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GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities
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Grant:

Notice of Opportunity Number	Grant Title	Federal Agency	Deadline	Information
DE-FOA-0002792	Funding Opportunity in Support of the Hydrogen Shot and a University Research Consortium on Grid Resilience	DOE	12/1/22	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343227

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

The Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization (Energy Communities IWG) has extended the period for public comment by 30 days. The new deadline is Thurs., September 8, 2022. Comments are sought on the "challenges facing energy communities, measures to address those needs, and recommendations for the Federal Government to consider." The comments will be used by the IWG to "prioritize and plan assistance to energy communities." Submit comments by 9/8, here.

NEW – The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a 3rd round of **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program**. https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-08/Middle-Mile-FAQs_Version-3.0_vF.pdf

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.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors, as part of the Local Infrastructure Hub, will host a webinar on the **Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program to Advance Energy Efficiency**. The discussion, led by mayors and experts is scheduled for Tues., September 13 at 2 p.m. EST. Registration: https://usmayors.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwscuGvqj8uGNQek5O970kw06BvYKWrg2sx

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

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.

Recorded Webinars and Other:

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, 2022 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. 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 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.