

# **FEDERAL GRANTS GUIDE**

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# **MUNICIPALITIES**

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**This guide includes a range of grant opportunities.  
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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide was developed as a resource for Michigan municipalities, highlighting a broad range of federal grant opportunities that may be of interest. All programs listed in this guide include local government entities as eligible applicants. It is not inclusive of ALL grant programs available; rather, it represents a cross section of opportunities. Clicking on a program name will bring you to that program’s website which will provide additional information.

Senator Peters’ office stands ready to answer any questions or provide additional insight on the federal grants process. In the meantime, we hope this compiled listing is helpful to you in understanding the kind of federal grant opportunities that are available to municipalities. Please reach out to our office with any questions at (844) 506-7420.

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# Competitive Infrastructure Funding Opportunities for Local Governments

## Transportation

### [Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainably and Equitably \(RAISE\) Grants](#)

This existing competitive grant program at the Department of Transportation provides funding for road, rail, transit, and other surface transportation of local and/or regional significance. Selection criteria priorities include safety, sustainability, equity, economic competitiveness, mobility, and community connectivity.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and the District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; a unit of local government; a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States; a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; a federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes; a transit agency; and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

### [Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants](#)

This existing Department of Transportation program funds investment in the modernization and expansion of U.S. ports to remove supply chain bottlenecks, ensure long-term competitiveness, resilience, and sustainability while reducing impacts to the environment and neighboring communities. The infrastructure law expanded the program's eligibilities to include projects that improve goods movement, as well as port electrification projects, idling reduction solutions, equipment charging infrastructure and related worker training initiatives.

*Eligible Applicants:* A port authority, a commission or its subdivision or agent under existing authority, A State or political subdivision of a State or local; An Indian Tribe, A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States, A special purpose district with a transportation function, A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities; or A lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities (including the owners or operators of a facility, or collection of facilities, at a port). Federal agencies are not eligible applicants for the FY 2023 PIDP.

### [Buses & Bus Facilities Competitive Grants](#)

This existing program at the Department of Transportation provides capital funding to replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses and bus related equipment and to rehabilitate, purchase, construct, or lease bus-related facilities – as well as capital funding for low or no emissions bus projects.

*Eligible Applicants:* Designated recipients that allocate funds to fixed-route bus operators, States (including territories and Washington D.C.) or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service, and Indian tribes. Eligible subrecipients include all otherwise eligible applicants and also private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation.

## National Infrastructure Project Assistance (also known as “Megaprojects” or MEGA)

This grant program supports multi-modal, multi-jurisdictional projects of regional or national significance. Communities are eligible to apply for funding to complete critical large projects that would otherwise be unachievable without assistance.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State or a group of States; a metropolitan planning organization; a unit of local government; a political subdivision of a State; a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; a Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; a partnership between Amtrak and 1 or more entities described in subparagraphs (A) through (F); and; a group of entities described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (G).

## Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grants

This Department of Transportation program supports highway and rail projects of regional and economic significance.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State or a group of States, A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000 individuals, A unit of local or a group of local governments, A political subdivision of a State or local, A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, A Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States, A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments, A multistate corridor organization, A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities.

## Safe Streets and Roads for All

This new competitive grant program provides funding directly to and exclusively for local governments to support their efforts to advance “vision zero” plans and other complete street improvements to reduce crashes and fatalities, especially for cyclists and pedestrians.

*Eligible Applicants:* Metropolitan planning organizations; Counties, cities, towns, and transit agencies or other special districts that are subdivisions of a State; Federally recognized Tribal governments; and Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above entities.

## Charging and Fueling Infrastructure

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a new competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles.

*Eligible Applicants:* States or political subdivision of States; Metropolitan planning organizations; Unit of local government; Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, including port authorities; Indian tribes; Authorities, agencies, or instrumentalities or entities owned by, one or more entities listed here; group of entities listed here; State or local authorities with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities (applies to Community Program only)

### Clean School Bus Program

This grant program at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will provide funding to replace existing school buses with low- or zero-emission school buses.

*Eligible Applicants:* State and local governmental entities that provide bus service, Eligible contractors - for-profit, not-for-profit, or nonprofit entities that have the capacity to (1) sell clean or ZE school buses or related charging or fueling infrastructure to school bus owners or (2) arrange financing for such a sale, Nonprofit school transportation associations, Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or tribally controlled schools.

### Reconnecting Communities

This grant program at the Department of Transportation funds efforts to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure – particularly historically disadvantaged communities too often nearly destroyed or cut in half by a highway. This program provides dedicated funding to state, local, metropolitan planning organizations, and tribal governments for planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure to address these legacy impacts.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, Units of local government, Federally recognized Tribal governments, Metropolitan planning organizations, Nonprofit organizations.

### Rural Surface Transportation Grant

This grant program at the Department of Transportation improves and expands surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas, increasing connectivity, improving safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth. It includes specific set asides for small projects, rural roadway lane departure improvements, and the Appalachian Development Highway System.

*Eligible Applicants:* State, Regional transportation planning organizations, Local governments, Tribal governments.

## **Climate, Energy & Environment**

### Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program

This Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) program provides funding to support communities undertaking hazard mitigation projects to reduce the risks they face from disasters and other natural hazards. Communities apply as sub-applicants under their states.

*Eligible Applicants:* Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), State governments, District of Columbia; U.S. Territories. NOTE: Local governments must apply through their state or territory.

## Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program

The BIL establishes the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The program includes both a formula grant and a competitive discretionary grant element. The discretionary program offers two types of awards: planning grants and Competitive Resilience Improvement Grants.

*Eligible Applicants:* State Governments; Local Governments; Federally Recognized Tribes and Affiliated Groups; Planning and Project Organizations; U.S. Territories

## Flood Mitigation Assistance

This FEMA program can be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the [National Flood Insurance Program](#). Communities will apply as sub-applicants under their states.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, tribes and territories. Communities, including local governments, cities, townships, counties, special district governments, and tribal governments (including federally recognized tribes who choose to apply as subapplicants), are considered subapplicants and must submit subapplications to their state/territory/tribal applicant agency.

## Brownfields Remediation Program

This EPA program provides grants and technical assistance to communities to assess and safely clean-up contaminated properties and offer job training programs. Communities are currently able to request funding for Targeted Brownfields Assessments through their regional EPA office.

*Eligible Applicants:* General Purpose Unit of Local Government, Land Clearance Authority, Another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the authority of Unit of Local Government, Government Entity Created by State Legislature, Regional Council, Group of General Purpose Units of Local, Redevelopment Agency that is chartered/sanctioned by State, State, Indian tribe other than in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, Metlakatla Indian Community, Nonprofit organization, Limited Liability Corporation/Partnership in which all managing/sole members are nonprofit organizations, Qualified community development entity, Other nonprofit organizations – **only applies to Cleanup Grants, Job Training Grants, and Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Grants. Additional entities eligible to apply for Job Training Grants:** Workforce Investment Boards and organized Labor Unions may be eligible nonprofit organizations, Public and nonprofit private educational institutions. **Entities Eligible to Receive State and Tribal Response Grants** include State, Indian tribes, and Intertribal consortia.

## Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants

This Department of Energy block grant program provides funding to states, local governments, and tribes for projects that reduce energy use, increase energy efficiency, and cut pollution.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, Local Governments, and Tribes.

### [Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas](#)

This new Department of Energy program provides funding to entities in rural or remote areas (defined as cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants) to increase environmental protection from the impacts of energy use and improve resilience, reliability, safety, and availability of energy.

*Eligible Applicants: Industry Partners, Utilities, National Laboratories, Universities, State and Local Governments, Community Based Organizations, Tribal, Environmental Groups and cities, towns, or unincorporated areas with populations of fewer than 10,000 inhabitants.*

### [Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program](#)

This new program at the Department of Agriculture provides grants to communities at risk from wildfire to develop or revise their community wildfire protection plans and carry out projects described within those plans. It will include a mix of formula and competitive funds.

*Eligible Applicants: Communities, Tribes, states, non-profits, and Alaska Native Corporations.*

## **Broadband, Cyber, and Other Programs**

### [ReConnect Program](#)

This Department of Agriculture program provides funding in grants and loans for projects that provide broadband in rural areas.

*Eligible Applicants: Corporations, Limited liability companies and limited liability partnerships, Cooperative or mutual organizations, States or local governments, including any agency, subdivision, instrumentality, or political subdivision thereof, A territory or possession of the United States, An Indian tribe.*

### [Middle Mile Grants Program](#)

This new program at the Department of Commerce provides grants for the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle mile broadband infrastructure.

*Eligible Applicants: Any State, political subdivision of a State, Tribal government, technology company, electric utility, utility cooperative, public utility district, telecommunications company, telecommunications cooperative, nonprofit foundation, nonprofit corporation, nonprofit institution, nonprofit association, regional planning council, Native entity, economic development authority, or any partnership of two or more of these entities.*

### [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program](#)

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program provides funding to state, local and tribal governments to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments.

*Eligible Applicants: All 56 states and territories, including any state of the United States, the District of Columbia Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin*

*Islands, are eligible to apply for SLCGP funds. The designated State Administrative Agency (SAA) for each state and territory is the only entity eligible to apply for SLCGP funding. Local governmentst and other entities would apply to their respective state.*

### **Emergency Watershed Protection Program**

This Department of Agriculture program provides funding for technical and financial assistance to project sponsors for the design and construction of measures to help repair damages from a recent disaster.

*Eligible Applicants: Cities, counties, towns, conservation districts, or any federally-recognized Native American tribe or tribal organization. Interested public and private landowners must work through a sponsor.*



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Department of Justice offers funding opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions; to assist victims of crime; to provide training and technical assistance; to conduct research; and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems.

### DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance programs

[Office of Justice Programs \(OJP\)](#) provides innovative leadership to federal, state, local, and tribal justice systems, by disseminating state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America, and providing grants for the implementation of these crime fighting strategies. Because most of the responsibility for crime control and prevention falls to law enforcement officers in states, cities, and neighborhoods, the federal government can be effective in these areas only to the extent that it can enter into partnerships with these officers. Therefore, OJP does not directly carry out law enforcement and justice activities. Instead, OJP works in partnership with the justice community to identify the most pressing crime-related challenges confronting the justice system and to provide information, training, coordination, and innovative strategies and approaches for addressing these challenges. OJP's goals are to strengthen partnerships with state, local and tribal stakeholders; ensure integrity of, and respect for, science - including a focus on evidence-based, "smart on crime" approaches in criminal and juvenile justice; and administer OJP's grant awards process in a fair, accessible and transparent fashion - and, as good stewards of federal funds, manage the grants system in a manner that avoids waste, fraud and abuse.

#### [Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies](#)

This program is targeted to law enforcement agencies, including tribal agencies, seeking to pilot, establish, or enhance body-worn camera policy and implementation practices.

*Eligible Applicants:* City or township, County, Independent school districts, Native American tribal (federally recognized), Public and state controlled institutions of higher education, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Special district, State, Other: State, county, and local law enforcement agencies, Correctional agencies that perform law enforcement functions, University and college law enforcement agencies at publicly funded institutions, Prosecutors' offices, Specialized police forces that are publicly funded (e.g., park police, independent school district police, transit police, or fish and game enforcement agencies), State or regional consortia that support such agencies, including state administering agencies.

#### [Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation \(BCJI\) Program](#)

This program is a strategic approach to crime reduction that leverages community knowledge and expertise by focusing law enforcement efforts on neighborhoods where crime is concentrated or crime "hotspots".

*Eligible Applicants:* Department of Housing and Urban Development (resources and technical assistance), Center for Community Progress (resources and technical assistance), For youth crime or alternatives for youth: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Department of Education, Promise Neighborhoods Program, Corporation for National and Community Service, For rural and tribal resources, Department of Agriculture, Office

of Rural Development, For police staffing and community policing resources, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Bureau of Justice Assistance law enforcement programs such as: Strategies for Policing Innovations, Project Safe Neighborhoods and the Public Safety Partnership.

### **Byrne Discretionary Grant Program**

This program supports projects designated for funding to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, prevent or combat juvenile delinquency, and assist victims of crime (other than compensation).

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible applicants are limited to those identified in the Congressional Joint Explanatory Statement (JES) for the projects designated for funding. The legal name (or “doing business as” name) associated with the applicant’s unique entity identifier (UEI) as registered in the System of Award Management must coincide with the recipient listed in the JES.

### **Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)**

This initiative is designed to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence.

*Eligible Applicants:* **For Category 1: CVI Planning and Implementation for Community Based/Tribal Organizations and Category 3: CVI Expansion and Enhancement for Community Based/Tribal Organizations:** Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, For-profit organizations including small businesses, Native American and Alaska Native tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments). **For Category 2: CVI Planning and Implementation for City/County/Tribal and Category 4: CVI Expansion and Enhancement for City/County/Tribal:** City or township, County, Native American and Alaska Native tribal (Federally recognized), Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Regional Corporations, Special Districts, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Independent School Districts. **For Categories 5-7:** Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, For-profit organizations including small businesses.

### **Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Program (COSSUP)**

This program aims to reduce the impact of opioids, stimulants, and other substances on individuals and communities by supporting comprehensive, collaborative initiatives.

*Eligible Applicants:* **Category 1:** Local Applications including City or Township, County, Native American tribal (federally recognized). **Category 2:** State Applications, Units of state governments.

### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

This formula grant program is the leading federal source of criminal justice funding to states, territories, local governments, and tribes. It provides critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas.

*Eligible Applicants:* **JAG State awards:** Only states may apply under this solicitation, and states must designate a single State Administering Agency (SAA) that has authority to apply on their behalf. By law, for purposes of the JAG Program, the term “states” includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. **JAG Local awards:** Only units of local appearing on the JAG Allocations List may apply under this solicitation. The full list of eligible units of local for the

current fiscal year, once available, will be posted on the JAG web page at: [Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Program | Overview | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#). By law, for purposes of the JAG Program, the term “units of local” includes a town, township, village, parish, city, county, borough, or other general purpose political subdivision of a state, or it may be a federally recognized Indian tribal that performs law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the These FAQs are for reference only and to assist states and units of local government. These FAQs do not supersede any conflicting guidance provided in the relevant JAG State or JAG Local solicitations or grant award documents. 4 Interior). A unit of local may be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes; for example, in Louisiana, a unit of local means a district attorney or parish sheriff.

### **Innovations in Reentry Initiative**

Innovations in Reentry Initiative (IRI) seeks to improve the capacity and effectiveness of state, local and tribal jurisdictions to identify innovative ways to increase the success rates of individuals returning to their communities and reduce the number of crimes committed by those recently returning.

*Eligible Applicants:* units or components of state, county, or local and federally recognized Indian tribal.

### **Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program**

This program supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies and their partners in conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes committed on the basis of a victim’s perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

*Eligible Applicants:* For-profit (commercial) organizations, Nonprofit organizations (including tribal organizations), Faith-based and community organizations, Institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education) with demonstrated expertise in assisting communities to develop and implement hate crime investigations, as well as conducting educational outreach and training on hate crimes.

### **Mental Health Courts Program**

This program funds projects that seek to mobilize communities to implement innovative, collaborative efforts that bring system wide improvements to the way the needs of adult offenders with mental disabilities or illnesses are addressed.

*Eligible Applicants:* **Category 1 and Category 2:** State, Special district, City or township, County, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Native American tribal (Federally recognized), Other: Public or private entities acting on behalf of a single treatment court through agreement with state, city, township, county, or tribal. **For Category 3:** State agencies such as the State Administering Agency, the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the State Substance Abuse Agency, State criminal justice agencies and other state agencies involved with the provision of substance use and/or mental health services, or related services.

### **Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program**

The purpose of this program is to reimburse states, counties, federally recognized tribes, cities, and local jurisdictions up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers.

*Eligible Applicants:* Towns, cities, villages, boroughs, parishes, counties, states, Indian tribes and special government districts. If it is a recognized unit of general government and it employs eligible law enforcement officers. **Law Enforcement Officer Eligibility:** According to the Act, the term "Law Enforcement Officer" means any

officer, agent, or employee of a State, unit of local government, or an Indian tribe authorized by law or by a government agency to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, or investigation of any violation of criminal law, or authorized by law to supervise sentenced criminal offenders. This includes full and part-time personnel, whether paid or volunteer. ([View complete listing](#)).

### **State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program**

This program addresses how to prevent terrorism, targeted violence, and hate crimes by providing no-cost and role-based training, resources, and technical assistance to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers and agencies.

*Eligible Applicants:* For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal (Federally recognized), Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Other.

### **Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program**

This program seeks to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools and training they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence, including hate crimes.

*Eligible Applicants:* State, City or township, County, Units of local, Federally recognized Native American tribal, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Independent school districts, Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education. Applicants may propose to use the grant to contract with, or make one or more subawards to: Local educational agencies, Nonprofit organizations, Units of local or tribal organizations.

### **Tribal Justice Systems Program (CTAS Purpose Area 3)**

The overall purpose of this program is to provide key funding to tribal justice systems to develop, support, and enhance adult tribal justice systems and prevent violent crime and crime related to opioid, alcohol, and other substance abuse.

*Eligible Applicants:* Federally recognized Indian Tribe (See 25 U.S.C. § 5304(e) which, for purposes of this solicitation, provides the applicable definition of "Indian tribe," Tribal consortium, Organization that is acting as the authorized designee of a federally recognized tribe (Purpose Area 6 only). In addition, some purpose areas note additional specific eligibility criteria in the solicitation.

### **Veterans Treatment Court Grant Program**

This program supports state, local, and tribal efforts to plan and implement or enhance the operations of veterans treatment courts.

*Eligible Applicants:* City or township, County, Native American tribal (federally recognized), Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Special district, State.

## **DOJ Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS)**

The [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\)](#) is responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing

professionals, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement.

### **Technology and Equipment Program**

Funding under this program is provided for Congressionally directed spending projects designed to develop and acquire effective equipment, technologies, and interoperable communications that assist in responding to and preventing crime.

*Eligible Applicants: Limited to those identified in the Congressional Joint Explanatory Statement (JES) for the projects designated for funding. The legal name (or "doing business as" name) associated with the applicant's unique entity identifier (UEI) as registered in the System of Award Management (SAM) must coincide with the agency name listed in the JES.*

### **Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)**

Through CTAS, the COPS Office is able to meet multiple public safety resource needs of tribal communities through a single solicitation that aims to increase the capacity of tribes to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to addressing their public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization issues.

*Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized Indian Tribe (See 25 U.S.C. § 5304(e) which, for purposes of this solicitation, provides the applicable definition of "Indian tribe," Tribal consortium, Organization that is acting as the authorized designee of a federally recognized tribe (Purpose Area 6 only). In addition, some purpose areas note additional specific eligibility criteria in the solicitation.*

### **Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) Program**

The COPS Office PASS program is designed to increase law enforcement and public safety by providing funds for scenario-based training that prepares officers and other first responders to safely and effectively handle active-shooter and other violent threats. Past events have demonstrated that a key to effective preparation is local coordination across the professional disciplines that have responsibilities in the event of an active shooter, including law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and emergency departments. Also important is widespread exposure of officers to scenario-based, simulation training exercises and continued refresher training on knowledge and skills.

*Eligible Applicants: Open to all public governmental agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, for-profit (commercial) organizations, nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, community groups, and faith-based organizations. For-profit organizations (as well as other recipients) must forgo any profit or management fee.*

### **COPS Hiring Program (CHP)**

CHP grants provide 75 percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officer for three years (36 months), up to \$125,000 per officer position, to be expended over a five-year (60-month) grant period. CHP grants may be used on or after the official grant award start date to (1) hire new officers (including filling existing officer vacancies that are no longer funded in an agency's budget); (2) rehire officers already laid off by any jurisdiction as a result of state, local, or Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) budget reductions unrelated to the receipt of grant funding;

and/or (3) rehire officers scheduled to be laid off by the grantee's jurisdiction on a specific future date as a result of state, local, or BIA budget reductions unrelated to the receipt of grant funding.

*Eligible Applicants:* City or township, County, Native American tribal (Federally recognized), State, Other: local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have primary law enforcement authority. See additional eligibility details under the Eligibility section of this solicitation.

### **Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act (LEMHWA) Program**

Despite the many stressful situations that face those in law enforcement positions, officer mental health is an often overlooked component of officer safety and wellness. The Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act, signed into law in January 2018, authorizes training, peer mentoring, suicide prevention, and mental health program activities for law enforcement officers.

*Eligible Applicants:* Law Enforcement Agencies, State Law Enforcement Agencies, Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and their Public Agencies, Territorial Law Enforcement Agencies.

### **Community Policing Development (CPD) Program**

COPS Office Community Policing Development funds are used to develop the capacity of law enforcement to implement community policing strategies by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities. CPD funding supports projects that develop knowledge, increase awareness of effective community policing strategies, increase the skills and abilities of law enforcement and community partners, expand the number of law enforcement agencies and relevant stakeholders using proven community policing practices, and institutionalize community policing practice in routine business.

*Eligible Applicants:* Law Enforcement Agencies, State Law Enforcement Agencies, Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and their Public Agencies, Territorial Law Enforcement Agencies.

### **Tribal Resources Grant Program – Technical Assistance (TRGP-TA)**

Since FY 2010, the COPS Office has awarded funding for tribes through the U.S. Department of Justice's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process and will continue this strategy in FY 2022. Through CTAS, the COPS Office is able to meet multiple public safety resource needs of tribal communities through a single solicitation that aims to increase the capacity of tribes to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to addressing their public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization issues.

*Eligible Applicants:* Public Government Agencies, Federally Recognized Indian Tribes and their Public Agencies, For Profit (Commercial) Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, Community Groups, Faith-Based Organizations.

### **Collaborative Reform Initiative (CRI) Program**

The Collaborative Reform Initiative encompasses three technical assistance programs – the Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC), Critical Response, and Organizational Assessments – offering expert services to state, local, territorial, and tribal law

enforcement agencies to support effective community policing. These programs are designed to complement each other and provide a comprehensive continuum of technical assistance services to law enforcement.

*Eligible Applicants: For Profit (Commercial) Organizations, Non-Profit Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education.*

### **School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)**

The Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act of 2018 established funding for the U.S. Department of Justice to make grants to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and public agencies to fund evidence-based programs and technologies to stop school violence. The COPS Office will provide funding for coordination with law enforcement; training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self; metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures; technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency; and other measures providing a significant improvement in security while maintaining a positive learning environment.

*Eligible Applicants: Law Enforcement Agencies, State Law Enforcement Agencies, Units of local government (e.g., counties, cities, school districts), Federally Recognized Indian tribes and their public agencies, Public Government Agencies.*

### **COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)**

The COPS Office will award competitive grants to state law enforcement agencies in states with high seizures of precursor chemicals, finished methamphetamine, laboratories, and laboratory dump seizures. Funds will be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities including precursor diversion, laboratories, or methamphetamine traffickers.

*Eligible Applicants: State Law Enforcement Agencies.*

### **COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program**

The COPS Office will make competitive grants to state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita levels of primary treatment admissions for heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids. These funds will be used for drug enforcement including investigations and activities related to the distribution of heroin and other opioids or the unlawful diversion and distribution of prescription opioids.

*Eligible Applicants: State Law Enforcement Agencies.*

## **DOJ Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)**

The [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#) provides federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administering justice for, and strengthening services to, victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW administers grant programs to help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while simultaneously enabling communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence.

### **Consolidated Grant Program to Address Children and Youth Experiencing Domestic and Sexual Assault and Engage Men and Boys as Allies**

The Consolidated Youth Program creates a unique opportunity for communities to increase collaboration among non-profit victim service providers, violence prevention programs, and child and youth organizations serving victims ages 0-24. Additionally, it supports organizations and programs that promote boys' and men's role in combating violence against women and girls. Eligible applicants are nonprofit, nongovernmental entities, Indian tribes or tribal nonprofit organizations, and territorial, tribal or unit of local government entities.

*Eligible Applicants: nonprofit, nongovernmental entities; tribal organizations; Indian tribal governments; and units of local government or agencies of units of local government in the United States or U.S. territories.*

### **Enhanced Training and Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program**

The Abuse in Later Life Program addresses elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, against victims who are 50 years of age or older through training and services. Eligible applicants include states and territories, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, units of local government, and nonprofit, nongovernmental victim services organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting elderly women or demonstrated experience in addressing sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

*Eligible Applicants: states, units of local government, tribal governments or tribal organizations, population specific organizations with demonstrated experience in assisting individuals over 50 years of age, victim service providers with demonstrated experience in addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and state, tribal, or territorial domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions.*

### **Grants to Enhance Culturally Specific Services for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program**

The Culturally Specific Program supports the development of innovative culturally specific strategies and projects to enhance access to services and resources for victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Eligible applicants are community-based programs whose primary purpose is providing culturally specific services. Click here to [download a one-page information sheet](#) about this program.

*Eligible Applicants: private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics.*

### **Grants for Outreach and Services to Underserved Populations**

The Underserved Program supports the development and implementation of strategies targeted at adult or youth victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking in underserved populations, and victim services to meet the needs of such populations. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations that serve populations traditionally underserved due to geographic location, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, underserved racial and ethnic populations, and populations underserved because of special needs (such as language barriers, disabilities, alienage status, or age)



*Eligible Applicants:* population specific organizations and victim service providers. A “population specific organization” means a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that primarily serves members of a specific underserved population and has demonstrated experience and expertise providing targeted services to members of that specific underserved population.

### **Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program**

The Campus Program strengthens the response of institutions of higher education to the crimes of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking on campuses and enhances collaboration among campuses, local law enforcement, and victim advocacy organizations. Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education

*Eligible Applicants:* institutions of higher education.

### **Grants to Support Families in the Justice System**

The Justice for Families Program improves the response of all aspects of the civil and criminal justice system to families with a history of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, or in cases involving allegations of child sexual abuse. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, courts, Indian tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, legal services providers, and victim services providers.

*Eligible Applicants:* states, units of local government, courts (including juvenile courts), Indian tribal governments, nonprofit organizations, legal services providers, and victim services providers.

### **Grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction**

The Tribal Jurisdiction Program assists Indian tribes in planning, implementing, and exercising "special tribal criminal jurisdiction" to hold accountable non-Indians who commit crimes in Indian country. Eligible applicants are Indian tribal governments that have jurisdiction over Indian country.

*Eligible Applicants:* governments of Indian tribes that have jurisdiction over Indian country.

### **Improving the Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (also known as Grants to Encourage Arrest and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program)**

The Improving Criminal Justice Response Program encourages state, local, and tribal governments and state, local, and tribal courts to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. Eligible applicants are states and territories, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, and state, local, tribal, and territorial courts.

*Eligible Applicants:* states and territories, units of local government, Indian tribal governments, state, local, tribal, and territorial courts, victim service providers, state and tribal coalitions, and government rape crisis centers.

### **Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program**

The Legal Assistance Program strengthens civil and criminal legal assistance programs for adult and youth victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are seeking relief in legal matters relating to or arising out of that abuse or violence. Eligible applicants include private nonprofit entities, territorial organizations, Indian tribal governments and tribal organizations, and publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity, such as law schools.

*Eligible Applicants: private nonprofit entities; publicly funded organizations not acting in a governmental capacity; territorial organizations; Indian tribal governments; and tribal organizations.*

### **Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Assistance Program**

The Rural Program enhances the safety of rural victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking, and supports projects uniquely designed to address and prevent these crimes in rural areas. Eligible applicants are states, territories, Indian tribes, local governments, and nonprofit entities, including tribal nonprofit organizations.

*Eligible Applicants: states, Indian tribes, territories, local governments, and nonprofit (public or private) entities, including tribal nonprofit organizations.*

### **Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program**

The Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program creates, maintains, and expands sustainable sexual assault services provided by organizations that are uniquely situated to respond to the needs of sexual assault victims from culturally specific populations. Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations that focus primarily on culturally specific communities. Click here to download a [one-page informational sheet](#) about the program.

*Eligible Applicants: private nonprofit organizations for which the primary purpose of the organization as a whole is to provide culturally specific services to American Indians (including Alaska Natives, Eskimos, and Aleuts), Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders, Blacks, or Hispanics.*

### **Training and Services to End Violence Against Women with Disabilities Grant Program**

The Disabilities Program establishes and strengthens multidisciplinary collaborative relationships and increases organizational capacity to provide accessible, safe, and effective services to individuals with disabilities and Deaf individuals who are victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. Eligible applicants are states, units of local governments, Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations, victim services providers, and nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities.

*Eligible Applicants: states; units of local government; Indian tribal governments or tribal organizations; and victim service providers, such as state or tribal domestic violence or sexual assault coalitions or nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations serving individuals with disabilities.*

### **Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program**

The Transitional Housing Program funds organizations to assist victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing

assistance, and related supportive services. Eligible applicants are states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and other organizations with a documented history of effective work concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking.

*Eligible Applicants: states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including sexual assault and domestic violence victim service providers, sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking.*

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

US Department of Labor grants connect, protect, train, support, and empower workers and job seekers.

### Employment and Training

#### Growth Opportunities (Youth Re-entry) Grant

The Reentry Young Adult GO grant initiative supports the placement of youth and young adults (18-24 years, in-and-out of school) with justice system involvement into paid work experiences aligned with their career and educational goals, and provides funding for services, such as mentorship, legal assistance, and transportation that will support participation and success.

*Eligible Applicants:* County, City or township, Special District, Regional government organization, Independent school districts, Indian/Native American Tribal governments, Nonprofits (other than institutions of higher education).

#### Pathways Home Grant

This program provides transitional services to incarcerated adults that range from work-readiness, counseling, and securing support services pre-release to a continuum of training in in-demand industries leading to industry-recognized credentials and employment post-release.

*Eligible Applicants:* City or township governments, Native American tribal governments, County governments, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits (other than institutions of higher education), State, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education).

#### Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC)

The WORC Initiative provides grant funds to enable rural communities hard hit by economic transition and slow recovery develop local and regional workforce development solutions aligned with existing economic development strategies and community partnerships to promote new, sustainable job opportunities and long-term economic vitality. These grants support workforce development activities that prepare dislocated workers, new entrants to the workforce, and incumbent workers for good jobs in high-demand occupations aligned with a regional or community economic development strategy.

*Eligible Applicants:* State, County, City or Township, Special District, Regional Organization, Independent School District, Public/State Controlled Institution of Higher Education, Private Institution of Higher Education, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Indian/Native American Tribal Government, Indian/Native American Tribal Government (Other than Federally Recognized), Indian/Native American Tribally Designated Organization, Public/Indian Housing, Nonprofit Organizations, Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs).

## Veterans' Employment and Training

### Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP)

HVRP is a federal program that awards money to non- and for-profit organizations and government agencies that work to prepare and place veterans experiencing homelessness in jobs.

*Eligible Applicants:* State and Local Workforce Investment Boards, local public agencies, for-profit/commercial entities, and non-profit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations.

### Stand Down

Stand Down events assist veterans experiencing homelessness by providing a wide range of employment, social, and health services. VETS awards these noncompetitive grants on a first-come, first-served basis to support one-day or multi-day events at up to \$7,000 or \$10,000, respectively. The critical services provided at these events are often the catalyst that enables those individuals to reenter the workforce.

*Eligible Applicants:* State workforce agencies, State and local workforce investment boards, Veterans service organizations, Local public agencies and nonprofit organizations, including community and faith-based organizations.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The U.S. Department of Transportation provides grants to help build up and maintain a fast, safe, efficient, accessible, and convenient transportation system for the American people, today and into the future. The programs below includes grant programs authorized under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law for the Department of Transportation. It is not all-inclusive but most are listed. It does not include programs that were authorized but are subject to appropriation.

### **Electric Vehicles, Buses and Ferries**

#### **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure**

The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a new competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs). CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles.

*Eligible Applicants: States or political subdivision of States; Metropolitan planning organizations; Unit of local government; Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function, including port authorities; Indian tribes; Authorities, agencies, or instrumentalities or entities owned by, one or more entities listed here; group of entities listed here; State or local authorities with ownership of publicly accessible transportation facilities (applies to Community Program only).*

#### **Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Program**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, establishes an Electric or Low-Emitting Ferry Pilot Program that makes federal funding available to provide grants for the purchase of electric or low-emitting ferries and the electrification of or other reduction of emissions from existing ferries.

*Eligible Applicants: “Will be identified in a Notice of Funding Opportunity.”*

#### **Low or No Emission (Bus) Grants (includes \$375 million Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grants set aside)**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, continues the Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities program, which makes funding available to states, designated recipients, and local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities including technological changes or innovations to modify low- or no- emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants. Two sub-programs provide competitive grants for buses and bus facility projects, including one that supports low and zero-emission vehicles.

*Eligible Applicants:* Designated recipients that operate fixed route bus service or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators; and state or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service that are eligible to receive direct grants under the Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307) and Rural Formula (Section 5311) programs. *Subrecipients:* An eligible recipient that receives a grant under the formula or competitive programs may allocate amounts from the grant to subrecipients that are public agencies or private nonprofit organizations engaged in public transportation, except that nonprofit organizations are not eligible subrecipients under the Low or No Emission Grants program.

## Passenger and Freight Rail

### Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grants

Funding for a wide range of projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail. Includes capital projects – such as track, station and equipment improvements, congestion mitigation, grade crossings, and track relocation, and deployment of railroad safety technology; regional rail and corridor service development plans and corresponding environmental analyses; safety programs and institutes, including workforce development and training activities; research, development, and testing to advance innovative rail projects.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, including the District of Columbia, A group of States, An Interstate Compact, A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by 1 or more States, A political subdivision of a State, Amtrak & other Rail Carriers providing intercity rail passenger transportation, Class II/III Railroads and NEW Associations that represent a Class II/III Railroads, Rail Carriers & Equipment Manufacturers, in partnership with at least 1 of the first five entities shown above, NEW Federally recognized Indian Tribe, Transportation Research Board, University Transportation Centers engaged in rail-related research, Non-profit labor organizations representing rail employees.

### Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grants

This program provides funding for capital projects that reduce the state of good repair backlog, improve performance, or expand or establish new intercity passenger rail service, including privately operated intercity passenger rail service, if an eligible applicant is involved.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, including the District of Columbia, A group of States, An Interstate Compact, A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States, A political subdivision of a State, Amtrak, acting on its own behalf or under a cooperative agreement with one or more States, A federally recognized Indian Tribe, Any combination of the entities described above.

## Ports and Waterways

### Port Infrastructure Development Program Grants

The Port Infrastructure Development Program supports the efficient movement of commerce upon which our economy relies through discretionary grant funding that helps strengthen, modernize, and improve our country's maritime systems and gateway ports. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis and support the Nation's long-term economic vitality. Port Infrastructure Development grants provide planning, operational and capital financing, and project management assistance to improve port capacity and operations.

*Eligible Applicants:* Port authority, a commission or its subdivision or agent under existing authority, a State or political subdivision of a State or local, an Indian Tribe, a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States, a special purpose district with a transportation function, a multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities, or a lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities (including the owners or operators of a facility, or collection of facilities, at a port).

### **Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities**

The BIL established this program to study and provide grants to reduce idling at port facilities, including through the electrification of port operations.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State or local government or political subdivision thereof; a transit agency; any metropolitan planning organization (MPO) (vs. under the FAST Act, only MPOs that represented a population of more than 200,000); a multijurisdictional group made up of the above eligible applicants, with a signed agreement to implement the initiative across jurisdictional boundaries; and a consortium of research or academic institutions.

## **Public Transportation**

### **All Stations Accessibility Program**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, establishes a new All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) to provide federal competitive grants to assist eligible entities in financing capital projects to upgrade the accessibility of legacy rail fixed guideway public transportation systems for people with disabilities, including those who use wheelchairs, by increasing the number of existing stations or facilities for passenger use that meet or exceed the new construction standards of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.).

*Eligible Applicants:* States and local government authorities.

### **Bus and Bus Facilities Competitive Grants**

The Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program (49 U.S.C. 5339(b)) makes federal resources available to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and related equipment and to construct bus-related facilities, including technological changes or innovations to modify low or no emission vehicles or facilities. Funding is provided through formula allocations and competitive grants.

*Eligible Applicants:* Designated recipients that operate fixed route bus service or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators; and state or local governmental entities that operate fixed route bus service that are eligible to receive direct grants under the Urbanized Area Formula (Section 5307) and Rural Formula (Section 5311) programs.

### **Capital Investment Grants**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, continues the discretionary Fixed Guideway Capital Investment Grants (CIG) program, which funds fixed guideway investments including new and expanded rapid rail, commuter rail, light rail, streetcars, bus rapid transit, and ferries, as well as corridor-based bus rapid transit investments that emulate the features of rail. There are three categories of eligible projects under the CIG program: New Starts, Small Starts, and Core Capacity.



*Eligible Applicants: State and local government agencies, including transit agencies.*

### **Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities**

This program funds transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities in all areas – large urbanized (200,000 or more in population), small urbanized (50,000-199,999 in population), and rural (under 50,000 in population). Eligible projects include both traditional capital investment and nontraditional investment beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complementary paratransit services.

*Eligible Applicants: Rural and small urbanized areas (small UZAs), the state is the direct recipient. For large urbanized areas (large UZAs), the governor of the state chooses a designated recipient. State or local governmental entities that operate a public transportation service are also eligible recipients. Subrecipients can include states or local government authorities, private nonprofit organizations, or operators of public transportation.*

### **Formula Grants for Rural Areas**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, continues the Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program, which provides capital, planning, and operating assistance to states and federally recognized Indian tribes to support public transportation in rural areas with populations less than 50,000, where many residents often rely on public transit to reach their destinations. It also provides funding for state and national training and technical assistance through the Rural Transportation Assistance Program. Eligible recipients include states and federally recognized Indian tribes; sub recipients may include state or local government authorities, nonprofit organizations, or operators of public transportation or intercity bus service that receive funds indirectly through a recipient.

*Eligible Applicants: State or local governmental authorities.*

### **Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, continues the competitive Transit Oriented Development (TOD) planning program, that provides funding for efforts associated with an eligible transit project for which the project sponsor will seek funding through FTA's Capital Investment Grants Program. TOD focuses growth around transit stations to create compact, mixed-use communities with easy access to jobs and services. TOD capitalizes on public investments in transit and supports transit systems by increasing ridership and fare revenue.

*Eligible Applicants: State or local governmental authorities.*

### **Rail Vehicle Replacement Grants**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law added a competitive component for state and local governmental authorities to fund capital projects for the replacement of rail rolling stock.

*Eligible Applicants: State and local governmental authorities, state and local governmental authorities in urbanized areas with fixed guideway and high intensity motorbus systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.*

### State of Good Repair Grants

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, enacted as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, continues the State of Good Repair grants program. This program provides financial assistance to transit agencies that operate fixed-guideway and high-intensity motorbus systems for the maintenance, replacement, and rehabilitation of capital assets, including competitive grants for rail rolling stock, as well as for the development and implementation of transit asset management plans. These funds reflect a commitment to ensuring that public transportation operates safely, efficiently, reliably, and sustainably so communities can offer balanced transportation choices that help to improve mobility, reduce congestion, and encourage economic development.

*Eligible Applicants: State and local governmental authorities, state and local governmental authorities in urbanized areas with fixed guideway and high intensity motorbus systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.*

### Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants

The SMART program was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems in order to improve transportation efficiency and safety.

*Eligible Applicants: A State; Apolitical subdivision of a State; A Tribal government; A public transit agency or authority; A public toll authority; A metropolitan planning organization; And a group of 2 or more eligible entities detailed above, applying through a single lead applicant.*

### Urbanized Area Formula Grants

The Urbanized Area Formula grant program that makes federal resources available to urbanized areas and governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation-related planning. An urbanized area is an incorporated area with a population of 50,000 or more that is designated as such by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

*Eligible Applicants: Public bodies with the legal authority to receive and dispense federal funds. Governors, responsible local officials, and publicly owned operators of transit services are required to designate a recipient to apply for, receive, and dispense funds for urbanized areas pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5307. The governor or governor's designee is the designated recipient for urbanized areas between 50,000 and 200,000.*

### Urbanized Area Passenger Ferry Program

The Passenger Ferry Grant program (49 U.S.C. 5307(h)) provides competitive funding for projects that support passenger ferry systems in urbanized areas. These funds constitute a core investment in the enhancement and revitalization of public ferry systems in the nation's urbanized areas. Funds are awarded based on factors such as the age and condition of existing ferry boats, terminals and related infrastructure; benefits to riders, such as increased reliability; project readiness; and connectivity to other modes of transportation.

*Eligible Applicants: Designated recipients, eligible direct recipients of Section 5307 funds, States and federally recognized Tribes that operate a public ferry system in an urbanized area.*

## Resilience

### Emergency Relief Program

This program funds activities for protecting, repairing, and/or replacing equipment and facilities that may suffer or have suffered serious damage as a result of an emergency, including natural disasters such as floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes.

*Eligible Applicants:* Public transportation agencies, States, territories, local governmental authorities, Indian tribes, and other FTA grant recipients that provide or fund public transportation service are eligible for Emergency Relief funding under the program.

### Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grant Program

The BIL establishes the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program to help make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk coastal infrastructure. The program includes both a formula grant and a competitive discretionary grant element. The discretionary program offers two types of awards: planning grants and Competitive Resilience Improvement Grants.

*Eligible Applicants:* State Governments; Local Governments; Federally Recognized Tribes and Affiliated Groups; Planning and Project Organizations; U.S. Territories

## Roads, Bridges and Major Projects

### Advanced Transportation Technologies & Innovative Mobility

The purpose of the Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment (ATTIMD) initiative is to make competitive grants for the development of model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investments.

*Eligible Applicants:* a State or local government or political subdivision thereof; a transit agency; any metropolitan planning organization (MPO) (vs. under the FAST Act, only MPOs that represented a population of more than 200,000); a multijurisdictional group made up of the above eligible applicants, with a signed agreement to implement the initiative across jurisdictional boundaries; and a consortium of research or academic institutions.

### Bridge Investment Program

The Bridge Investment Program is a competitive, discretionary program that focuses on existing bridges to reduce the overall number of bridges in poor condition, or in fair condition at risk of falling into poor condition. It also expands applicant eligibilities to create opportunity for all levels of government to be direct recipients of program funds. Alongside states and federal lands management agencies,

metropolitan planning organizations and local and tribal governments can also apply directly to FHWA, making it easier to advance projects at the local level that meet community needs.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State or a group of States; a metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as designated by the Bureau of the Census) with a population over 200,000; a unit of local government or a group of local governments; a political subdivision of a State or local government; a special purpose district or a public authority with a transportation function; a Federal land management agency; a Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; and a multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities as described above.

### **Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants (RAISE)**

RAISE discretionary grants help project sponsors at the State and local levels, including municipalities, Tribal governments, counties, and others complete critical freight and passenger transportation infrastructure projects of significant local or regional impact. The eligibility requirements of RAISE allow project sponsors to obtain funding for projects that are harder to support through other U.S. DOT grant programs.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and the District of Columbia; any territory or possession of the United States; a unit of local government; a public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States; a special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; a Federally recognized Indian Tribe or a consortium of such Indian Tribes; a transit agency; and a multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible. Federal agencies are not eligible applicants for the FY 2023 RAISE program. 12 Multiple States or jurisdictions may submit a joint application and should identify a lead applicant as the primary point of contact and also identify the primary recipient of the award. Joint applications should include a description of the roles and responsibilities of each applicant.

### **National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration Grant**

The National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program (Culvert Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Program) is an annual competitive grant program that awards grants to eligible entities for projects for the replacement, removal, and repair of culverts or weirs that meaningfully improve or restore fish passage for anadromous fish. Anadromous fish species are born in freshwater such as streams and rivers, spend most of their lives in the marine environment, and migrate back to freshwater to spawn.

*Eligible Applicants:* Tribes, States, and units of local government.

### **National Infrastructure Project Assistance (Megaprojects)**

The Mega Program supports large, complex projects that are difficult to fund by other means and likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits. In 2022 Mega funding was available under a combined Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that allowed applicants to use one application to apply for up to three separate discretionary grant opportunities including Mega Grants, INFRA Grants, and Rural Surface Transportation Grants.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State or a group of States; A metropolitan planning organization; A unit of local; A political subdivision of a State; A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority; A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments; A partnership between Amtrak and 1 or more entities described in subparagraphs (A) through (F); and; A group of entities described in any of subparagraphs (A) through (G).

### **Nationally Significant Freight & Highway Projects (INFRA)**

INFRA (known statutorily as the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects) awards competitive grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State or a group of States, A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000 individuals, A unit of local government or a group of local governments, A political subdivision of a State or local government, A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, A Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States, A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments, A multistate corridor organization, A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described in this paragraph.

### **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program**

This program supports projects that advance community-centered connection transportation projects, with a priority for projects that benefit disadvantaged communities, by improving access to daily needs such as jobs, education, health care, food, nature and recreation; fostering equitable development and restoration; and reconnecting communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity, including to mobility, access, or economic development.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, Units of local, Federally Recognized Tribal governments, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Nonprofit organizations.

### **Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program**

The Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program will support projects to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas to increase connectivity, improve the safety and reliability of the movement of people and freight, and generate regional economic growth and improve quality of life.

*Eligible Applicants:* State, Regional transportation planning organizations, Local governments, Tribal governments.

### **INFRA: Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects**

INFRA (known statutorily as the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight & Highway Projects) awards competitive grants for multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State or a group of States, A metropolitan planning organization that serves an urbanized area (as defined by the Bureau of the Census) with a population of more than 200,000 individuals, A unit of local government or a group of local governments, A political subdivision of a State or local government, A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function, including a port authority, A Federal land management agency that applies jointly with a State or group of States, A Tribal government or a consortium of Tribal governments, A multistate corridor organization, A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities described in this paragraph.

## Safety

### Commercial Driver's License Implementation Program

This discretionary grant seeks to improve highway safety by supporting Commercial Driver's License Programs on a State and National level. The funding assists grant partners in achieving compliance with the commercial driver's license regulations in 49 CFR Parts 383 and 384 by providing funding directly to States and other entities capable of executing National projects to aid States in their compliance efforts.

*Eligible Applicants:* Agencies in each State, including the District of Columbia, responsible for the development, implementation, and maintenance of all or part of the CDL program or that have a direct impact on a State's compliance with the provisions of 49 CFR Parts 383 and 384. Agencies other than the lead CDL agency should coordinate, if practical, with the lead CDL agency prior to submitting an application. For High Priority and Emerging Issues funding, eligible Applicants include State (including the District of Columbia) agencies, local governments, or other persons.

### Highway Safety Improvement Program

The BIL continues the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) to achieve a significant reduction in traffic fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads, including non-State-owned public roads and roads on tribal land. The HSIP requires a data-driven, strategic approach to improving highway safety on all public roads that focuses on performance. Funding is apportioned as a lump sum for each State which then divides that total among apportioned programs.

*Eligible Applicants:* City, a county, or a tribal government.

### Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grants

The program offers nearly \$200 million in grants annually over the next five years to improve the safety of high-risk, leak-prone natural gas distribution infrastructure and create good-paying jobs, with an emphasis on benefiting underserved communities, in both rural and urban areas.

*Eligible Applicants:* County governments, City or township governments, Native American tribal governments, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Municipality or community owned utilities (not including for-profit entities).

### Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants

This program provides funding for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, including the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other United States territories and possessions; Political subdivision of a state; Federally recognized Indian Tribe; A unit of local government or a group of local governments; A public port authority; A metropolitan planning organization; A group of the entities described above.

### Safe Streets and Roads for All

BIL establishes the new Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) discretionary grant program, which supports local initiatives to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets, commonly referred to as "Vision Zero" or "Toward Zero Deaths" initiatives. The SS4A program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) National Roadway Safety Strategy and a goal of zero deaths and serious injuries on our nation's roadways.

*Eligible Applicants:* A metropolitan planning organization (MPO); a political subdivision of a State or territory; a federally recognized Tribal government; and a multijurisdictional group of entities described in any of the aforementioned three types of entities.

### Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program

BIL establishes a pilot program to provide grants for projects designed to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve habitat connectivity. It also requires the Secretary to update a 2008 study on wildlife vehicle collisions, including the causes and impacts of wildlife collisions as well as solutions and best practices for reducing wildlife collisions and improving habitat connectivity.

*Eligible Applicants:* State and local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, regional transportation authorities, and federal land management agencies.

## OTHER

### Technical Assistance and Workforce Development Grants

The program is intended to: (1) Carry out technical assistance activities that enable more effective and efficient delivery of transportation services, foster compliance with federal laws, and improve public transportation service; (2) Develop standards and best practices for the transit industry; and (3) Address public transportation workforce needs through research, outreach, training and the implementation of a frontline workforce grant program, and conduct training and educational programs in support of the public transportation industry.

*Eligible Applicants:* Federal government departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the government; Metropolitan Planning Organizations; state and local governmental entities; providers of public transportation; and national nonprofit organizations that have the appropriate demonstrated capacity to provide public transportation-related technical assistance.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA)

The only federal government agency focused exclusively on economic development, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) plays a critical role in facilitating regional economic development efforts in communities across the nation. EDA works directly with communities and regions to help them build the capacity for economic development based on local business conditions and needs. EDA's grant investments in planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure construction are designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that make it easier for businesses to start and grow. Grants are designed to leverage existing regional assets to support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to help communities experiencing economic distress, take control of their future and position themselves for economic prosperity and resiliency.

### EDA Grant Programs

#### [Build to Scale \(formerly known as Regional Innovation Strategies\)](#)

The Build to Scale (B2S) Program helps build inclusive regional innovation economies that foster the development and growth of technology-driven businesses through its Venture Challenge and Capital Challenge. Grants are awarded to organizations with a demonstrated commitment and ability to augment existing regional assets to foster innovation and scalable enterprises over an approximately three year period of performance. B2S does not directly fund individuals, startups, or other private companies.

*Eligible Applicants: A State, An Indian tribe, A city or other political subdivision of a State, An entity whose application is supported by a State or a political subdivision of a State and that is— a nonprofit organization, an institution of higher education, a public-private partnership, a science or research park, a Federal laboratory, a venture development organization, or an economic development organization or similar entity that is focused primarily on improving science, technology, innovation, or entrepreneurship; or A consortium of any of the aforementioned entities.*

#### [Economic Adjustment](#)

The Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program is EDA's most flexible program, providing a wide range of technical, planning, and public works and infrastructure assistance in regions experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time. Assists state and local interests in designing and implementing strategies to adjust or bring about change to an economy. The program focuses on areas that have experienced or are under threat of serious structural damage to the underlying economic base. Under Economic Adjustment, EDA administers its [Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\) Program](#), which supplies small businesses and entrepreneurs with the gap financing needed to start or expand their business.

*Eligible Applicants: Native American tribal governments, State, County, Special district governments, City or township, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education),*



*Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education.*

### **Economic Recovery Corps**

This program is a network of Economic Recovery Corps fellows to add human capital to local organizations focused on improving economic resilience and competitiveness in distressed regions across the country.

*Eligible Applicants: State governments, City or township governments, Native American tribal governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), County governments.*

### **Equity Impact Investments**

Equity Impact Investments provides technical assistance to enable organizations serving underserved populations and communities to participate in economic development planning and projects.

*Eligible Applicants: State governments, City or township governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, County governments.*

### **Local Technical Assistance**

This program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in distressed areas from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues.

*Eligible Applicants: Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Special district governments, County, Private institutions of higher education, City or township, State, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments.*

### **Planning**

Planning grants support local organizations ([Economic Development Districts](#), [Indian Tribes](#), and other eligible areas) with short and long-term planning efforts. The [Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy \(CEDS\) Content Guidelines](#), provides suggestions, tools, and resources for developing comprehensive economic development strategies.

*Eligible Applicants: County governments, Special district governments, City or township governments, State governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Private institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education).*

### **Public Works**

This program empowers distressed communities to revitalize, expand, and upgrade their physical infrastructure to attract new industry, encourage business expansion, diversify local economies, and

generate or retain long-term, private sector jobs and investment. NOTE: There are no submission deadlines; applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), cancellation of the current NOFO, or all available funds have been expended.

*Eligible Applicants:* State governments, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Native American tribal governments, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS (other than institutions of higher education), Special district, City or township, Private institutions of higher education, County.

### **Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs and Recompets** (no active website yet; program under development)

- The Regional Technology and Innovation Hub Program authorizes EDA to designate, plan, and implement geographically-distributed “regional technology hubs.” These hubs would focus on technology development, job creation, and expanding U.S. innovation capacity.

- The Recompete Pilot Program authorizes EDA to make concentrated economic development investments in communities with large prime age employment gaps.

These programs were recently authorized by the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, and funds were first appropriated via the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. EDA is underway with design and implementation of this program, and encourages interested stakeholders to learn more by reading the programs’ authorizations ([15 U.S.C. § 3722a for Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs](#); [15 U.S.C. § 3722b for Recompets](#)) and [EDA’s Statement On Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation](#).

*Eligible Applicants:* Institutions of higher education, which may include Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Tribal Colleges or Universities, Minority-serving institutions, State, territorial, local, or Tribal governments or other political subdivisions of a State, State and local agencies, Industry or firms in relevant technology, innovation, or manufacturing sectors, Economic development organizations or similar entities that are focused primarily on improving science, technology, innovation, entrepreneurship, or access to capital, Labor organizations or workforce training organizations, which may include State and local workforce development boards as established under sections 3111 and 3122 of title 29.

### **Research and National Technical Assistance (RNTA)**

The RNTA program funds research, evaluation, and national technical assistance projects that promote competitiveness and innovation in distressed rural and urban regions throughout the United States and its territories.

*Eligible Applicants:* A District Organization; an Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; a State; a city or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; an institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; a public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State; private individual; or a for-profit organization.

### **Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)**

EDA provides [Economic Adjustment Assistance](#) (PDF) grants to eligible recipients to capitalize or recapitalize lending programs that service businesses that cannot otherwise obtain traditional bank financing (and in limited situations to governmental entities for public infrastructure). These loans

provide access to capital as gap financing to enable small businesses to grow and generate new employment opportunities with competitive wages and benefits. Financing also helps retain jobs that might otherwise be lost, create wealth, and support minority and women-owned businesses.

*Eligible Applicants:* State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State; Indian tribe; EDA-approved district organization; institution of higher education; and public or private non-profit organization. While individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible for an EAA award to establish an RLF, individuals and for-profit entities are eligible to apply for and receive loans from an RLF established by an eligible entity.

### **Scaling Pandemic Resilience Through Innovation and Technology (SPRINT) Challenge**

This national competition was designed to support the development, creation, or expansion of programs that accelerate technology-based economic development and respond to the challenges caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

*Eligible Applicants:* District Organization of an EDA-designated Economic Development District; Indian Tribe or a consortium of Indian Tribes; State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a State, including a special purpose unit of a State or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions; Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State.

### **STEM Talent Challenge**

The U.S Economic Development Administration's STEM Talent Challenge aims to build STEM talent training systems to strengthen regional innovation economies. The program provides grants to organizations that are creating and implementing STEM talent development strategies that complement their region's innovation economy.

*Eligible Applicants:* A State; An Indian tribe; A city or other political subdivision of a State; An entity that is— a nonprofit organization, an institution of higher education, a public-private partnership, a science or research park, a Federal laboratory, or an economic development organization or similar entity; and has an application that is supported by a State, a political subdivision of a State, or a native organization; or a consortium of any of the eligible applicants listed above.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)

Every year, EPA awards more than \$4 billion in funding for grants and other assistance agreements. From small non-profit organizations to large state governments, EPA works to help many visionary organizations achieve their environmental goals. With countless success stories over the years, EPA grants remain a chief tool to protect human health and the environment.

### EPA Grant Programs

#### Air Grants and Funding

Includes competitive grant funding announcements for projects and programs relating to air quality, transportation, climate change, indoor air and other related topics.

*Eligible Applicants:* Organizations typically based on the funding announcements' [authorizing statute](#) and [catalog of federal domestic assistance \(CFDA\)](#) listing.

#### Brownfields Grants and Funding

Provides direct funding for brownfields assessment, cleanup, revolving loans, environmental job training, technical assistance, training, and research.

*Eligible Applicants:* General Purpose Unit of Local Government, Land Clearance Authority, Another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the authority of Unit of Local, Government Entity Created by State Legislature, Regional Council, Group of General Purpose Units of Local Government, Redevelopment Agency that is chartered/sanctioned by State, State, Indian tribe other than in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, Metlakatla Indian Community, Nonprofit organization, Limited Liability Corporation/Partnership in which all managing/sole members are nonprofit organizations, Qualified community development entity, Other nonprofit organizations – **only applies to Cleanup Grants, Job Training Grants, and Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Grants. Additional entities eligible to apply for Job Training Grants:** Workforce Investment Boards and organized Labor Unions may be eligible nonprofit organizations, Public and nonprofit private educational institutions. **Entities Eligible to Receive State and Tribal Response Grants** include State, Indian tribes, and Intertribal consortia.

#### Great Lakes Funding

Includes competitive grant funding for planning, research, monitoring, outreach and implementation projects in furtherance of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement. (See separate section on GLRI)

*Eligible Applicants:* Non-federal government entities, State agencies, Agencies or instrumentalities of local governments, Interstate agencies, Federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations, Nonprofit private agencies, institutions and organizations, Colleges and universities.

## National Clean Diesel Campaign Grants and Funding

This program funds grants and rebates that protect human health and improve air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines.

*Eligible Applicants:* Regional, state, local or tribal agencies/consortia or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, Nonprofit organizations or institutions that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or have the promotion of transportation or air quality as their principal purpose.

## Research Funding Opportunities

Upcoming funding opportunities from NCER and the EPA STAR program

*Eligible Applicants:* **Open RFAs (as of 2/9/23) = The Research Training Program for College and University Students** is open to State, territory and possession, and Tribal nation of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, State and local departments, other public or private nonprofit institutions, and foreign entities.

## Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) Grants and Funding

Includes competitive grant funding announcements for projects and programs relating to Brownfields, Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse, Solid Waste management, resource conservation and recovery, Underground Storage Tanks and other related topics.

*Eligible Applicants:* General Purpose Unit of Local Government, Land Clearance Authority, Another quasi-governmental entity that operates under the authority of Unit of Local Government, Government Entity Created by State Legislature, Regional Council, Group of General Purpose Units of Local, Redevelopment Agency that is chartered/sanctioned by State, State, Indian tribe other than in Alaska, Alaska Native Regional Corporation, Alaska Native Village Corporation, Metlakatla Indian Community, Nonprofit organization, Limited Liability Corporation/Partnership in which all managing/sole members are nonprofit organizations, Qualified community development entity, Other nonprofit organizations.

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

FEMA Grant funds are available for pre and post emergency or disaster related projects. These funds support critical recovery initiatives, innovative research and many other programs. Grants are the principal funding mechanism FEMA uses to commit and award federal funding to eligible state, local, tribal, territorial, certain private non-profits, individuals and institutions of higher learning.

### FEMA Preparedness Grants

Preparedness grants help develop and sustain capabilities at the state and local, tribal and territorial levels and in our nation's highest-risk transit systems, ports and along our borders to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate terrorism and other high-consequence disasters and emergencies.

#### [Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program](#)

The Assistance to Firefighters Grants Program (AFGP) provides funding to help firefighters and other first responders obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources necessary for protecting the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible Fire departments, nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services (EMS), state fire training academies, and non-federal airport and/or port authority fire or EMS organizations.

#### [Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response \(SAFER\)](#)

The Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response Grants (SAFER) was created to provide funding directly to fire departments and volunteer firefighter interest organizations to help them increase or maintain the number of trained, "front line" firefighters available in their communities to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards.

*Eligible Applicants:* Fire departments operating in any of the 50 states (as well as fire departments in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, 1 or any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization). Volunteer and combination fire departments operating in any of the 50 states (as well as fire departments in the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, or any federally recognized Indian tribe or tribal organization).

#### [Emergency Management Performance Grant](#)

The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management agencies with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.

*Eligible Applicants:* All 56 states and territories (including all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the territories of American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). Either the State Administrative Agency or the state's Emergency Management Agency is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for EMPG Program funds on behalf of each state or territory. However, only one application is accepted from each state or territory. Please refer to Section C of the FY 2022 EMPG Program NOFO for more information on eligibility.

### **Port Security Grant Program**

The Port Security Grant Program (PSGP) provides funding to state, local and private-sector partners to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, enhance maritime domain awareness, improve port-wide maritime security risk management, and maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.

*Eligible Applicants:* All entities subject to an Area Maritime Security Plan, as defined by 46 U.S.C. § 70103(b), may apply for PSGP funding (including, but not limited to, port authorities, facility operators, and state, territorial, and local government agencies). A facility operator owns, leases, or operates any structure or facility of any kind located in, on, under, or adjacent to any waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Examples of facility operators include, but are not limited to, terminal operators, ferry systems, bar/harbor pilots, and merchant's exchanges. Ferry systems that elect to participate under the FY 2022 PSGP are not considered for funding under the FY 2022 Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP). Likewise, any ferry system that elects to participate in the FY 2022 TSGP is not considered for funding under the FY 2022 PSGP.

### **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program**

The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program provides funding to eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments.

*Eligible Applicants:* All 56 states and territories (including any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands). Accordingly, the Governor designated State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to submit SLCGP applications to DHS/FEMA. Although Tribes are not eligible to apply directly for SLCGP funding, they may be eligible subrecipients, and can receive SLCGP funding as a local government.

### **Transit Security Grant Program**

The Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) provides funding to eligible public transportation systems (which include intra-city bus, ferries and all forms of passenger rail) to protect critical transportation infrastructure and the travelling public from terrorism, and to increase transportation infrastructure resilience.

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible applicants are limited to the passenger rail, intra-city bus and ferry systems described in the 2022 notice: [The Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\) Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\) Fiscal Year 2022 Transit Security Grant Program | FEMA.gov](#)

## FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grants

FEMA's hazard mitigation assistance programs provide funding for eligible mitigation measures that reduce disaster losses. "Hazard mitigation" is any sustainable action that reduces or eliminates long-term risk to people and property from future disasters. Mitigation planning breaks the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction and repeated damage. Hazard mitigation includes long-term solutions that reduce the impact of disasters in the future.

### [Hazard Mitigation Grant Program \(HMGP\)](#)

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) provides funding to state, local, tribal and territorial governments so they can rebuild in a way that reduces, or mitigates, future natural disaster losses in their communities. HMGP funding is authorized with a Presidential Major Disaster Declaration.

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible states, territories, and federally recognized tribes can submit applications on behalf of subapplicants for HMGP funding via the National Emergency Management Information System ([NEMIS](#)), the grants management system to apply for and manage grants. Homeowners, business operators, and non-profit organizations cannot apply directly to FEMA, but can be included in a subapplication submitted by an eligible subapplicant.

### [Flood Mitigation Assistance \(FMA\) Grant](#)

The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program grant program provides funding to states, local communities, tribes and territories to mitigate flood-damaged properties with the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

*Eligible Applicants:* States, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories, and Indian tribal governments (federally recognized). Local governments, including cities, townships, counties, special district governments, state agencies, and federally recognized tribal governments (who choose to apply as subapplicants) are considered subapplicants and must submit subapplications to their state/territory/tribal applicant agency.

### [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities \(BRIC\)](#)

The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program supports state, local, tribal and territorial government as they implement hazard mitigation projects to reduce the risks from disasters and natural hazards.

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible states, territories and federally recognized tribal governments can submit applications on behalf of subapplicants for BRIC funding via [FEMA Grants Outcomes \(FEMA GO\)](#). Applicants may have their own priorities or requirements when screening their subapplications. Subapplicants cannot submit these directly to FEMA. Subapplicants must submit them to their applicant for review and submission.

### [Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation \(STORM\) Act](#)

The Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation (STORM) Act authorizes FEMA to provide capitalization grants to states, eligible federally recognized tribes, territories and the District of Columbia to establish revolving loan funds to help local governments carry out hazard mitigation projects that



reduce disaster risks for homeowners, businesses, nonprofit organizations and communities to help them build climate resilience.

*Eligible Applicants: States, Federally recognized tribes that received a major disaster declaration pursuant to Section 401 of the Stafford Act, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands District of Columbia. Local governments apply through their State as a subrecipient.*

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

HUD awards discretionary funding for programs that support HUD initiatives, including Affordable Housing Development and Preservation, Community and Economic Development, Environment and Energy, Fair Housing, Homelessness, Homeownership, Rental Assistance, Supportive Housing and Services.

### Programs

#### [Community Compass Technical Assistance and Capacity Building Program](#)

Community Compass is designed to help HUD's customers navigate complex housing and community development challenges by equipping them with the knowledge, skills, tools, capacity, and systems to implement HUD programs and policies successfully and sustainably and provide effective administrative and managerial oversight of HUD funding.

*Eligible applicants: For profit and non-profit organizations, small businesses, public and State controlled institutions of higher education, city or township governments, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, and county governments.*

#### [Housing-Related Hazards & Lead-based Paint Capital Fund Program](#)

The purpose of the Housing-related Hazards Capital Fund (HRHCF) & Lead-based Paint Capital Fund Program (LBPCF) is to evaluate and reduce residential health hazards in public housing, including lead-based paint, carbon monoxide, mold, radon, fire safety, and asbestos.

*Eligible applicants: Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities.*

#### [Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program](#)

The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction (LHR) grant program is to maximize the number of children under the age of six protected from lead poisoning by assisting states, cities, counties/parishes, Native American Tribes or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned rental or owner-occupied housing populations.

*Eligible applicants: County governments, State governments, City or township governments and federally recognized Native American tribal governments.*

#### [Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Program](#)

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access

to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

*Eligible applicants: Nonprofit organizations; state governments; local governments; instrumentalities of state and local governments; and Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities.*

### **Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants**

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants support the development of comprehensive plans to revitalize severely distressed public housing and/or HUD-assisted housing and the surrounding neighborhood. Communities will develop a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan, to achieve the program's three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document to carryout subsequent implementation of the plan for the target housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

*Eligible applicants: Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, City or township governments, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, County governments, and Federally recognized Native American tribal governments.*

### **Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants**

Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grants support the implementation of comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plans that are expected to achieve the following three core goals: 1. Housing: Replace distressed public and assisted housing with high-quality mixed-income housing that is well-managed and responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood; 2. People: Improve outcomes of households living in the target housing related to employment and income, health, and children's education; and 3. Neighborhood: Create the conditions necessary for public and private reinvestment in distressed neighborhoods to offer the kinds of amenities and assets, including safety, good schools, and commercial activity, that are important to families' choices about their community.

*Eligible applicants: City or township governments, Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities. The local government of jurisdiction must be either the Lead Applicant or Co-Applicant. The Lead Applicant can be either a Public Housing Agency (PHA), local government, or tribal entity. A Co-Applicant can be a local government, PHA, tribal entity, or the owner of the target HUD-assisted housing (e.g., nonprofit or for-profit developer).*

### **Authority to Accept Unsolicited Proposals for Research Partnerships**

This program allows HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R) to accept unsolicited research proposals that address current research priorities.

*Eligible applicants: Philanthropic entities, other Federal agencies, State or local governments and their agencies, Indian Tribes, tribally designated housing entities, or colleges or universities located in the United States.*

## INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES (IMLS)

The mission of IMLS is to advance, support, and empower America's museums, libraries, and related organizations through grant-making, research, and policy development.

### IMLS Grant Programs

#### [Collections Assessment for Preservation](#)

CAP provides small and mid-sized museums with recommendations to improve the care of their collections.

*Eligible Applicants:* Museum is a unit of state, local, or tribal government, private nonprofit organization, must be located in one of the 50 States of the United States of America (or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, etc.), must be organized on a permanent basis for educational or aesthetic purposes, must display tangible objects to the general public, must employ at least one full-time person, must be possible for assessors to review all of its collections and facilities in a two-day site visit.

#### [Community Catalyst Initiative](#)

The Community Catalyst Initiative challenges museums and libraries to transform how they collaborate with their communities.

*Eligible Applicants:* Libraries, archives, and museums.

#### [Digital Humanities Advancement Grants](#)

The Digital Humanities Advancement Grants (DHAG) program is designed to support innovative, experimental, and computationally challenging digital projects at different stages of their lifecycles.

*Eligible Applicants:* Nonprofit organizations; accredited institutions of higher education (public or nonprofit); state and local governments and their agencies; federally recognized Native American Tribal governments.

#### [IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries](#)

The goal of the FY2020 IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries program was to support the role of museums and libraries in responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

*Eligible Applicants:* Libraries, Museums, An organization that engages in activities designed to advance the wellbeing of museums and the museum profession, an institution of higher education, including public and nonprofit universities, A public or private nonprofit agency that is responsible for the operation of a museum. Libraries must be a unit of State or local government or be a private, nonprofit organization.

#### [Inspire! Grants for Small Museums](#)

Inspire! Grants for Small Museums support small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public.

*Eligible Applicants:* A museum located within a parent organization that is a State, local, or tribal government or multipurpose nonprofit entity, such as a municipality, university, historical society, foundation, or cultural center.

### **Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program**

The Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program supports developing a diverse workforce of librarians to better meet the changing learning and information needs of the American public.

*Eligible Applicants:* A library or a parent organization, An academic or administrative unit, A digital library, A library agency that is an official agency of a State or other unit of government, A library consortium that is a local, statewide, regional, interstate, or international cooperative association of library entities, A library association that exists on a permanent basis such as a school district, a municipality, located in one of the 50 States of the United States of America (or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, etc.).

### **Museum Assessment Program**

The Museum Assessment Program is designed to help museums assess their strengths and weaknesses and plan for the future.

*Eligible Applicants:* Libraries, Museums, An organization that engages in activities designed to advance the wellbeing of museums and the museum profession, an institution of higher education, including public and nonprofit universities, A public or private nonprofit agency that is responsible for the operation of a museum.

### **Museum Grants for African American History and Culture**

The Museum Grants for African American History and Culture program is designed to build the capacity of African American museums and support the growth and development of museum professionals at African American museums.

*Eligible Applicants:* Libraries, Museums, An organization that engages in activities designed to advance the wellbeing of museums and the museum profession, an institution of higher education, including public and nonprofit universities, a public or private nonprofit agency that is responsible for the operation of a museum.

### **Museums Empowered**

Museums Empowered supports projects that use the transformative power of professional development and training to generate systemic change within museums of all types and sizes.

*Eligible Applicants:* Libraries, Museums, An organization that engages in activities designed to advance the wellbeing of museums and the museum profession, an institution of higher education, including public and nonprofit universities, a public or private nonprofit agency that is responsible for the operation of a museum.

### **Museums for America**

The Museums for America program supports museums of all sizes and disciplines in strategic, project-based efforts to serve the public.

*Eligible Applicants:* Libraries, Museums, An organization that engages in activities designed to advance the wellbeing of museums and the museum profession, an institution of higher education, including public and nonprofit universities, a public or private nonprofit agency that is responsible for the operation of a museum.

### [National Leadership Grants for Libraries](#)

National Leadership Grants for Libraries support projects that enhance the quality of library and archive services nationwide by advancing theory and practice.

*Eligible Applicants:* A library or a parent organization, An academic or administrative unit, A digital library, A library agency that is an official agency of a State or other unit of government, A library consortium that is a local, statewide, regional, interstate, or international cooperative association of library entities, A library association that exists on a permanent basis such as a school district, a municipality, located in one of the 50 States of the United States of America (or the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, etc.).

### [National Leadership Grants for Museums](#)

National Leadership Grants for Museums support projects that address critical needs of the museum field and that have the potential to advance practice in the profession to strengthen museum services for the American public.

*Eligible Applicants:* Libraries, Museums, An organization that engages in activities designed to advance the wellbeing of museums and the museum profession, an institution of higher education, including public and nonprofit universities, a public or private nonprofit agency that is responsible for the operation of a museum.

### [Save America's Treasures](#)

Save America's Treasures supports the preservation of nationally significant historic properties and collections.

*Eligible Applicants:* Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c), US organizations, Units of state or local government, Federally-recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian Organizations, as defined by 54 USC 300300, Educational institutions, Federal agencies funded by the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies with the exception of the National Park Service (NPS).

## NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS (NEA)

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) supports the nation’s arts sector with grant opportunities to help people live more artful lives. The arts contribute to the well-being of individuals, communities, and local economies and help make sense of circumstances from different perspectives. The NEA is the only arts funder in the United States—public or private—that provides access to the arts in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. jurisdictions.

### NEA Grant Programs

#### [Grants for Arts Projects](#)

Grants for Arts Projects is the NEA’s largest grants program for organizations, providing comprehensive and expansive funding opportunities for communities. Through project-based funding, the program supports opportunities for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector. NEA welcomes applications from first-time applicants; from organizations serving communities of all sizes, including rural and urban areas; and from organizations with small, medium, or large operating budgets. Art projects are funding in the following disciplines: Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Arts, Theater, and Visual Arts.

Contact: For Grants for Arts Projects, contact the staff for the field/discipline that is most appropriate for your project: [Artist Communities](#) | [Arts Education](#) | [Dance](#) | [Design](#) | [Folk & Traditional Arts](#) | [Literary Arts](#) | [Local Arts Agencies](#) | [Media Arts](#) | [Museums](#) | [Music](#) | [Musical Theater](#) | [Opera](#) | [Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works](#) | [Theater](#) | [Visual Arts](#)

*Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; Units of state or local; or Federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), and other organizations that can help advance the NEA’s goals.*

#### [Challenge America](#)

Challenge America offers support primarily to small organizations for projects in all artistic disciplines that extend the reach of the arts to groups/communities with rich and dynamic artistic and cultural contributions to share that are underserved.

*Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3), U.S. organizations; Units of state or local government; or Federally recognized tribal communities or tribes. Applicants may be arts organizations, local arts agencies, arts service organizations, local education agencies (school districts), or other organizations that can help advance the goals of the NEA.*

## Our Town

Our Town is the NEA's creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities. Our Town projects advance local economic, physical, or social outcomes in communities, ultimately laying the groundwork for systems change and centering equity. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization.

*Eligible Applicants: Nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) U.S. organizations with a documented completed **three-year history of programming**. Local, including federally recognized tribal governments. Local arts agencies or other departments, agencies, or entities within an eligible local government may submit the application. For U.S. territories, if no local government exists, the territory government can serve as the local government.*



## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (SAMHSA)

SAMHSA's programs and campaigns offer information, training, and technical assistance to improve the quality and delivery of behavioral health services across the nation.

### Programs

#### [Project AWARE \(Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education\) Program](#)

The purpose of this program is to develop a sustainable infrastructure for school-based mental health programs and services to promote the healthy social and emotional development of school-aged youth and prevent youth violence in school settings.

*Eligible Applicants:* States; political subdivisions of States (e.g., county, LEA); Indian tribes or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other domestic public or private nonprofit entities.

#### [Mental Health Awareness Training Grants](#)

The purpose of this program is to educate and train others on how to identify signs and symptoms and appropriately and safely respond to individuals with mental disorders, particularly individuals with SMI and/or SED.

*Eligible Applicants:* Eligible applicants are States and Territories, including the District of Columbia, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private nonprofit entities.

#### [Healthy Transitions: Improving Life Trajectories for Youth and Young Adults with Serious Mental Disorders Program](#)

The purpose of this program is to improve access to treatment and support services for youth and young adults, ages 16-25, who have a serious emotional disturbance or a serious mental illness so they can maximize their potential to assume adult roles and responsibilities and lead full and productive lives.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and Territories, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private nonprofit entities.

#### [FY 2023 Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health](#)

The purpose of this program is to promote resilience and emotional health for children, youth, and their families by addressing the social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and behavioral aspects of their development and prepare them to thrive in school and beyond.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and Territories, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private nonprofit entities.

### **Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness Program**

The purpose of this program is to support the development and/or expansion of the local implementation of an infrastructure that integrates behavioral health treatment and recovery support services for individuals, youth, and families with a serious mental illness [SMI], serious emotional disturbance [SED], or co-occurring disorder (i.e., a SMI and substance use disorder [SUD] or a SED and SUD) who are experiencing homelessness.

*Eligible applicants:* States and Territories, including the District of Columbia, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations (as such terms are defined in section 5304 of title 25), health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private nonprofit entities

### **Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)**

The purpose of this program is to establish or expand and maintain ACT programs for transition-aged youth and adults with a serious mental illness (SMI) or serious emotional disturbance (SED). The goal is to improve behavioral health outcomes for individuals by reducing rates of hospitalization, mortality, substance use, homelessness, and involvement with the criminal justice system.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, political subdivisions of states (e.g., counties, cities), community-based behavioral health non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, mental health systems, and health care facilities.

### **Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment Program**

The purpose of this program is to support state and community efforts to refine, implement, and sustain evidence-based supported employment programs and mutually compatible and supportive evidence-based practices for transition-aged youth/young adults (ages 16-25) with serious emotional disturbance (SED), and adults with serious mental illness (SMI) or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders (COD), to improve competitive employment outcomes for individuals with SED, SMI, or COD.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, political subdivisions of states (e.g., counties, cities), community-based behavioral health non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, and health care facilities.

### **Minority Fellowship Program**

The purpose of this program is to: (1) increase the knowledge of mental and/or substance use disorder behavioral health professionals on issues related to prevention, treatment, and recovery support for individuals who are from racial and ethnic minority populations and have a mental or substance use disorder; (2) improve the quality of mental and substance use disorder prevention and treatment services delivered to racial and ethnic minority populations; and (3) increase the number of culturally competent mental and substance use disorders professionals who teach, administer services, conduct research, and provide direct mental and/or substance use disorder services to racial and ethnic minority populations.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and Territories, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private nonprofit entities.

### **National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative – Category III: Community Treatment and Service (CTS) Centers**

The purpose of this program is to increase access to effective trauma- and grief-focused treatment and service systems for children, adolescents, and their families, who experience traumatic events. With this program, SAMHSA aims to raise the standard of care and improve access to evidence-based services for children experiencing trauma across the nation.

*Eligible Applicants:* Public and private non-profit entities.

### **Grants to Implement Zero Suicide in Health Systems**

The purpose of this program is to implement suicide prevention and intervention programs for individuals who are 25 years of age or older. This program is designed to raise awareness of suicide, establish referral processes, and improve care and outcomes for such individuals who are at risk for suicide. Recipients will implement the Zero Suicide model throughout their health system.

*Eligible Applicants:* State health agencies with mental and/or behavioral health functions; an Indian tribe or tribal organization; community-based primary care or behavioral health care organizations; emergency departments; and local public health agencies.

### **Behavioral Health Partnership for Early Diversion of Adults and Youth**

The purpose of this program is to establish or expand programs that divert adults and youth with a mental illness or a co-occurring disorder (COD) from the criminal or juvenile justice system to community-based mental health and substance use disorder services (SUD) and other supports prior to arrest and booking.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and territories; political subdivisions of states; Indian tribes or tribal organizations (as defined in Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education and Assistance Act; a health facility or program operated in accordance with a contract or award with the Indian Health Service; and public or non-profit entities.

### **Grants for Expansion and Sustainability of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children with Serious Emotional Disturbance**

The purpose of this program is to provide resources to improve the mental health outcomes for children and youth, birth through age 21, at risk for or with serious emotional disturbances (SED), and their families.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and territories, governmental units within political sub-divisions of states, and federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) tribes and tribal organizations.

### **Community Programs for Outreach and Intervention with Youth and Young Adults at Clinical High Risk for Psychosis**

The purpose of this program is to provide trauma-informed, evidence-based interventions to youth and young adults (not more than 25 years of age) who are at clinical high risk for psychosis.

*Eligible Applications:* State governments and territories, governmental units within political subdivisions of a state (e.g., county, city, town), and Federally recognized American Indian/Alaska Native tribes and tribal organizations.

### **Services Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women**

The purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive services for pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorders across the continuum of residential settings that support and sustain recovery. Services also extend to family members and the minor children of the women, the latter whom may reside with the women in the program facilities at the woman's request.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and Territories, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or award with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private non-profit entities.

### **Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals**

The purpose of this program is to provide comprehensive, coordinated, and evidence-based treatment and services for individuals, including youth, and families with substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring mental health conditions and SUDs (CODs) who are experiencing homelessness.

*Eligible Applicants:* Community-based public and private non-profit entities.

### **Adult Reentry Program**

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and related recovery and reentry services to sentenced adults in the criminal justice system with a SUD and/or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders, who are returning to their families and community following a period of incarceration in state and local facilities including prisons, jails, or detention centers.

*Eligible Applicants:* States and Territories, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or award with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private non-profit entities.

### **Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Adult and Family Treatment Drug Courts**

The purpose of this program is to expand substance use disorder (SUD) treatment and recovery support services in existing drug courts. The program recognizes the need for treatment instead of incarceration for individuals with SUDs. These awards provide a continuum of care, including prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery services, for individuals with SUD involved with the courts.

*Eligible Applicants:* States, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or non-profit private entities.

### **Minority AIDS Initiative: Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Racial/Ethnic Minority Populations at High Risk for HIV/AIDS**

The purpose of this SAMHSA program is to increase engagement in care for racial and ethnic underrepresented individuals with substance use disorders (SUD) and/or co-occurring substance use

and mental disorders (COD) who are at risk for or are living with HIV/AIDS and receive HIV/AIDS services/treatment.

*Eligible Applicants: States and Territories, political subdivisions of States, Indian tribes, or tribal organizations, health facilities, or programs operated by or in accordance with a contract or grant with the Indian Health Service, or other public or private nonprofit entities.*

### **Rural Emergency Medical Services Training Grant**

The purpose of this program is to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas with a particular focus on addressing mental and substance use disorders.

*Eligible Applicants: Limited to rural emergency medical service agencies operated by a local or tribal government (fire-based and non-fire based) and rural non-profit emergency medical service agencies.*

### **First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Support Services Act Grant**

The purpose of this program is to support first responders and members of other key community sectors to administer a drug or device approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose. Recipients will train and provide resources to first responders and members of other key community sectors at the state, tribal, and local levels on carrying and administering a drug or device approved or cleared under the FD&C Act for emergency treatment of known or suspected opioid overdose. Forecasted to be posted February 2024.

*Eligible Applicants: Limited to States, local governmental entities, and Indian tribes and tribal organizations.*

## U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Through its grant and loan programs the USDA provides financial opportunities to individuals and communities.

### **Rural Business Programs**

Loans, loan guarantees, and grants are available to individuals, businesses, cooperatives, farmers and ranchers, public bodies, non-profit corporations, Native American Tribes, and private companies in rural communities. The financial resources of the Business Programs are often leveraged with those of other public and private credit source lenders to meet business and credit needs in under-served areas. The funding is intended to help improve the quality of life in rural communities by enhancing economic opportunities and ensuring self-sustainability for generations to come.

#### **Agriculture Innovation Center Program**

This program makes grants to Agriculture Innovation Centers that may be used by the Centers to provide technical assistance to agricultural producers to help them develop and market value-added agricultural products using a variety of options, except joint marketing efforts.

*Eligible Applicants: Local, State, [Federally-Recognized Indian Tribes](#), Institutions of higher education, Nonprofit organizations, Commercial Organizations.*

#### **Rural Business Development Grants (RBDG)**

This program is designed to provide technical assistance and training for small rural businesses. Small means that the business has fewer than 50 new workers and less than \$1 million in gross revenue.

*Eligible Applicants: Towns, Communities, State agencies, Authorities, Nonprofit corporations, Institutions of higher education, [Federally-recognized tribes](#), Rural cooperatives (if organized as a private nonprofit corporation).*

#### **Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grants**

The Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program offers grant assistance to create and augment high-wage jobs, accelerate the formation of new businesses, support industry clusters and maximize the use of local productive assets in eligible low-income rural areas.

*Eligible Applicants: Non-profit entities, State entities, Tribal entities, Institutions of higher education, Public bodies.*

### **Community Facilities Programs**

Community Facilities Programs offer direct loans, loan guarantees and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America. These amenities help increase the competitiveness of rural communities in attracting and retaining businesses that provide employment and services for their residents. Public bodies, non-profit organizations and federally

recognized American Indian Tribes can use the funds to construct, expand or improve facilities that provide health care, education, public safety, and public services. Projects include fire and rescue stations, village and town halls, health care clinics, hospitals, adult and child care centers, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, public buildings, schools, libraries, and many other community-based initiatives. Financing may also cover the costs for land acquisition, professional fees, and purchase of equipment. These facilities not only improve the basic quality of life but assist in the development and sustainability of rural America.

#### **Community Facilities Direct Loans & Grants**

This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial or business undertakings.

*Eligible Applicants: Public bodies, Community-based non-profit corporations, Federally-recognized Tribes.*

#### **Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant**

The Agency will make grants to public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, and incorporated towns and villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, and Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations) to provide associations Technical Assistance and/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs.

*Eligible Applicants: Public bodies, Non-profit organizations, Federally Recognized Tribes.*

#### **Economic Impact Initiative Grants**

This program provides funding to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression.

*Eligible Applicants: Public bodies, Non-profits, Federally-recognized Tribes.*

#### **Rural Community Development Initiative Grants**

RCDI grants are awarded to help non-profit housing and community development organizations, low-income rural communities and federally recognized tribes support housing, community facilities and community and economic development projects in rural areas.

*Eligible Applicants: Public bodies, Non-profit organizations, Qualified Private (for-profit) Organizations.*

## **Energy Programs**

#### **Rural Energy for America Program Energy Audits & Renewable Energy Development Grants**

This program assists rural small businesses and agricultural producers by conducting and promoting energy audits and providing Renewable Energy Development Assistance (REDA).

*Eligible Applicants:* State and local government entities, Federally-recognized tribes, A land-grant college or university or other institutions of higher education, Rural electric cooperatives, Public power entities, An instrumentality of a state, tribal or local, A Resource Conservation & Development Council (as defined in [16 USC §3451](#)).

## **Single Family Housing Programs**

Rural Development’s Single Family Housing Programs give families and individuals the opportunity to buy, build, or repair affordable homes located in rural America. Eligibility for these loans, loan guarantees, and grants is based on income and varies according to the average median income for each area.

### **Mutual Self Help Grants**

This program provides grants to qualified organizations to help them carry out local self-help housing construction projects. Grant recipients supervise groups of very-low- and low-income individuals and families as they construct their own homes in rural areas. The group members provide most of the construction labor on each other’s homes, with technical assistance from the organization overseeing the project. Eligible applicants include government non-profit organizations, Federally-recognized Tribes, and private non-profit organizations.

*Eligible Applicants:* Government non-profit organizations, Federally-recognized Tribes, Private non-profit organizations.

### **Housing Preservation Grants**

This program provides grants to sponsoring organizations for the repair or rehabilitation of housing owned or occupied by low- and very-low-income rural citizens. Eligible applicants include most state and local governmental entities, nonprofit organizations, and Federally Recognized Tribes. Individual homeowners are not eligible.

*Eligible Applicants:* Most State and local governmental entities, Nonprofit organizations, Federally Recognized Tribes, Individual homeowners are **not eligible**.

## **Telecommunications Programs**

USDA telecommunications programs improve the quality of life in rural America by providing funding for the deployment of rural telecommunications infrastructure to improve rural America educational opportunities, health care, safety, security, and higher employment.

### **Community Connect Grants**

The purpose of the Community Connect Program is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide, on a “community -oriented connectivity” basis, broadband service that fosters economic growth and delivers enhanced educational, health care, and public safety benefits.



*Eligible Applicants: Incorporated organizations, Federally-recognized Tribes, State and local units, Any other legal entity, including cooperatives, private corporations, or limited liability companies organized on a for-profit or not-for-profit basis.*

### **Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants**

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine program helps rural communities use the unique capabilities of telecommunications to connect to each other and to the world, overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density.

*Eligible Applicants: State and local governmental organizations, Federally-recognized Tribes, Non-profit organizations, Incorporated, for-profit businesses, Groups of eligible entities working together.*

### **Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans and Loan Guarantees**

This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.

*Eligible Applicants: State and local government entities, Federally Recognized Tribes, Non-profits, including Cooperatives, and limited dividend or mutual associations, For-profit businesses (must be a corporation or limited liability company).*

### **ReConnect Loan and Grant Program**

The ReConnect Loan and Grant Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas. The application window is now closed. Follow one of the links below to learn more about the program.

*Eligible Applicants: Corporations, Limited Liability Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships, Cooperatives or mutual organizations, States or local, including any agency, subdivision, instrumentality of political subdivision thereof, A territory or possession of the United States, An Indian Tribe.*

## **Water & Environmental Programs**

Through Rural Utilities Service Water and Environmental Programs (WEP), rural communities obtain the technical assistance and financing necessary to develop drinking water and waste disposal systems.

### **Circuit Rider Program**

This program provides technical assistance to rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial or managerial issues.

*Eligible Applicants: Entity must serve an area with population of 10,000 or less AND be either a public body, non-profit corporation, or Indian tribe with legal authority to own and operate the water facility.*

### [Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants](#)

This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water.

*Eligible Applicants:* Most state and local government entities, Nonprofit organizations, Federally recognized tribes.

### [Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Forest Restoration](#)

This USDA Forest Service program supports projects in the Great Lakes basin that implement the following strategic, priority actions: 1. Mitigate Forest Insect and Disease Impacts (Implement targeted reforestation and forest protection actions to minimize invasive forest insect and disease impacts on watersheds); 2. Reduce Runoff from Degraded Sites through Green Infrastructure (Capture or treat stormwater runoff by planting trees and other vegetation as an integral component of green infrastructure) and 3. Restore and Connect Coastal and Riparian Forest Habitats (Protect, restore, and enhance high-quality coastal zone and connecting riparian ecosystems where trees are an important component). The minimum and maximum Federal funding requests vary depending on program area, with an overall range of \$50,000 to \$300,000.

*Eligible Applicants:* State agencies, Tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and local governments that work within the Great Lakes Basin of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

### [SEARCH - Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households](#)

This program helps very small, financially distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.

*Eligible Applicants:* Most state and local government entities, Nonprofits, Federally recognized tribes.

### [Solid Waste Management Grants](#)

This program reduces or eliminates pollution of water resources by providing funding for organizations that provide technical assistance or training to improve the planning and management of solid waste sites.

*Eligible Applicants:* Public bodies, Nonprofits, Federally recognized tribes, Academic institutions. All applicants must have: Proven ability, background or experience to successfully complete a project similar to the one proposed, Legal authority and capacity to provide technical assistance or training.

### [Water and Waste Facility Loans and Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands](#)

This program helps get safe, reliable drinking water and waste disposal services to low-income communities that face significant health risks.

*Eligible Applicants:* Federally-recognized Tribes, State and local that serve eligible areas, Nonprofit organizations that serve eligible areas.

### [Water & Waste Disposal Loans & Grants](#)

This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

*Eligible Applicants: This program assists qualified applicants who are not otherwise able to obtain commercial credit on reasonable terms: Most state and local governmental entities, Private nonprofits, Federally-recognized tribes.*

### **Water & Waste Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants**

This program assists low-income communities with initial planning and development of applications for USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal direct loan/grant and loan guarantee programs.

*Eligible Applicants: Most state and local government entities, Non-profit organizations, [Federally-recognized Tribes.](#)*