GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities
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Grants:

Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) Project: The NC Clean Energy Technology has opened a grant for the Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) Project which provides funding for clean transportation technologies in eligible NC counties, and for EV Charging Station (EVSE) projects in all 100 NC counties. The list of eligible counties is: Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Haywood, Iredell, Johnston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Nash, Orange, Person, Rowan, Swain, Union and Wake.

The CFAT Project is funded with Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from FHWA and NCDOT. The deadline to apply is August 1, 2022.

Links: https://nccleantech.ncsu.edu/our-work/center-projects/cfat-project-request-for-proposals-information/ ; A recorded webinar can be accessed, here.

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting two, two-part virtual workshops on **"Energy Efficiency" and "Renewable Energy,"** respectively, to engage stakeholders in the current practices, opportunities and challenges in increasing energy efficiency measures and utilizing renewable energy to increase power resilience at water utilities. The Energy Efficiency workshops will be Wed., June 29 and Thurs., June 30 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. EST – Register, here. The Renewable Energy workshops will be Tues., August 9 and Wed., August 10 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. EST – register, here.

The Energy Communities, or Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization (Interagency Working Group) launched a **public comment portal** in which public feedback is requested to help the federal working group prioritize and plan assistance to energy communities. Comments will be accepted until August 9, 2022. Submit comments, here.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announced that it will publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on standards and requirements for projects funded under the **National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program**. Comments to the rule will be accepted once the NPRM is published in the Federal Register.

The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation is accepting nominations for the **Electric Vehicle (EV) Working Group**, which will make recommendations regarding EV development, adoption and integration across the United States. Nominations for individuals working in the EV manufacturing, labor, public utility, tribal, trucking and other sectors are sought. To submit a nomination, email the nominee's resume to EVWG@ee.doe.gov by Fri., July 15. More information -- https://driveelectric.gov/work-with-us/

A recorded webinar on the **Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) Project** (deadline to apply is August 1), hosted by the NC Clean Energy Technology Center, grant can be accessed, here.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a webinar series on the **Clean School Bus Rebates** program. Topics include How to Apply, EV Infrastructure and Fraud Prevention. All webinars will be held at 1 p.m. EST. For

different dates and registration information, go to https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_oxJTzG2TRbKnVPgyZ8P8KA The deadline to apply for a grant is August 19.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities (NLC) and Results for America announced a new **Local Infrastructure Hub** that will provide $50 million to aid cities and towns in accessing billions in federal infrastructure funding. Through the hub, experts will provide "free coaching, data analysis and support" in helping applicants with their grant applications. The hub officially launches on July 1, 2022. More information -- https://bloombergcities.jhu.edu/local-infrastructure-hub

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Economic Development Administration (EDA) released a joint **resource guide to boost economic development in rural communities**. "The resource guide outlines programs and services that can be used to advance community and economic development in rural communities through four key focus areas including planning and technical assistance; infrastructure and broadband expansion; entrepreneurship and business assistance; and workforce development and livability." Link to guide, here.

The White House has released an infrastructure "**rural playbook**" which features programs focused on rural water systems, broadband, transportation, climate resilience, and energy. https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/BIL-Rural-Playbook-.pdf

The White House recently released a **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Technical Assistance Guide**, which is a list of federal resources to help communities "deliver infrastructure projects." Specifically, the guide provides a list of over 65 technical assistance programs and resources to help communities apply for federal infrastructure funding. At least $700 million in funding has been identified in a variety of infrastructure investments including transportation, clean energy and power, high-speed internet, water, resilience and environmental remediation. Link: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Infrastructure-Technical-Assistance-Guide_FINAL2.pdf

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has developed a **Rural EV Toolkit** that is a "one-stop resource to help rural communities scope, plan and fund EV charging infrastructure." More information on the toolkit: https://www.transportation.gov/rural/ev/toolkit; access to a PowerPoint presentation called "Charging Forward," which features the toolkit. https://www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/2022-02/Charging%20Forward%20PPT%202022-02-09.pdf

Recorded Webinars and Other:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosted a couple of webinars on the **Clean School Bus Program** (now open, with a deadline of August 19 to apply), including zero-emission and clean school bus rebates. Access the slide deck from the April 27th webinar -- https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-04/2022-csb-rebates-webinar-2022-04-27.pdf

The National Association of Counties (NACo) recorded a webinar on the new Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs) issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The NOFOs outline **broadband infrastructure and digital equity funding** opportunities that are part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Access the recording, here.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hosted a webinar on the new **Transmission Facilitation Program (TFP)** which was created through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL); the slide deck can be accessed, here.

The White House has announced a new "Internet for All" initiative that will be administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Three Notices of

Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) are open for solicitation and a webinar series will provide an overview of the three grants. Webinar info -- https://www.internetforall.gov/webinars

The **"Infrastructure School" webinar series**, hosted by the White House, is now available in recorded form. These webinars provided a deeper analysis of every segment of the BIL, including upcoming milestones. View the full collection, here -- https://www.whitehouse.gov/build/briefing-room/2022/05/04/infrastructure-school-webinars/