



GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities

July 7, 2022

Contact Leslie Mozingo at Leslie@strategics.consulting, (202) 255-5760, or Amy Kirschbaum at Amy@strategics.consulting, (503) 680-4189, for additional information.

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

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) has published 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 until **August 22, 2022**.

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/>

NEW – The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host a webinar on the **Middle Mile “Project Portion” of the application** on **Wed., July 13 at 2:30 EST**. Registration <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events/internet-all-webinar-series-project-portion-enabling-middle-mile-broadband>

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) published a set of **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the three broadband funding opportunities** that are open for solicitation currently. FAQ on the [Broadband Equity, Access & Deployment Program \(BEAD\)](#); FAQ on the [Digital Equity Act](#); FAQ on the [Middle Mile grant](#).

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 12, 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 U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced the [7th Clean Energy Manufacturing Innovation Institute and the new Industrial Technology Innovation Advisory Committee](#). Nominations for the new advisory committee accepted until August 1, 2022. [Submit nominations, here.](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) recorded a webinar on **DOE's progress with respect to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)** in the first 180 days. Access the webinar: https://www.energy.gov/media/274349?utm_source=Energy+Communities&utm_campaign=6d639d35f1-IWG-Directors-Update-062722&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_df57215222-6d639d35f1-616782457

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>

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. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting the second of 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 Renewable Energy workshops will be **Tues., August 9 and Wed., August 10 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. EST** – [register, here.](#)

The White House Office of Public Engagement is holding weekly **Rural Stakeholders calls** on a variety of topics. [Sign up to receive notification](#) of the calls.

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>

Recorded Webinars and Other:

NEW -- The Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hosted a webinar on **EPA infrastructure programs that are relevant to energy communities** and funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Topics included drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, Superfund sites and brownfield sites. <https://energycommunities.gov/events-archive/past-events/>

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.](#)

NEW – The National League of Cities (NLC) hosted a webinar “**A Deep Dive on Middle Mile Broadband**” last month. The [webinar and slides are now available for review](#).

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 NC Department of Information Technology (NCDIT) recently held a webinar on the **status of broadband grants**, both state and federal. Access the recording -- <https://vimeo.com/723432936>

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) hosted a webinar on the ReConnect program “**Preparing for ReConnect Round 4.**” The slide deck is available now, and the webinar recording will be posted soon -- <https://www.usda.gov/reconnect/application-workshop-webinar-materials>

NEW (updated) -- The U.S. 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. https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/events-related-clean-school-bus-program#past_events

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](#).