



GRANTS ALERT for Electricities February 23, 2023

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Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

NEW – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is seeking **public input an equity guide called “Achieving Equitable Recovery: A Post Disaster Guide for Local Officials.”** The Equity Guide helps community leaders identify and address barriers historically found throughout the disaster recovery process by providing advice, checklists, toolkits, case studies, and community examples on how to incorporate equity through the recovery management process and how to work towards achieving equitable outcomes. A series of national engagement sessions are scheduled for **Mon., February 27 at Noon EST** (register, [here](#)) and **Mon., March 13 at 10 a.m. EST** (register, [here](#)). To submit written comments, email FEMA-CA-RSF@fema.dhs.gov no later than **5 p.m. EST on March 15, 2023**.

Grants.gov will be down for maintenance **March 18 to March 20, 2023**.

The Energy Communities Interagency Working Group (IWG) launched a [new webpage on technical assistance](#) including funding, services (help from real people) and educational resources. Additionally, a **webinar series** on IWG technical assistance lists all previous webinars in recorded form. Review a webinar, [here](#).

NEW – The Local Infrastructure Hub, in concert with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, will host a webinar on **Tues., February 28 at 2 p.m. EST on Navigating the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) for Local Leaders**. The webinar will focus on how local leaders can maximize their communities’ benefits from programs available through the Inflation Reduction Act, including consumer-facing tax credits, building retrofits, and conversion to cleaner forms of energy. Register, [here](#).

NEW – The Local Infrastructure Hub will host a webinar on **federal funding availability for electric buses and U.S. cities’ experiences with electric buses** to date. **March 15 at 2 p.m. EST**. Register, [here](#).

The Milken Institute is launching the **10,000 Communities Initiative** to “ensure that cross-sectoral attention, federal technical assistance funding, and impact capital are effectively deployed to the underserved communities that need it most.” To join the collaboration, or to submit a project (for community-based organizations, utilities, cities, counties, states, and project developers), click, [here](#).

The **SAM.gov website** has [a tool that allows registrants the option to check their “entity status.”](#) Additionally, if you need to register, update your registration, or get a UEI (Unique Entity Identifier), a webinar has been recorded by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). Watch the webinar, [here](#).

SAM.gov is reporting that there are **issues and delays** (seven to 10 days or longer) with users who are requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) through the SAM.gov portal or validating your entity. Watch a video on how to validate your entity, [here](#).

Strategics Consulting's partner RBW Strategy has announced that it has forged a relationship with Lucy Morgan, a grants compliance source matter expert, of MyFedTrainer, to provide online grants compliance and management training to federal grant recipients. For more information contact Rachel Werner at rachel@rbwstrategy.com.

NEW – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is offering more than \$22 million in cash prizes and technical assistance for winning ideas to accelerate widespread, equitable energy efficiency and building electrification upgrades. The [Buildings Upgrade Prize \(Buildings UP\)](#) was developed and funded by the [U.S. Department of Energy Building Technologies Office](#) as part of its overall mission to reduce the carbon footprint of the U.S. building stock while maintaining or improving affordability, comfort, and performance. Phase 1 submissions are due **July 18, 2023**.

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) [Solar Power in Your Community Guidebook](#) serves as a resource to assist government officials and stakeholders in increasing deployment and local access to solar photovoltaics.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking public input on draft application guidance for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) [\\$553.6 million hydroelectric incentive program](#) focused on maintaining and enhancing hydroelectric facilities. Learn more, [here](#). Written response must be submitted by **5 p.m. EST February 28**.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), in conjunction with the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL), launched a new \$50 million program called the **Clean Energy to Communities (C2C) program** that will provide three levels of technical assistance to local governments, electric utilities, community-based groups and others across renewable power, grid mobility, and building sectors. Deadlines to apply and eligibility vary for each of the three levels of assistance offered. Learn more, [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) **updated the FAQs 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. The FAQs will continue to be updated so visit this page often: <https://www.energy.gov/gdo/frequently-asked-questions-grid-resilience-and-innovation-partnerships-grip-program>.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will host two **webinars focusing on both the Bus and Bus Facilities and the Low-No programs**. One webinar has occurred, the second is on **February 28 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. EST**. [Join here](#). The deadline to apply to one or both programs is **April 13**. More information, [here](#).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host two same-content webinars on its [Climate Pollution Reduction Grants \(CPRG\)](#), focusing on the non-competitive planning grants, which are expected to open by **March 1, 2023**. The webinars are **March 2 and March 7, each at 2 p.m. EST**. Register, [here](#).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released two new chapters in its publication "State Energy and Environment Guide to Action" which was first published in 2006, then updated in 2015 and again in 2022. The ["Overview of Electric Utility Policies" chapter](#) provides an overview of the U.S. power system, the roles of utility and environmental regulators, and "themes across the Guide to Action's utility policy chapters, including the accelerated deployment of distributed energy resources, an emerging state focus on environmental justice and equity, and the alignment of utility policies with state environment, energy, and equity goals."

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Environment Guide to Action” which was first published in 2006, then updated in 2015 and again in 2022. The [“Maximizing Grid Investments” chapter](#) provides state policymakers, regulators, and stakeholders with “technical background and examples of established, near-term opportunities for grid investments that support a modern electric distribution system, such as the deployment of clean and distributed energy resources (DERs).”

NEW -- The White House has released a document that [highlights funding opportunities](#), both that are open now and those that will post in 2023, that are part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The document is current as of February 6, 2023.

The White House released the “Version 2” edition (dated January 2023) of a new guidebook entitled [“Building a Clean Energy Economy: A Guidebook to the Inflation Reduction Act’s Investments in Clean Energy and Climate Action”](#) which provides descriptions of the law’s tax incentives and funding programs to build a clean energy economy, lower energy costs, tackle climate change, and reduce harmful pollution.

Recorded Webinars and Other:

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The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) hosted a webinar, **“Plugging into the Future of EV Infrastructure”** which showcased available funding, capacity building opportunities, and resources available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). Access the slides and recording, [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) hosted a webinar on the **Transmission Siting and Economic Development RFI**. The recording and presentation are available, [here](#). Additionally, FAQs are available, [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) posted the **Round One EVGrid Assist webinar series** which includes the following topics: the Importance of Vehicle-Grid Integration; EV Basics; DCFC Charging for Light, Medium, and Heavy-duty Vehicles; Grid Aware Site Selection; Load Forecasting; Rates and Incentives; and Planning for the Future. Watch the webinars, [here](#).

NEW (with updated info) -- 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 recording, [here](#). Additionally, DOE recorded a **webinar to provide applicants** and teaming partners with programmatic guidance highlighting Concept Paper submission trends, criteria, and next steps in the application process. Access the recording, [here](#).