



## GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities

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

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has opened the process whereby entities may file **bulk challenges to the data in the Broadband Serviceable Location Fabric (Fabric)**, which serves as the foundation for the Broadband Data Collection (BDC) fixed availability maps. To learn more about this process and the Fabric, view a recorded webinar at <https://www.fcc.gov/news-events/events/2022/09/broadband-serviceable-location-fabric-bulk-challenge-process-webinar>, or read an article issued by the National Leagues of Cities at <https://www.nlc.org/article/2022/09/21/fcc-broadband-data-challenge-process/>.

The **Grants.gov grants clearinghouse system** will be down for maintenance **November 19 to November 21, 2022**.

The National Association of Counties' (NACo) **Building Resilient Economies in Coal Communities (BRECC) National Network** is a peer network connecting coal community leaders, including local governments, utilities, and local stakeholders. To sign up to receive information about virtual learning sessions and other resources, go to <https://www.naco.org/resources/signature-projects/building-resilient-economies-coal-country/building-resilient-economies>.

The U.S. Census Bureau is seeking comments on its **2030 census plan**, specifically on these aspects: reaching and motivating everyone, technology, new data sources, how they contact respondents, and respondent support services. Comments are due by **November 15, 2022** to [this link](#).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the **expansion of the Rural Partners Network (RPN) into 17 counties in North Carolina** -- *Robeson, Bladen, Columbus County Community Network; Glow House Foundation Community Network including Randolph County; Wilson, Edgecombe, Nash, and Johnston Community Network; Halifax-Northampton Community Network; and Albemarle-Roanoke Community Network including Bertie, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington counties*. The RPN provides partnering communities with on-the-ground support from full-time federal staff members assigned to provide technical assistance tailored to the community's unique needs and objectives. [More information, here.](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) launched the **Grid and Transmission Program Conductor** which is a clearinghouse for the Grid Deployment Office's (GDO) transmission and grid resilience financing programs that are part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). [More information, 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 last of the series is Planning for the Future on **November 10 at 3 p.m. EST**. <https://www.evgridassistwebinars.com/> 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>

**NEW** -- The U.S. Department of Treasury (Treasury) seeks public input on three tax credit provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA): the **qualified commercial clean vehicles provision and the alternative fuel vehicle refueling property; credit for carbon capture; and the credit for the production of clean hydrogen and the clean fuel production credit**. More information, [here](#). The deadline to submit comment is **December 3, 2022**.

**NEW** -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is **requesting comment on the design and implementation of programs contained in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)**. All public comments for the [Request for Information \(RFI\)](#) are due by **January 18, 2023**. The six “dockets” for which EPA seeks input are:

1. Climate Pollution Reduction Grants -- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0873>
2. Transportation Programs -- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0874>
3. Methane Emissions Reduction -- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0875>
4. Funding to Address Air Pollution -- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0876>
5. Funding for Implementation of American Innovation and Manufacturing Act -- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0877>
6. Low Emissions Electricity Program & GHG Corporate Reporting -- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0878>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its **guidebook for climate and energy funding** included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The guide previews new and existing programs accounting for about \$41.5 billion in appropriated spending and \$11.7 billion in new Superfund tax revenue. [Access the briefing deck, here](#).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on the **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF)**. To read the Request for Information (RFI) and/or to submit comment, go to <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OA-2022-0859/document>; the deadline to comment is **December 5, 2022**.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) updated and improved its [EJScreen](#), the publicly available **environmental justice screening and mapping tool** that allows users to zoom in on a geographic area to see demographic socioeconomic and environmental information for that area. Tutorials and videos can be accessed on topics like Basic Features, How to Interpret a report and more. <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/ejscreen-videos>. Additionally, **“office hours”** will be held with EPA staff who can answer questions; there is no need to register: **December 21 at Noon EST** ([join here](#)).

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 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 Energy (DOE) recorded a **webinar on the Grid Resilience Innovation Partnership (GRIP) Program**, originally held on October 6. Watch the webinar or access the presentation, [here](#).

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**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) posted the webinar “**Getting Ready to Apply**” for a **Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant**. The “How to Apply” webinar is also posted. <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/webinars> Additionally, an updated Frequently Asked Questions fact sheet can be accessed at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/smart/smart-frequently-asked-questions> The deadline to apply for a SMART grant is **November 18, 2022**.