



## GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities September 15, 2022

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### Highlight:

The **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** opened a series of grants related to brownfields including assessment coalition, community-wide assessment, multipurpose, revolving loan funds, and clean-up. EPA's Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program is designed to empower states, tribes, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. The deadline to apply to any of the FY23 grants, which are detailed in the table below, is **November 22, 2022**.

Link: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/overview-epas-brownfields-program>

Upcoming grant deadlines of interest to local governments are listed below. Click on information link or search on [Grants.gov](#) by the notice of opportunity number.

Notice of Opportunity Number	Grant Title	Federal Agency	Deadline	Information
N/A	Community Change Grants	America Walks	9/30/22	<a href="https://americawalks.org/programs/community-change-grants/">https://americawalks.org/programs/community-change-grants/</a>
N/A	Rural Transformation Grants	NC Dept of Commerce	11/1/22	<a href="https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/rural-transformation-grants">https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/rural-transformation-grants</a>
N/A	ReConnect Program	USDA	11/2/22	<a href="https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/08/04/biden-harris-administration-begin-accepting-applications-september">https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/08/04/biden-harris-administration-begin-accepting-applications-september</a>
EPA-OLEM-OBLR-22-07	FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Assessment Grants (Assessment Coalition Grants)	EPA	11/22/22	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343466">https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343466</a>
EPA-OLEM-OBLR-22-08	FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Grants	EPA	11/22/22	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343467">https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343467</a> <b>10 awards</b>
EPA-OLEM-OBLR-22-05	FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Assessment Grants (Community-Wide Assessment Guide)	EPA	11/22/22	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343484">https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343484</a>

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-22-10	FY23 Guidelines for Brownfield Multipurpose (MP) Grants	EPA	11/22/22	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343485">https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343485</a>
EPA-OLEM-OBLR-22-09	FY23 Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Grants	EPA	11/22/22	<a href="https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343487">https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=343487</a>

### **Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:**

The Local Infrastructure Hub will host a webinar on the **FY22 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program** -- **Tues., September 27 at 2 p.m. EST.** [Register, here.](#)

**NEW** -- The National League of Cities (NLC) will host a **webinar on the EV charging network** under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The webinar will include where to start, what grants are available, what coordination is needed and what to plan for. **Thurs., September 29 at 1 p.m. EST.** More information and registration -- <https://www.nlc.org/events/ready-to-rebuild-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-webinar-series/>

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-08/Middle-Mile-FAQs_Version-3.0_vF.pdf). Applications due **September 30, 2022.**

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. Upcoming 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. Department of Agriculture (USDA) opened **Round 4 of the Reconnect Program** for high-speed internet on September 6, 2022. Funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), available funding includes up to \$150 million in loans, up to \$300 million in loan/grant combinations, and up to \$700 million in grants. The deadline to apply is **November 2, 2022.** <https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2022/08/04/biden-harris-administration-begin-accepting-applications-september>

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) is hosting a webinar series as part of its **EV Grid Assist: Accelerating the Transition Initiative**. The series aims to support decision makers by providing timely information on a wide range of topics important to the integration of electric vehicles and the grid. All of the webinars are from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on the dates scheduled; registration for any is at <https://www.evgridassistwebinars.com/>. To watch previous webinars, go to: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/evgrid-assist-accelerating-transition>

- Charging Station Site Design: **September 27**
- Load Forecasting: **October 3**
- Rates and Incentives: **October 25**

- Planning for the Future: **November 10**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) issued a [Draft for Comment \(DE-FOA-0002740\)](#) on the **Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's (BIL) Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRID) program**. The deadline to comment is **October 14, 2022**. Submit written comments to [GDORFI@hq.doe.gov](mailto:GDORFI@hq.doe.gov).

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.

**NEW** – The U.S. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is seeking comment on a [Notice of Proposed Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers](#). The deadline to submit comments is **September 30, 2022**.

#### **Recorded Webinars and Other:**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a [webinar series on topics including the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\) program](#) and more.

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 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) is hosting a webinar series as part of its **EV Grid Assist: Accelerating the Transition Initiative**. To watch previous webinars, including one called “The Importance of Vehicle Grid Integration (VGI), go to: <https://www.energy.gov/eere/evgrid-assist-accelerating-transition>

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**.