GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities
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Notice of Opportunity Number	Grant Title	Federal Agency	Deadline	Information
DE-FOA-0002756	FOA for Energy Improvements at Public K-12 School Facilities – Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Renew America's Schools	DOE	4/21/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=344711

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) launched the **Ready Appalachia: A Community Capacity-Building Initiative – Ready LDDs – Request for Proposals.** The purpose of the READY LDDs (Local Development Districts) portion of READY Appalachia is to strengthen the ability of Appalachia's LDDs to help constituent communities design and implement truly impactful projects utilizing federal and other types of funds. The deadline is rolling. More information, here.

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/.

NEW – The Local Infrastructure Hub, along with the National League of Cities (NLC), is offering a **series of bootcamps designed to help local governments take advantage of grant opportunities in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).** The series will include more than 30 bootcamps over a two-year period. The first three bootcamps (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; Charging and Fueling Infrastructure grants; Safe Streets and Roads for All) will be offered beginning in January. Registration runs from November 21 through December 9, 2022. There are a limited number of spots, first-come, first-served. More information and registration, here.

NEW -- The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) published an **interactive map which shows program progress by state and territory for the BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Development) program**, as well as state and federal contacts. Access the map and contact list, here.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced that North Carolina received its first **"Internet for All" broadband grants** totaling $6,415,614 from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Read more, here.

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 Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development and the Economic Development Agency (EDA) released a new **planning resource guide, called Stronger Together**. The guide features four key focus areas: Planning and Technical Assistance; Infrastructure and Broadband Expansion; Entrepreneurship and Business Assistance; and Workforce Development and Livability. Access the guide, here.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) opened the **Transmission Facilitation Program (TFP)**. Under the TFP, the DOE is authorized to borrow up to $2.5 billion through three financing tools: capacity contracts, loans, and public-private partnerships. Currently, the only option for funding is through capacity contracts and a DOE Request for Proposals (RFP) process (GDO-TFPFY23CAP). The deadline to submit an application is February 1, 2023

The U.S. Department of Energy is **seeking applications for the Long-Duration Energy Storage (LDES) Demonstration Projects**. This program was created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and will make awards for up to 11 projects through the current Notice of Funding Opportunity. The deadline to apply is March 3, 2023. Letters of Intent from potential applicants are due by December 15, 2022. 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 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.

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:

NEW -- The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) recorded a broadband 101 webinar entitled "**Introduction to Broadband and High Speed Internet**," which covered how it works, definitions of terminology, types of technologies, economics of a network and how the BEAD and other grant programs fit in. The webinar will be posted soon to the BroadbandUSA website, here.

NEW – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hosted a webinar on the $10.5 billion **Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnership Program (GRIP)** to enhance grid flexibility and improve the resilience of the power system against growing threats of extreme weather and climate change. Access the slide deck, here. Concept papers, which are the first step in the application process for the Grid Resilience Utility and Industry Grants, are due December 16, 2022.

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.

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.