



GRANTS ALERT for Electricities

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Highlight:

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) opened the \$200 million [Distressed Area Recompete Pilot Grant Program \(Recompete Pilot Program\)](#), with applications due by **October 5, 2023**. The Recompete Pilot Program, authorized as part of the CHIPS and Science Act (CHIPS Act) of 2022, “aims to alleviate persistent economic distress and support long-term, comprehensive economic development and job creation in places with a high prime-age (25 to 54 years) employment gap.” For the purposes of the Recompete program, economic distress is determined by using prime-age employment gap (PAEG) data, specifically looking at places where prime-age workers have “stopped looking for jobs and left the labor force, as well as those who are currently looking for jobs and are unemployed.” The program will be administered in two phases. Phase 1 applicants may apply for Strategy Development grants, approval of a Recompete Plan, or do both. Only selected Phase 1 awardees can apply in Phase 2 which will open after Phase 1 awardees are announced.

Notably, the Recompete grant comes with an [Eligibility Mapping Tool](#) which predetermines which communities fall within an eligible geography. Checking this resource is a critical first step in reviewing the grant for eligibility. A [YouTube video](#) provides instructions on how to use the mapping tool.

To further assist potential applicants, the EDA has developed a [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and will host an additional webinar on the program on **July 27 from 4 to 5 p.m. EST** (register, [here](#)). This webinar will be recorded and posted to the [Recompete website](#).

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 [Grants.gov](#) 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?oppld=346815 AND https://www.eda.gov/
EDA-DISASTER-2023	FY23 Disaster Supplemental	DOC-EDA	Rolling	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=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 General Field Rep (GFR) to determine rural eligibility
DE-FOA-0002881	BIL: Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Ride and Drive Electric, FY23	DOE	7/28/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348195
DE-FOA-0002940	BIL: Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) Program – IACs at Trade Schools, Community Colleges, and Union Training Programs; and Building Training and Assessment Centers (BTAC) Program	DOE	7/31/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347392
DE-FOA-0002987	Heat Pump Defense Production Act Program	DOE	8/1/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347574
DE-FOA-0003066	Energy Improvements at Nonprofits - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Renew America’s Nonprofits	DOE	8/3/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348353 15 awards; nonprofits
RD-BCP-23-TAG-REAP	Rural Energy for America (REAP) Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) Program	USDA-RD	8/15/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349329
DE-FOA-0003034	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?oppld=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?oppld=347309 5 awards
N/A	State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant	Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC)	EXTENDED DEADLINE Mandatory pre-application now due 9/15/23	https://scrc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/SCRC-SEID-Grant-NOFA-06132023.pdf
DE-FOA-0002934	Underserved and Indigenous Community Microgrids (UICM)	DOE	9/15/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349332
EPA-R-HQ-SFA-23-01	SOLAR FOR ALL	EPA	9/26/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348957

RUS-PACE-2023	Powering Affordable Clean Energy	USDA-RUS	9/29/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349160
NEW this week DE-FOA-0002870	2023 Funding Opportunity Announcement for Energy Future Grants (EFG) Creating a Community-Led Energy Future	DOE	9/30/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349525
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?oppld=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
EDA-RECOMPETEPHASE1-2023	FY23 Recompete Pilot Program - Phase 1	DOC-EDA	10/5/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348921
DE-FOA-0002897	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Consumer Electronics Battery Recycling, Reprocessing, and Battery Collection	DOE	11/29/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348660
NEW this week DE-FOA-0003036	Energy Storage Demonstration and Validation	DOE	12/4/23	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=349533 3 awards
DE-FOA-0002912	BIL Weatherization Program Assistance (WAP) Enhancement & Innovation	DOE	1/5/24	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348941
FR-6700-N-91B	Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPE) Elements	HUD	3/28/24	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348062
FR-6700-N-91C	Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP) Leading Edge	HUD	4/30/24	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348063
FR-6700-N-91A	Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPC) Comprehensive	HUD	5/30/24	https://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=348061

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

NEW – The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is holding a stakeholder engagement effort on the **BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) and Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs**. Take the survey, [here](#). Additional information and methods to provide feedback can be found [here](#). The deadline to respond is **August 16, 2023**.

NEW – The Grid Deployment Office of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will host a webinar on the [National Transmission Planning Study](#). The purpose of the study is to “identify transmission that will provide broad-scale, long-term benefits to electric customers, inform regional and interregional transmission planning processes, and identify interregional and national strategies to accelerate decarbonization while maintaining system reliability.” The webinar is **August 1 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. EST**. Register, [here](#).

The Energy Communities Interagency Working Group (IWG) of Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization released the updated **eligibility maps for the 10% Bonus Tax Credit**. More information and to access the map, [here](#).

Grants.gov will be down for maintenance **August 19-21, 2023**.

The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation issued a new EV toolkit guide to help urban communities build out charging infrastructure. Called the “[Charging Forward: A Toolkit for Planning and Funding Urban Electric Mobility Infrastructure](#),” the guide provides information on how to scope, plan, and identify ways to leverage funding provided by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) law. A companion toolkit is available for [rural communities](#).

The [Southeast Crescent Regional Commission \(SCRC\)](#) has *extended the deadline* to submit a required pre-application for the new [State Economic and Infrastructure Development \(SEID\) grant](#) to **September 15, 2023**. Specific North Carolina communities are located within the SCRC footprint and have grant eligibility. More than \$4.4 million in funding has been allocated as North Carolina’s share of the overall \$20 million in total funding.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Rural Development division developed [an FAQ website specific to the Inflation Reduction Act and the new PACE \(Powering Affordable Clean Energy\) Program](#). The [PACE loan program](#) is for communities with less than 20,000 population. LOI’s will be reviewed on *rolling basis*. Accepted LOIs will be invited to apply. LOIs are due by **September 29, 2023**.

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released a map “[Energy Community Tax Credit Bonus](#),” which can help communities understand their qualification status and the benefits they can expect from this tax credit for advancing clean energy initiatives. Access the map, which provides detailed information regarding coal closures’ census tracts versus adjoining MSAs, [here](#).

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. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a week-long “fair” of virtual events for local governments to prepare to leverage federal funding opportunities as they develop climate action plans that are required under [EPA’s Climate Pollution Reduction Grant program](#). The fair runs **Monday to Friday, August 7 to August 11**, with each day’s session running between 90 minutes and 2 hours. More information and registration, [here](#).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a Clean Water Act / National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) [Integrated Planning Toolkit for Permitting Authorities](#) assisting permitting authorities to review integrated plans and incorporate them into permits. Additionally, EPA is offering [free technical assistance \(TA\)](#) to municipalities and permitting authorities to support the integrated plan development and review process. [Learn more, and request TA](#), here. The deadline to request TA is **August 31, 2023**.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a webinar series for the [2023 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) grant program](#). Webinars will be held on a variety of topics through **August 2023**. More information and to register, [here](#). The deadline to apply for a grant is **August 22, 2023**.

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, [here](#).

Recorded Webinars and Other:

NEW – The Interagency Working Group on Coal & Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization (Energy Communities IWG) recorded a webinar on “**Overcoming Water, Sewer and Broadband Infrastructure Challenges.**” Access the presentation slides and/or the recording, [here](#).

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) recorded two webinars on the [FY23 Disaster Supplemental funding opportunity](#) which supports areas impacted by hurricanes Ian and Fiona, wildfires, flooding and other Presidentially-declared disasters. May 17 NOFO webinar – watch, [here](#). June 1 NOFO Q&A webinar – watch, [here](#). The deadline to apply is **rolling**.

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, [here](#). The deadlines to apply are rolling through **March, April and May 2024**, respectively for the three grants.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recorded a public briefing on the [Solar for All grant competition](#). Access it and other information, [here](#). The deadline to apply for a Solar for All grant is **September 26, 2023**.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recorded an overview webinar on the [2023 Clean School Bus \(CSB\) grant program](#). Access the recording, [here](#). The deadline to apply is **August 22, 2023**.

The White House recorded a webinar on the Inflation Reduction Act’s [Direct Pay \(Elective Pay\) program](#) that allows tax-exempt and governmental entities to receive a payment equal to the full value of tax credits for building qualifying clean energy projects. More information on the program, and access to the webinar, [here](#).