GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities
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*The Grants.gov website has been down for maintenance all week. It will be
functional again at 11:59 p.m. EST on Thurs., September 29, 2022.*

Highlight:

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Carolina's EV Infrastructure Deployment Plan** which describes how the state intends to use its portion of the
National EV Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program funds. Read the plan --
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/nevi/ev_deployment_plans/nc_nevi_plan.pdf

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

NEW (updated) -- The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a 5th round of
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program.
https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/sites/default/files/2022-09/Middle_Mile_FAQs_Version_5.0.pdf Applications
are due September 30, 2022.

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-
administrationbegin-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) 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

✦ 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.

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.

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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/pastevents/

NEW -- The Local Infrastructure Hub hosted a webinar on the **FY22 Building Resilient Infrastructure and**

Communities (BRIC) program. Access the webinar slides and links --
https://localinfrastructure.org/event/deliveringresults-investing-in-community-resilience/. The sub-applicant BRIC
Letter of Interest is due to the state of NC on October 3, 2022.

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.