

GRANTS ALERT for ElectriCities August 10, 2023

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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 Opportuni ty 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
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?oppId=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?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

N/A	State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) Grant	Southeast Crescent Regional Commissio n (SCRC)	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?oppId=349332
EPA-R-HQ-SFA- 23-01	SOLAR FOR ALL	EPA	9/26/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=348957
RUS-PACE- 2023	Powering Affordable Clean Energy	USDA-RUS	9/2923	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=349160
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?oppId=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?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
EDA- RECOMPETEPH ASE1-2023	FY23 Recompete Pilot Program - Phase 1	DOC-EDA	10/5/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=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?oppId=348660
DE-FOA- 0003036	Energy Storage Demonstration and Validation	DOE	12/4/23	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=349533 3 awards
DE-FOA- 0002912	BIL Weatherization Program Assistance (WAP) Enhancement & Innovation	DOE	1/5/24	https://www.grants.gov/view- opportunity.html?oppId=348941
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 Retro	ofit HUD	5/30/24	https://www.grants.gov/view-
Program (GRRPC)			opportunity.html?oppId=348061
Comprehensive			

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More:

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, <u>here</u>. Additional information and methods to provide feedback can be found <u>here</u>. The deadline to respond is August 16, 2023.

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, <u>here.</u>

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

NEW – The Office of the National Cyber Director seeks public comment on "<u>opportunities for and obstacles to</u> <u>harmonizing cybersecurity regulations</u>." Comments must be received in writing by September 15 at 5 p.m. EST. More information and how to submit comments, <u>here</u>.

The <u>Southeast Crescent Regional Commission (SCRC)</u> has *extended the deadline* to submit a required pre-application for the new <u>State Economic and Infrastructure Development (SEID) grant</u> to <u>September 15</u>, 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), in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Department of Treasury, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Economic Development Agency (EDA), released <u>two new pocket guides to assist rural stakeholders</u> identify funding opportunities (many provided by the Inflation Reduction Act) for workforce, climate-smart and resiliency investments. The guide, organized by potential uses, is in <u>English</u> and in <u>Espanol</u>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Rural Development division developed <u>an FAQ website specific to</u> <u>the Inflation Reduction Act and the new PACE (Powering Affordable Clean Energy) Program</u>. The <u>PACE loan</u> <u>program</u> 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 "<u>Energy Community Tax Credit Bonus,</u>" 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, <u>here.</u>

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 11, with each day's session running between 90 minutes and 2 hours. More information and registration, <u>here</u>.

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 <u>free technical assistance</u> (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, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply for a grant is August 22, 2023.

Recorded Webinars and Other:

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, <u>here.</u>

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, <u>here</u>. June 1 NOFO Q&A webinar – watch, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply is rolling.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recorded "RUS IRA Cross Agency Rural Clean Energy Funding Opportunity Webinar." Access the webinar and/or the slide deck, <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 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 <u>Solar for All grant competition</u>. Access it and other information, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply for a Solar for All grant is <u>September 26, 2023</u>.

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 <u>Direct Pay (Elective Pay) program</u> 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, <u>here</u>.