



GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities

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Notice of Opportunity Number	Grant Title	Federal Agency	Deadline	Information
DE-FOA-0002945	Onsite Energy Technical Assistance Partnerships	DOE	4/21/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=345847 11 awards

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

NEW -- The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) will host a pre-application [workshop on FY23 INSPIRE Initiative planning and implementation grants](#) that support projects that create or expand a recovery ecosystem that lead to workforce (re)entry for individuals recovering from substance-use disorders. **February 15 from 10 a.m. to Noon EST.** Letters of intent are due by **February 21, 2023**. Eligibility is limited to Local Development Districts that serve ARC counties. Register for the workshop, [here](#).

NEW – 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](#).

The Golden LEAF Foundation has a [list of resources available](#) for the **new round of the SITE Program**. The [SITE Program](#) provides support to communities to identify potential sites for economic development, enable completion of due diligence on sites already identified, or extend public utilities to or conduct grading and clearing of sites for which due diligence has been completed. Applications are due **March 16 by Noon**.

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](#).

NEW -- 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.

NEW – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking public input, through a webinar, on draft application guidance for a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) [\\$553.6 million hydroelectric incentive program](#) focused on maintaining and enhancing hydroelectric facilities. **February 16 at 1 p.m. EST**. Additional options are available for feedback. Learn more and/or to register, [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) proposed [new energy-efficiency standards](#) for three categories of distribution transformers to improve the resiliency of America's power grid, lower utility bills, and significantly reduce domestic carbon-dioxide (CO₂) emissions. A webinar on **Thursday, February 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. EST** will take public feedback on the rule. Register, [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**. Applicants may attend either webinar; the first is a general session and the second will include a Q&A session for rural and tribal applicants. **February 16 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EST**. [Join here](#). **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) 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."

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 ["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)."

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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NEW -- 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) 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](#).

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