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Highlight:

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and FEMA posted the **FY22 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)** – DHS-22-GOD-137-00-01 **-** this week. This first-of-its-kind grant has an estimated funding that is over $184 million. The SLCGP, along with the Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program (TCGP) will help eligible entities address cybersecurity risks and threats to information systems owned or operated by—or on behalf of—state, local and territorial (SLLT) governments. The Notice of Funding Opportunity for the TCGP will be released at a later date. The deadline to apply is November 15, 2022.

Links: https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343579 AND https://www.cisa.gov/cybergrants

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	Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments Program (LASII)	NC Dept of Environmental Quality	9/30/22	https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-infrastructure/stormwater-funding-program **recorded webinar -** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mEaPLNsGis
DOT-SMART-FY22-01	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program	USDOT	11/18/22	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343245
693JJ322NF00010	Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment (ATTIMD) Program also known as ATTAIN	USDOT-FHWA	11/18/22	https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343624 **10 awards**

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

The Grants.gov system will be unavailable to users from September 23rd to September 29th due to a migration of the system to the Cloud.

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.

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 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. 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 North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality hosted a webinar on the new Stormwater Funding Program and the Local Assistance for Stormwater Infrastructure Investments (LASII). Review the webinar -- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_mEaPLNsGis. The deadline to apply for a LASII grant is September 30 by 5 p.m. EST.

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.

NEW ---The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) has three upcoming workshops to inform the **Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) program** in preparation for a future funding opportunity announcement. Two workshops are in-person, with the Eastern U.S. one scheduled for October 26-27 in Little Rock, AR. The third webinar is virtual on November 1st and 2nd. Register, here. More OCED program information -- https://www.energy.gov/oced/events/energy-improvements-rural-or-remote-areas

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.

NEW -- The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) is hosting a webinar on the **new Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants program** and "how to apply" on Thurs., September 29 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. EST. SMART funds projects that focus on using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges facing communities. The deadline to apply is November 18, 2022. Register for the webinar, here. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), FAQs and information about additional webinars are on the SMART website -- https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART

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. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is seeking comment on a **Notice of Proposed Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Charger**s. 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 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 is open now.

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 application is open now until November 18, 2022.