GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities
August 11, 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 Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has announced the **2022/Round 6 Designated Alternative Fuel Corridors** which "provide additional connections to highways designated in the previous five rounds of nominations to better complete coverage of alternative fuels nationwide." The 2022/Round 6 designations include 177 EV corridor-pending and six EV corridor-ready highways. The six corridor-ready designated highways are in Florida, New Jersey, and North Carolina. In NC, the EV corridor-ready highway is US70 between the I-95 interchange in Smithfield and the I-85 interchange in Durham. https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/ready/.

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.

NEW – The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is hosting a series of "office hours" for those interested in applying to the **Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure grant program**. NTIA staff and subject matter experts will answer questions from all prospective applicants with the intent to prepare them to write high-quality applications. The sessions for local and regional governments will be held on Tues., August 30 and Thurs., September 1 from 2 to 3 p.m., EST, respectively. Register, here. Additional sessions, open to all applicants, will be held Tues., September 27 and Wed., September 28 from 2 to 3 p.m., EST, respectively. Register, here. Registrations must be completed by Noon the day before the desired session. The deadline to apply to the Middle Mile grant is September 30, 2022.

NEW – The U.S. Conference of Mayors, as part of the Local Infrastructure Hub, will host a webinar on opportunities for cities and towns looking to access **federal dollars to close the digital divide**, support broadband infrastructure expansion, and advance digital equity. The webinar is Tues., August 16 at 2 p.m. EST. Registration: https://usmayors.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pcuGsqz0sHd3rvli9Kzbkf-KU9K20HjAF

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, which is funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, Emerson Collective, Ford Foundation and The Kresge Foundation, launched on July 12, 2022. More information -- https://bloombergcities.jhu.edu/local-infrastructure-hub.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, the National League of Cities (NLC) and Results for America will host a webinar entitled **"Focusing on Broadband"** on Tues., August 16 at 2 p.m. EST. Information, here.

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 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

NEW – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released the newly updated **State Energy and Environment Guide to Action** to help states design and implement policies that reduce emissions associated with electricity generation and energy consumption. The guide was first published in 2006 and last updated in 2015.

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.

Recorded Webinars and Other:

The Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), along with the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National League of Cities (NLC), hosted a webinar on "**Overcoming Challenges and Seizing Opportunities: Implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**. Watch the webinar -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtmO-LutG-o

The Golden LEAF hosted a webinar on the **SITE grant program**. Access the slide deck or watch the webinar -- https://www.goldenleaf.org/SITE-webinar/ The deadline to apply for a SITE grant is September 19 at Noon.

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 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

RouteFifty's recent webinar on **"Building it Right: The Road to Successful Infrastructure Spending"** is now available for viewing. https://events.route-fifty.com/building-it-right/on-demand/

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development office hosted a webinar on **Bringing Electric Vehicles to Rural America** on July 7. View the webinar -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu22KL1J5ko

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) hosted a webinar on the **NEVI program (Charging Forward – Bringing Electric Vehicles to Rural America)** as it relates to rural areas. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gu22KL1J5ko

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) hosted a webinar on the ReConnect program **"Preparing for ReConnect Round 4."** The slide deck and the webinar are available for review -- https://www.usda.gov/reconnect. The Round 4 funding opens September 6, 2022.

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

NEW – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is hosting a webinar entitled **"A System in Transition – The Influence of Next Generation Technologies."** The webinar is scheduled for Wed., August 17 at 2 p.m. EST. Register, 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.

NEW – The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recorded a July 28 webinar on **"Getting Ready to Apply" for a Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant**. https://www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/webinars Additionally, a Frequently Asked Questions website can be accessed at https://www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/smart-frequently-asked-questions The NOFO will be released in September 2022.