

GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities

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Upcoming grant deadlines of interest are listed below. *Note, the grant list includes all currently-open grants of interest.* Click on information link or search on <u>Grants.gov</u> by the notice of opportunity number.

Notice of Opportunity Number	Grant Title	Federal Agency	Deadline	Information
PWEAA2023	FY23 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs	DOC-EDA	Rolling	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=346815 https://www.eda.gov/
EDA-DISASTER- 2023	FY23 Disaster Supplemental	DOC-EDA	Rolling	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=347414 for natural disasters occurring in 2021 and 2022
N/A	Electric Infrastructure Loan & Loan Guarantee Program	USDA	Rolling	https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs- services/electric-programs/electric- infrastructure-loan-loan-guarantee- program check with a <u>General Field Rep (GFR)</u> to determine rural eligibility
DE-FOA- 0002988	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program	DOE	Concept Papers due 6/5/23; Full applications due 8/8/23	https://www.energy.gov/scep/articles /energy-efficiency-and-conservation- block-grant-competitive-program- funding?utm_medium=email&utm_so urce=govdelivery
DE-FOA- 0002946	FY23 Conversion Research and Development FOA	DOE	6/16/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=347030 11 awards
DE-FOA- 0002881	BIL: Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Ride and Drive Electric, FY23 FOA	DOE	Concept papers due 6/16/23; full applications due 7/28/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=348195 AND https://eere- exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#Fo ald0b80a42a-5380-4459-96a9- f333002ea9b0

EPAct 2005	Hydroelectric Efficiency	DOE	6/20/23	https://www.energy.gov/sites/default
Section 243	Improvement Incentives	DOL	0,20,20	/files/2023-03/Hydroelectric-
				Efficiency-Improvement-Incentives-
				Guidance 3.22.23.pdf AND
				https://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-
				243-hydroelectric-efficiency-
				improvement-incentives-program
RUS-BTA-2023	Broadband Technical	USDA-RUS	6/20/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
	Assistance			opportunity.html?oppId=347579
DE-FOA-	Bipartisan Infrastructure	DOE	6/21/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0002963	Law Carbon Capture Large-			opportunity.html?oppId=346366
	Scale Pilot Projects Funding			10 awards
	Opportunity Announcement			
EPAct 2005	Maintaining and Enhancing	DOE	Letter of Intent	https://www.energy.gov/gdo/section-
Section 247	Hydroelectricity Incentives		due 6/22/23;	247-maintaining-and-enhancing-
	(EPAct 2005 Section 247)		Full	hydroelectricity-incentives
			applications due 10/6/23	
DE-FOA-	Bipartisan Infrastructure	DOE	6/28/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0002970	Law: Energy Improvement		-, -, -	opportunity.html?oppId=346517
	in Rural or Remote Areas			
	Funding Opportunity			
	Announcement			
DE-FOA-	Small Innovative Projects in	DOE	7/1/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0002888	Solar: Concentrating Solar			opportunity.html?oppId=347787
	Power and Photovoltaic			
	(SIPS: CSP & PV)			
DE-FOA-	BIL: Energy Improvement in	DOE	Pre-application	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0003045	Rural or Remote Areas		due 7/13/23;	opportunity.html?oppId=348087
	(ERA) Fixed Award Grant		full application	communities 10,000 or less
	Program		due 10/12/23	inhabitants
DE-FOA-	FY23 Conversion Research	DOE	7/16/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0002946	and Development Funding			opportunity.html?oppId=347030
	Opportunity Announcement			11 awards
DHS-23-GPD-	FY23 Regional Catastrophic	DHS	7/24/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
111-04-01	Preparedness Grant			opportunity.html?oppId=348320
	Program (RCPGP) - Region 4			10 awards
DE-FOA-	BIL: Section 41006(A)(2):	DOE	7/25/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0002845	U.S. Tidal Energy			opportunity.html?oppId=348010
	Advancement			4 awards
DE-FOA-	BIL: Joint Office of Energy	DOE	7/28/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0002881	and Transportation Ride			opportunity.html?oppId=348195
	and Drive Electric, FY23			
DE-FOA-	BIL: Industrial Assessment	DOE	7/31/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-
0002940	Center (IAC) Program – IACs			opportunity.html?oppId=347392
	at Trade Schools, Community			

DE-FOA- 0002987 DE-FOA- 0003066	Colleges, and Union Training Programs; and Building Training and Assessment Centers (BTAC) Program Heat Pump Defense Production Act Program Energy Improvements at Nonprofits - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Renew America's	DOE	8/1/23 8/3/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=347574 https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=348353 15 awards; nonprofits
DE-FOA- 0003034	Nonprofits Operation and Planning Tools for Inverter-based Resource Management and Availability for future power systems (OPTIMA)	DOE	8/15/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=347647 13 awards
DE-FOA- 0003009	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Land Funding Opportunity Announcement	DOE	8/31/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=347309 5 awards
RDBCP-REAP- RES-EEI-2023- 2024	FY23 and FY24 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)	USDA-RD	9/30/23 (this will open every three months through 9/30/2024	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=347523 AND https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs- services/energy-programs/rural- energy-america-program-renewable- energy-systems-energy-efficiency- improvement-guaranteed-loans small businesses, including agricultural producers and electric utilities
FR-6700-N-91B	Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPE) Elements	HUD	3/28/24	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=348062
FR-6700-N-91C	Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP) Leading Edge	HUD	4/30/24	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=348063
FR-6700-N-91A	Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPC) Comprehensive	HUD	5/30/24	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=348061

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) offers **planning and local technical assistance** to cities, counties, local governments and others to "undertake and promote effective economic development programs through projects such as feasibility studies, impact analyses, disaster resiliency plans, and project planning." Applications are taken on a rolling basis. Learn more, <u>here</u>, for the Atlanta region which includes North Carolina.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) published new <u>CFI Grant Program Questions and Answers (Q&A)</u> on May 5, 2023. The Q&A is a companion document to the CFI Program NOFO and provides additional information for potential applicants. More information on the CFI, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply for a CFI grant has been extended to June 13, 2023.

Grants.gov will be down for maintenance from June 17-19, 2023.

NEW – The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host a webinar on "**How Local Governments Can Stay Involved in NTIA's BEAD and Digital Equity Programs**." May 25 from 3 to 4 p.m. EST. Register, <u>here</u>.

NEW -- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Rural Development division developed <u>an FAQ website</u> <u>specific to the Inflation Reduction Act and the new PACE (Powering Affordable Clean Energy) Program</u>. The <u>PACE</u> <u>loan program</u> is for communities with less than 20,000 population. The application process opens June 30, 2023.

With funding provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) are expanding the <u>SolSmart Designation</u> <u>Program</u> to include another 500 local governments. SolSmart provides no-cost technical assistance to help local governments and regional organizations meet solar energy best practices.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will host a series of webinars on two new Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) programs – **The Powering Affordable Clean Energy (PACE) and Empowering Rural America (ERA**), both of which expand clean, affordable, and reliable energy in rural communities. Funding will be available as loans, grants, loan modifications and partially forgivable loans. The webinars will be held on each of the following dates: Wed., May 31 (register, here) and Thurs., June 1 (register, here).

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host a webinar on the <u>Energy Improvement in Rural and Remote Areas</u> (<u>ERA</u>) providing an overview on the ERA program including eligibility, the application process and funding requirements. Tues., May 30 at 2 p.m. EST. Register, <u>here</u>. The deadline to submit a required pre-application for an ERA grant is July 13, 2023.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), with funding provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has a new funding opportunity for clean energy improvements for K-12 public school facilities. While that grant is not open currently, schools can conduct an **energy needs assessment using new tools** and resources provided by DOE. One of these is an <u>Energy Justice Mapping Tool for Schools</u>, and another is the <u>School Energy Assessment (SEA) Form</u>. Watch YouTube videos on the tools and access the resources, <u>here</u>.

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) <u>Solar Power in Your Community Guidebook</u> serves as a resource to assist government officials and stakeholders in increasing deployment and local access to solar photovoltaics.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will host "office hours" on the new <u>Green and</u> <u>Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP) for Multifamily Housing</u> every Wednesday, May 24 through June 28, 2023 from 3 to 4 p.m. EST. No registration necessary. Join using this link. The deadlines to apply to a series of three grants are March, April and May 2024.

NEW -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a webinar series for the <u>2023 Clean School Bus</u> (<u>CSB</u>) grant program. Webinars will be held on a variety of topics through August 2023. More information and to register, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply for a grant is <u>Tues</u>., August 22, 2023.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released an updated version of the <u>Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies</u> <u>Calculator</u>. Available in both Spanish and English, the calculator "translates emissions and energy data into real terms, like annual emissions from cars, homes, smartphones, or natural gas fired power plants." New, the calculator now "includes two options for electricity inputs: estimated emissions equivalencies based on electricity consumed or electricity use avoided. Previously, the Calculator provided estimates only for electricity avoided. By providing this choice, users will be able to access the appropriate emissions factor based on their need."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a **Clean Energy Financing Toolkit for Decisionmakers**, which lists financing programs and policies by state and local governments and others that support investments in clean energy. Access the toolkit, <u>here</u>.

NEW – The White House released a document detailing <u>open funding opportunities available through the Inflation</u> **Reduction Act (IRA)**, updated as of May 16, 2023.

Recorded Webinars and Other:

NEW -- The Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) recorded a webinar on the **FY23 Disaster Supplemental funding opportunity** which supports areas impacted by hurricanes Ian and Fiona, wildfires, flooding and other Presidentially-declared disasters. Watch, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply is rolling.

The Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities recorded a two-part webinar on "What the Inflation Reduction Act Means for Energy Communities." Watch the recordings, <u>here</u>.

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, <u>here</u>.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has a series of pre-recorded videos on the new **Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)** cohort of three grants (Elements, Leading Edge, and Comprehensive), plus accompanying fact sheets. Go to the main GRRP website to access the information, <u>here</u>. The deadlines to apply are March, April and May 2024.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recorded a webinar on the <u>Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)</u> grant program. View the webinar, <u>here</u> (use passcode i#I2b6UV) or access the slide deck, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply for a grant was extended to June 13, 2023.

NEW -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recorded an overview webinar on the **2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) grant program**. Access the recording, <u>here</u>.