**Closing: Concept Papers:** October 12, 2022, **Final Application:** December 20, 2022

### **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) (Federal Emergency Management Agency)**

**Info:** The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program is for pre-disaster mitigation activities. It has a general focus on disasters, risks, and hazards, including those associated with climate change.

**Applicants:** States, Tribal governments, and territories may submit applications on behalf of subapplicants that include: local governments, emergency management and planning offices

**Closing:** January, 27, 2023

### **Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (Federal Emergency Management Agency)**

**Info:** The purpose of this grant program is to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Includes both acute extreme weather events and chronic stressors which have been observed and are expected to increase in intensity and frequency in the future.

**Applicants:** States, Tribal governments, and territories may submit applications on behalf of subapplicants that include: local governments, planning and emergency management and planning offices

**Closing:** January 27, 2023

### **National Outreach & Communication Program (Fish and Wildlife Service)**

**Info:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is seeking proposals from applicants to implement the National Outreach and Communication Program (NOCP) for sportfishing and boating. Proposals must address the primary purposes of the NOCP, which are to: 1) Improve communications with anglers, boaters, and the general public regarding angling and boating opportunities, 2) Reduce barriers to access and participation in angling and boating activities. Advance the adoption of sound angling and boating practices in the U.S. Promote conservation

and the responsible use of the nation's aquatic resources. Further safety in angling and boating.  
**Closing:** October 31, 2022

### **Education, Humanities & Arts**

#### **School Choice and Improvement Program: Full-Service Community Schools (Dept. of Education)**

**Info:** Program provides support for the planning, implementation, and operation of full-service community schools that improve coordination, integration, accessibility, and effectiveness of services for children and families, particularly for children attending high-poverty schools, including rural communities.

**Applicants:** State, local, and special district governments, nonprofits

**Closing:** September 12, 2022

#### **History of Equal Rights Grant Program (HER) (National Park Service)**

**Info:** New competitive grant program to preserve sites related to the struggle to achieve the ideal of equal rights in America. Funding available for planning and brick and mortar preservation/conservation work on historic buildings and structures.

**Applicants:** Local, state, and Tribal governments, nonprofits, educational institutions

**Closing:** September 14, 2022

#### **Nominations: National Medal of the Arts (National Endowment for the Arts)**

**Info:** The National Medal of Arts is the highest award given to artists and arts patrons by the United States government and is awarded by the president of the United States to individuals or groups who "...are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contributions to the excellence, growth, support and availability of the arts in the United States."

**Applicants:** Any US citizen, permanent resident who has filed for naturalization, and/or group established/incorporated in the US who has made significant contributions to the arts may be nominated

**Closing:** October 1, 2022

#### **African American Civil Rights Grant Program (AACR) (National Park Service)**

**Info:** This grant program will document, interpret, and preserve sites and stories telling the full story of the long struggle for African American civil rights across two separate grant opportunities.

**Applicants:** Projects should demonstrate public-private partnerships

**Closing:** November 8, 2022

#### **Japanese American Confinement Sites Grant Program (National Park Service)**

**Info:** Provides financial assistance to organizations and entities working to preserve historic Japanese American confinement sites and their history, including: private nonprofit organizations; educational institutions; state, local, and tribal governments; and other public entities, for the preservation and interpretation of U.S. confinement sites where Japanese Americans were detained during World War II.

**Applicants:** State, local and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education

**Closing:** November 9, 2022

#### **Grants for Museums (Institute of Museum & Library Services)**

**Info:** Six grant opportunities for museums, including: 1) [Museums for America](#), 2) [Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#), 3) [National Leadership Grants for Museums](#), 4) [Museums Empowered](#), 5) [Museum Grants for African American History & Culture](#), 6) and [Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services](#)

**Applicants:** Museums and related organizations  
**Closing:** November 15, 2022

**[Literature Fellowships for Translation Projects](#) (National Endowment for the Arts)**

**Info:** The National Endowment of the Arts supports up to \$25,000 in grants for translation of specific works of prose, poetry, or drama from other languages into English.

**Applicants:** Individual translators who meet publication requirements

**Closing:** January 12, 2023

**Healthier Communities**

**[Community Food Projects Competitive Program](#) (Dept. of Agriculture)**

**Info:** The primary goal of this program is to meet the needs of low-income communities through food distribution, outreach, and improving access with one-time federal funding. Grants are available for 1) Training and Technical Assistance, 2) Planning Projects, and 3) Community Food Projects.

**Applicants:** Public food program service providers, tribal organizations, nonprofit organizations

**Closing:** October 7, 2022

**[Project AWARE \(Advancing Wellness & Resiliency in Education\)](#) (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration)**

**Info:** The purpose of this grant is to develop sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services. Grant recipients are expected to build collaborative partnerships with the State Education Agency (SEA), Local Education Agency (LEA), Tribal Education Agency (TEA), the State Mental Health Agency (SMHA), community-based providers of behavioral health care services, school personnel, community organizations, families, and school-aged youth. Grant recipients will leverage their partnerships to implement mental health related promotion, awareness, prevention, intervention, and resilience activities to ensure that students have access and are connected to appropriate and effective behavioral health services. SAMHSA expects that this program will promote the healthy social and emotional development of school-aged youth and prevent youth violence in school settings.

**Applicants:** State, local, and Tribal governments, nonprofits, health care facilities or programs operated by or in accordance with a grant/contract with the Indian Health Service

**Closing:** October 13, 2022

**[Violence Against Women Act - Firearms Training & Technical Assistance](#) (Dept. of Justice)**

**Info:** Goal is to provide direct training and technical assistance to existing and potential VAWA recipients and subrecipients to enhance project implementation efforts.

**Applicants:** Local, State and Tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, and institutions of higher education

**Closing:** October 14, 2022

**[Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health \(REACH\)](#) (Centers for Disease Control)**

**Info:** This five-year program is to improve health, prevent chronic diseases, and reduce health disparities among racial and ethnic populations with the highest risk, or burden, of chronic disease, specifically for African Americans/Blacks, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders, American Indians, and Alaska Natives.

**Applicants:** Local, state, Tribal, and special district governments, small businesses, public housing agencies, independent school districts, colleges, and universities

**Closing:** March 13, 2023

**Housing Affordability**

**[Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program](#) (Dept. of Housing & Urban Development)**

**Info:** The overall purpose of the Older Adult Home Modification Program (OAHMP) is to assist experienced nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, and public housing authorities in undertaking comprehensive programs that make safety and functional home modification repairs and renovations to meet the needs of low-income elderly adult homeowners. The goal of the home modification program is to enable low-income elderly adult persons to remain in their homes through low-cost, low barrier, high impact home modifications to reduce older adults' risk of falling, improve general safety, increase accessibility, and to improve their functional abilities in their home. This will enable older adults to remain in their homes, that is, to "age in place," rather than move to nursing homes or other assisted care facilities.

**Applicants:** State, local, and special district governments, nonprofit organizations

**Closing:** October 13, 2022

### **Healthy Homes Production Grant (Dept. of Housing & Urban Development)**

**Info:** Multiple organizations or multiple units of local government may apply as a consortium, provided an eligible entity is the principal (lead) applicant responsible for ensuring compliance with NOFO requirements, and each entity must meet the Resolution of Civil Rights Matters threshold requirement.

**Applicants:** State, local, and Tribal governments, and nonprofit organizations

**Closing:** October 18, 2022

### **Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) (Dept. of Housing & Urban Development)**

**Info:** SHOP Grant funds must be used for land acquisition, infrastructure improvements, and for reasonable and necessary planning and administration costs (not to exceed 10 percent). The construction or rehabilitation costs of each SHOP unit must be funded with other leveraged public and private funds. The average expenditure for the combined costs of land acquisition and infrastructure improvements must not exceed \$15,000 per SHOP unit. Units must be decent, safe, and sanitary non-luxury dwellings that comply with state and local codes, ordinances, and zoning requirements. Units must be sold to homebuyers at prices below the prevailing market price. Homebuyers must be low-income and must contribute a significant amount of sweat equity towards the development of the SHOP units. A homebuyer's sweat equity contribution must not be mortgaged or otherwise restricted upon future sale of the SHOP unit. Volunteer labor is also required.

**Applicants:** Public or private non-profit organizations, or a consortium of public or private non-profit organizations, that have the capacity and experience to provide or facilitate self-help homeownership opportunities on a national or regional basis.

**Closing:** November 7, 2022

## **Transportation & Infrastructure**

### **Safe Streets and Roads for All (Dept. of Transportation)**

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** There are two types of these grants Action Plan Grants and Implementation Grants. The following activities are eligible under this newly established grant program 1) development or updating of a comprehensive safety action plan, 2) planning, design, and/or development activities in support of an action plan, and/or 3) carrying out projects and strategies identified in an action plan.

**Applicants:** Metropolitan planning organizations, local governments, transit agencies, and special districts that are subdivisions of the state, Tribal governments

**Closing:** September 15, 2022

### **Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (Federal Railroad Administration)**

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** The purpose of the Railroad Elimination Crossing Program is to provide funding for highway-rail and pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

**Applicants:** Local, state, and Tribal governments, public port authority, metropolitan planning organizations

**Closing:** October 4, 2022

### [Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program](#) (Dept. of Transportation)

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development. The variety of transformative solutions to knit communities back together can include: high-quality public transportation, infrastructure removal, pedestrian walkways and overpasses, capping over roadways, linear parks and trail connectors, roadway redesigns and complete streets conversions, and main street revitalization.

**Applicants:** Local, state, and Tribal governments, nonprofits, metropolitan planning organizations, transportation facility owners

**Closing:** October 13, 2022

### [Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements Program](#) (Dept. of Transportation)

**Info:** Eligible projects include, but are not limited to: deployment of safety technology or development of safety and/or emergency programming, capital projects that address or reduce congestion or infrastructure, highway-rail grade crossing improvements, relocation and improvement of rail lines, trespassing prevention, and emission reduction projects.

**Applicants:** State, local, and Tribal governments, higher education institutions, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and for profit institutions.

**Closing:** December 1, 2022

## **Workforce Development**

### [Advancing Equity through Workforce Partnerships](#) (Dept. of Energy)

#### ***Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act***

**Info:** Projects should primarily relate to PV solar deployment and associated careers including in installation, system design, operations and maintenance (O&M), electrical work, project management, sales, and business operations. Proposals focused on manufacturing for solar PV modules and other equipment will be considered but is not expected to be the primary area of focus for the funding program. Proposals related to CSP or other solar-thermal heating systems will not be considered.

**Applicants:** Local, state, and Tribal governments, labor unions, nonprofits, solar developers, educational institutions

**Closing: Letters of Intent:** September 13, 2022, **Concept Papers:** September 20, 2022, **Full Applications:** December 6

### [Learning to Leading: Cultivating the Next Generation of Diverse Food and Agriculture Professionals](#) (Dept. of Agriculture)

**Info:** Build and sustain the next generation of the food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences (FANH) workforce through providing student scholarship support, meaningful paid internships, fellowships, and job opportunity matching, and also facilitating opportunities to learn the processes and pathways leading to training and employment in the federal sector.

**Closing:** October 25, 2022

### [National Early Care & Education Workforce Center](#) (Dept. of Health and Human Services)

**Info:** The purpose of the cooperative agreement is to fund a research and technical assistance center that will work to increase recruitment and retention of a diverse, qualified, and effective workforce across all Early Care and Education (ECE) settings and programs through the provision of technical assistance (TA) at state and local levels and a program of rigorous research that builds the knowledge base and informs TA efforts. The Center will specifically focus on establishing and enhancing career advancement systems and strategies for ECE professionals to pursue credentials and degrees and identifying and encouraging sustainable strategies to increase compensation, provide an adequate compensation, and improve workplace policies (wages, benefits, wellness) in alignment with career advancement.

**Applicants:** Local, state and Tribal governments, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, small businesses and for profit institutions, and independent school districts.

**Closing:** November 7, 2022

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