



Technical Assistance and Funding Resources Guide

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This guide is designed to assist community organizations, local governments, universities, and other partners in navigating technical assistance and funding opportunities across Region 2. This guide includes opportunities from a diversity of sources. Mentions of an opportunity or links to non-EPA sites do not imply official EPA endorsement.

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Environmental Justice

Learn about the EPA's [Office of Environmental Justice](#) and read the [Annual Environmental Justice Reports](#) to learn how the Agency's programs and resources serve vulnerable communities across the country. For up-to-date information about Environmental Justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a blank email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov. Follow us on Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](#)

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Opportunities

EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program	<p>Approximately \$550 million is available to select approximately 11 eligible entities to become Grantmakers. Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, implement a tracking and reporting system, provide resources and support to communities, all in collaboration with EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights. The program was created to reduce barriers to the application process and increase the efficiency of the awards process for environmental justice grants.</p> <p>Eligible entities for serving as an EJ Thriving Communities Grantmaker include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a community-based nonprofit organization; or• a partnership of community-based nonprofit organizations• a partnership between— a federally recognized Tribal government and a community-based nonprofit organization• a partnership between— an institution of higher education and a community-based nonprofit organization.	Application deadline extended to June 30 More information here
NY State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) EJ Grant Programs	<p>NYS DEC's Office of Environmental Justice is currently offering two competitive grants to support and empower communities as they develop and implement solutions that significantly address environmental issues, harms, and health hazards, build community consensus, set priorities, and improve public outreach and education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Community Impact Grants</u>: must address a community's exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks and include a new research component that will be used to expand the knowledge of the affected community. Examples include research, environmental monitoring, community gardens, tree plantings, habitat restoration, and environmental education. <p><u>Air Quality Monitoring</u>: supports community-based organizations developing new or strengthening existing air monitoring programs focused on reducing exposure to harmful emissions in disadvantaged communities.</p>	Application deadline July 26 More information here

<p>EPA</p> <p>Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for Environmental Justice Grant Programs</p>	<p>EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) is helping fulfill EPA's commitment to Environmental Justice (EJ) by establishing Great Lakes Community Environmental Justice Grant Programs to be used for issuing and overseeing subawards for environmental restoration projects in historically underserved Great Lakes communities.</p> <p>This opportunity is targeted at a pass-through entity or entities ("principle recipients") with established relationships with underserved communities or with the ability to quickly build and sustain such relationships with those communities in order to develop and implement a subaward funding program to fund projects in those communities pursuant to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan III.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>August 11</p>	<p>More information here</p>
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<p>EPA</p> <p>National Environmental Youth Advisory Council</p>	<p>EPA announced the formal establishment of the agency's first-ever National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC). The NEYAC will provide independent advice and recommendations to Administrator Michael S. Regan on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth communities. The NEYAC will provide a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affect youth communities.</p> <p>EPA is soliciting applications for youth to fill 16 vacancies on the NEYAC. Selected applicants will contribute to a balance of perspectives, backgrounds, and experience of the council and will be appointed by the Administrator. As a first-of-its-kind committee, all members of NEYAC will be between the ages of 16 and 29.</p> <p>EPA will be hosting virtual application webinars where the public can ask EPA staff questions live. The webinars will be: Friday, June 30, 2023 (3:00-4:00pm) // Register here Monday, August 7, 2023 (12:00-1:00pm) // Register here</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>August 22</p>	<p>More information here</p>
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Tools & Resources

<p>EJScreen 2.1 Environmental Justice Mapping and Screening Tool</p>	<p>EPA has developed an environmental justice mapping and screening tool called EJScreen to better meet its responsibilities to protect public health and the environment. It is based on nationally consistent data and an approach that combines environmental and demographic indicators in maps and reports. The EJScreen Tool includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Environmental Indicators • 7 Socioeconomic Indicators • 12 EJ Indexes • New Climate, Health, and Critical Service Gaps Layers <p>EPA launched EJScreen 2.1, an updated version of EJScreen, in October 2022. This updated version makes important improvements to better meet the needs of users and provides expanded insight into EJ concerns in overburdened communities.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
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Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program	<p>The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Brownfields Amendments authorize EPA to provide funding to organizations to conduct research and to provide training and technical assistance to communities to help address their brownfields challenges. Information presented on this site lists past and current technical assistance and research projects EPA funds and resources that are available to all communities. Please review the Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Application Resources for information on open solicitations.</p>	<p>More information here</p> <p>Información en español</p>
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Rural Communities

Opportunities

USDA Rural Development Rural Community Development Initiative Grants	<p>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.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>June 28</p>	<p>More information here</p>
USDA Revolving Loan Programs to Support Rural Businesses and Community Development Projects	<p>The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant program provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility is responsible for repayment to USDA.</p> <p>USDA provides grants to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish Revolving Loan Funds (RLF). Loans are made from the revolving loan fund to projects that will create or retain rural jobs. When the revolving loan fund is terminated, the grant is repaid to USDA.</p>	<p>Fourth quarter application deadline</p> <p>June 30</p>	<p>More information here</p>
Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Program	<p>The Department of Energy (DOE)'s Energy Improvements in Rural or Remote Areas (ERA) Program competition will grant \$50 million to help deploy community-driven clean energy solutions in rural and remote areas (populations of no more than 10,000 people) across the country. This funding opportunity will award grants for projects with a dollar amount between \$500,000 to \$5 million and requires no cost-share from recipients to help ensure an equitable transition to a clean energy future. The Environmental Protection Network put this easy to navigate suggested 6-step pre-application process together to assist applicants with applying.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>July 13</p>	<p>More information here</p>

USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants	USDA's FY23-24 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP): Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans and Grants (RES/EEI) are now available. Grant funding is awarded to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to install renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements.	Application windows are open through Sept 30, 2024	More information here
EPA Rural, Small, and Tribal Technical Assistance (RST TA)	EPA's providers deliver targeted technical assistance and training to rural, small, and tribal municipalities and wastewater treatment systems to protect public health and safeguard the environment. The RST TA providers serve an important role in helping to 1) ensure that rural, small, and tribal communities that have difficulty in securing public funding receive the help they need to access resources to support infrastructure improvements and 2) support rural, small, and tribal wastewater treatment systems – centralized and decentralized – build their technical, managerial, and financial capacity to operate their systems well and maintain compliance.	Ongoing	More information here
USDA 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 OPEN.	Ongoing	More information here

Tools & Resources

USDA Guide to Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding for Rural Development	The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) passed in August 2022 represents the largest single investment in rural electrification since the passage of the Rural Electrification Act in 1936. Sections 22001 through 22005 of IRA provide new loan and grant products and unprecedented incentives to expand clean energy, transform rural power production, create jobs, and spur economic growth.		More information here
HUD Rural Gateway	The Rural Gateway provides technical assistance, training, peer learning, and resource sharing to support rural housing and economic development. For more information, contact HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development at 1-877-787-2526 or rhed@hud.gov .		More information here
EPA's Environmental Finance Center Network Small Wastewater Treatment Assistance	EPA's Environmental Finance Center Network offers free help on training and technical assistance to small wastewater and decentralized wastewater treatment works serving approximately 10,000 or fewer people.		More information here
USDA Rural Development Recreation Economy Resource Guide	USDA's Forest Service (FS), Rural Development (RD), and the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) have developed this resource guide for rural communities to identify resources that develop the recreation economy.		More information here

Food and Agriculture

Opportunities

<p>NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets</p> <p>Grants for Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control and Climate Resilient Farming</p>	<p>Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Abatement and Control Program: supports Soil and Water Conservation Districts working with eligible farmers for nonpoint source abatement and control projects that plan or implement Agricultural Best Management Practice Systems on New York State farms.</p> <p>Climate Resilient Farming Program: Funds are also available for projects that mitigate the impact of agriculture on climate change under the climate resilient farming program to enhance the on-farm adaptation and resilience to projected climate conditions.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>June 26</p> <p>Application deadline</p> <p>August 7</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>USDA</p> <p>New Jersey Conservation Innovation Grants</p>	<p>Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands.</p> <p>New Jersey announces funding opportunities for the state component of CIG on Grants.gov every other year. The CIG State Component offers eligible entities the opportunity to apply for grants for eligible projects within the state. Interested applicants may review projects funded in prior years to see what has been successful in the past.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>Rochester Institute of Technology</p> <p>Food Waste Reduction and Diversion Reimbursement Program</p>	<p>The Food Waste Reduction and Diversion Reimbursement Program is an innovative partnership between New York State and Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) focused on incentivizing the reduction of food waste in the state. The program provides reimbursement to New York State businesses or not-for-profits that generate, haul or recycle large amounts of food waste to offset the cost of select technologies and equipment that promise to reduce or divert that food waste from landfill or incineration.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>NY State Department of Environmental Conservation</p> <p>Municipal Funding for Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives</p>	<p>The goal of this funding program is to assist municipalities in starting or expanding municipal food scraps recycling programs. Approximately \$2 million is available. To ensure equitable access and development of food scraps recycling opportunities for all New Yorkers, this year's opportunity will prioritize the first half of available funds for eligible projects serving Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>The following types of projects are included in this opportunity: Creating or expanding programs to increase residential food scraps recycling AND creating or expanding food scraps recycling programs and facilities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>More information here</p>

Tools & Resources

EPA

Food Waste Research

This new web page offers EPA research on food waste prevention and reduction, with a focus on processing and management.

[More information here](#)

Air & Water

Opportunities

NY State Department of Environmental Conservation

Water Quality Protection Project Grants

This funding Supports Updating Water Infrastructure, Combating Harmful Algal Blooms, Protecting Drinking Water, Increasing Flood Resilience, and Preventing Potential Contamination. The funding is part of the millions of dollars now available through the Consolidated Funding Application [recently announced by Governor Kathy Hochul](#) for a wide range of programs.

Application deadline

July 28

[More information here](#)

EPA

Clean School Bus Grant Program

EPA is awarding approximately \$400 million in competitive grant funding to eligible applicants for the purchase of zero-emission (ZE) school buses, clean school buses, and ZE charging infrastructure. EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, rural areas, Tribal school districts funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and public school districts receiving basic support payments for students living on Tribal land, and rural areas.

To assist potential applicants, EPA will host a series of public webinars May through August to provide potential applicants with an overview of the program and how to apply.

Please Note: Potential applicants without a [Federal Grants](#) account are encouraged to initiate the Federal Grants registration process well ahead of the deadline for funding as the registration process can take over a month.

Application deadline

August 22

[More information here](#)

EPA

Clean Water Act Technical Assistance for Municipalities

EPA has released the Clean Water Act [Integrated Planning Toolkit for Permitting Authorities](#). Interested in Technical Assistance for municipalities or permitting authorities? [Learn more here and request technical assistance](#).

Application deadline

August 31

[More information here](#)

NJ Department of Environmental Protection	<p>\$19 million in grants are available to help municipalities with the transition to new municipal stormwater permitting system requirements designed to better protect NJ's waterways from pollutants in stormwater. These permitting changes will also help mitigate localized flooding that is increasing due to climate change.</p>	<p>Application deadline December 31, 2023</p>	<p>More information here</p>
Stormwater Assistance Grants for Municipalities			
EPA Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Program	<p>EPA Announced \$6.5 Billion in New Funding Available for Water Infrastructure Projects and released notices of funding availability for the agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program and the State Infrastructure Financing Authority WIFIA (SWIFIA) program. Letters of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are expended.</p> <p>If you're interested in scheduling a one-on-one meeting with the WIFIA program to explore this funding opportunity, please reach out to wifia@epa.gov. Visit the WIFIA website to learn more about the WIFIA program's eligibility requirements, and benefits, application process, and portfolio. Also, check out the WIFIA Fund Facts Dashboard.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>More information here</p>

Tools & Resources

EPA Watershed Academy - National Nonpoint Pollution Control Program Learning Module	<p>EPA's Watershed Academy is providing a training module designed to provide a high-level overview of the Clean Water Act Section (CWA) 319 Nonpoint Source (NPS) program for State and Territory NPS Programs.</p> <p>The Section 319 program is an essential source of support for state, territorial and tribal efforts to control NPS pollution, the prevailing cause of the nation's water quality problems. The course contains four sections and will take about two hours to complete. This module is recommended for the Watershed Academy Certificate Program.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
EPA Water Technical Assistance Page	<p>EPA's Water Technical Assistance Page now includes a one-stop-shop EPA water technical assistance request form where communities can request no-cost direct water technical assistance to evaluate their drinking water, wastewater, stormwater infrastructure, and water quality improvement needs. The page also now includes specific examples of what types of assistance are available and who is eligible.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
EPA PFAS Analytic Tools	<p>EPA has released a new interactive webpage, called the "PFAS Analytic Tools," which provides information about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) across the country. This information will help the public, researchers, and other stakeholders better understand potential PFAS sources in their communities. The PFAS Analytic Tools bring together multiple sources of information in one spot with mapping, charting, and filtering functions, allowing the public to see where testing has been done and what level of detections were measured.</p>	<p>More information here</p>

<p>EPA</p> <p>Advance Program</p>	<p>The U.S. EPA's Advance Program supports states, tribes and local governments that want to take proactive steps to keep their air clean by promoting local actions to reduce ozone and/or fine particle pollution. The program offers expertise and technical assistance in air quality, mobile sources, heat island and green infrastructure, woodsmoke and cost-effective energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate policies and programs to interested state, local, and tribal governments. The Advance program integrates our work with climate planning, air toxics, multi-pollutant planning and environmental justice. To subscribe to the Advance monthly newsletter, email advance@epa.gov.</p> <p>Please contact the EPA Region 2 contact, manj.muhammad-bilal@epa.gov, or the EPA Headquarters Advance Program team (Rich Damberg, damberg.rich@epa.gov; Mia South, south.mia@epa.gov; or ADVANCE@epa.gov) if you have questions about becoming an Advance program partner.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>Assistance from EPA's Municipal Ombudsman</p>	<p>The Office of the Municipal Ombudsman provides a unique service specifically for utilities/municipalities in identifying technical assistance opportunities, brainstorming federal funding options (BIL and more!), clean water act flexibilities, integrated planning assistance, and more. Please reach out to municipalombudsman@epa.gov or 202-564-1709 to discuss your projects, permits, or other clean water concerns today.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>EPA</p> <p>Climate Change and Human Health</p>	<p>EPA's Climate Change and Human Health Web content is now live. This content reflects a broader effort to expand EPA's Climate Change website to include dimensions of social vulnerability. It explains that everyone faces possible health impacts from climate change, and that certain groups are at more risk than others due to both climate and non-climate factors. The pages highlight life stages and populations, and actions people can take to reduce climate-related health effects.</p> <p>Check out EPA's Indoor Air Quality and Climate Change webpage to see how climate change may impact the indoor environment and human health and gain access to IAQ and climate related resources.</p>	<p>More information here</p>

Community and Economic Development

Opportunities

<p>HUD</p> <p>Lead Hazard Reduction Capacity Building Grant Program</p>	<p>This program assists states; Federally-recognized Native American Tribes that have an EPA-authorized lead abatement certification program; cities, and counties/parishes, or other units of local government which have not received a HUD lead hazard control grant or been a sub-recipient of such a grant since January 1, 2010, in developing the infrastructure necessary to undertake comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately owned rental or owner-occupied housing.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>June 27</p>	<p>More information here</p>
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<p>Department of Transportation (DOT)</p> <p>Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program</p>	<p>This grant program supports planning and demonstration activities, as well as projects and strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, and personal conveyance.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>July 10</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>FEMA</p> <p>Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program</p>	<p>The program provides \$12 million to eligible states and local governments to close known preparedness capability gaps, encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents and build on existing regional preparedness efforts.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>July 24</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>NY State Department of Conservation</p> <p>Climate Smart Communities Grant Program</p>	<p>Grant Funds Help Municipalities Adopt Green Infrastructure, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, and Storm Resiliency Initiatives. The Climate Smart Communities Grant Program provides competitive, 50/50 matching grants to municipalities to conduct climate change mitigation and adaptation projects, including actions that are part of a strategy to achieve Climate Smart Communities certification.</p> <p>NYS DEC will host a webinar on June 28 (1:30-3:00pm) for you to hear from local governments and organizations about how Climate Smart Communities grant projects are benefitting their communities. Register to attend.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>July 28</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>NY State Homes and Community Renewal</p> <p>New York Main Street Program</p>	<p>New York Main Street provides financial resources and technical assistance to communities to strengthen the economic vitality of the State's traditional Main Streets and neighborhoods. The New York Main Street grant program provides funds to units of local government, and not-for-profit organizations that are committed to revitalizing historic downtowns, mixed-use neighborhood commercial districts, and village centers.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>July 28</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>EPA</p> <p>Brownfields Job Training Grants</p>	<p>\$12 million is now available for environmental job training grants under the FY24 Brownfields Job Training Program. EPA is seeking applications for the program and anticipates awarding approximately 24 grants nationwide at amounts up to \$500,000 per award. The grants allow nonprofit and other eligible organizations to recruit, train, and retain a local, skilled workforce by prioritizing unemployed and under-employed, including low-income individuals living in areas impacted by solid and hazardous waste in environmental jobs.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>August 2</p>	<p>More information here</p>

National Endowment for the Arts	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 over the long term. Our Town projects engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. These projects have a required partnership component. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000, with a minimum nonfederal cost share/match equal to the grant amount.	Application deadline	More information here
Our Town		August 3	

HUD Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)	New funding from IRA and \$4 billion in loan commitment authority will make HUD-assisted multifamily housing more energy efficient, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and improve climate resiliency. Read the press release for this announcement here .	Application deadlines	
	Elements: Provides modest awards designed to add proven and highly impactful climate resilience and carbon reduction measures to the construction scopes of in-progress recapitalization transactions.	March 28, 2024	More information here
	Leading Edge: Provides funding to owners aiming to quickly meet ambitious carbon reduction, renewable energy generation, use of building materials with lower embodied carbon, and resilience goals without requiring extensive technical assistance from HUD.	April 30, 2024	More information here
	Comprehensive: Amplifies recent technological advancements in utility efficiency, carbon reduction strategies, and energy generation; and brings a new focus on preparing for climate hazards by reducing residents’ and properties’ exposure to hazards.	May 30, 2024	More information here

Economic Development Administration (EDA)	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.	Ongoing	More information here
Local Technical Assistance Program			

Tools & Resources

EPA Disaster Resilient Design Concepts	The designs showcased can help communities reduce the impact of disasters, recover more quickly, strengthen local economies, and create safer, more equitable places to live by reducing hazards especially for those most vulnerable. The document is organized by hazard type: wildfire, hurricanes and coastal flooding, inland and riverine flooding, extreme heat, drought, landslide and mudslide, and tornado and earthquake.	More information here
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<p>HUD</p> <p>Community Project Funding (CPF) Page</p>	<p>Economic Development Initiative (EDI) CPF grants provide investment in a wide variety of projects such as housing, homelessness prevention, workforce training, public facilities, parks, resilience planning, and other critical infrastructure and services. The CPF page will be your one-stop shop for key information, resources, and training related to CPF grant implementation.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>American Planning Association</p> <p>Equity in Zoning Policy Guide</p>	<p>The Equity in Zoning Policy Guide by the American Planning Association (APA) provides a framework for assessing and improving equity in housing policy.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>Environmental Protection Network</p> <p>Pro Bono Technical Assistance Program</p>	<p>The Environmental Protection Network (EPN) has more than 550 EPA alumni across the country volunteering their time to protect the integrity of EPA, human health, and the environment. EPN harnesses the expertise of former EPA staff to provide the unique perspective of former regulators with decades of historical knowledge and subject matter expertise on issues including air and water pollution, toxic substances, hazardous waste, and more.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Economic Development Profiles Tool</p>	<p>The Economic Development Cluster of the Federal Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Interagency Working Group launched this tool to provide insight into how universities and colleges can work with regional economic development ecosystems to successfully serve as a means to engage community leaders, leverage the involvement of the private sector, and establish a strategic blueprint for regional collaboration.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>FEMA</p> <p>Resource Roadmap</p>	<p>For your awareness and visibility, FEMA updated a Resource Roadmap to help identify potential sources of funding and other resources to help them with COVID-19 pandemic recovery. The five Roadmaps: food and nutrition, housing, healthcare, education, and economic recovery.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>EPA and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)</p>	<p>With unprecedented funding to support our national infrastructure, EPA will improve people's health and safety, create good-paying jobs, and increase climate resilience throughout the country. Visit EPA's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law page to learn more.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>HUD</p> <p>Resources for Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance (DCTA) and Smaller Distressed Cities</p>	<p>This library of resources, relevant to Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance (DCTA) recipients and smaller distressed communities, features a wide range of resources, reports, webinars and funding opportunities that might be of interest to small governments, tribal organizations and non-profits, including COVID-19 recovery information. Check back regularly for new resources and information!</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>New Jersey Institute of Technology</p> <p>Technical Assistance to Brownfields</p>	<p>The New Jersey Institute of Technology is U.S. EPA Region 2's Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities (TAB) provider. The TAB program is intended to serve as an independent resource to communities and nonprofits attempting to cleanup and reclaim brownfields. Free NJIT TAB services are provided to state, regional, county, tribal and local government entities, and nonprofits in EPA Region 2 who are interested in learning about, identifying, assessing, cleaning up and/or redeveloping brownfields.</p>	<p>More information here</p>

<p>EPA</p> <p>Tools and Partnerships for Community Revitalization</p>	<p>EPA's Office of Research and Development has launched a project advancing community revitalization. The program is centered on a suite of science-based tools that EPA has developed that integrate information and data important to community revitalization in ways that facilitate decision-making and strategic planning to advance public health and sustainability.</p> <p>Follow the link to view the selection of Tools and Partnerships for Community Revitalization and website links featuring case studies, videos, and training webinars. The tools highlighted were selected through a collaborative effort among 60 specialists participating in the partnership.</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>EPA</p> <p>Smart Growth Technical Assistance Opportunities</p>	<p>EPA's focus on Smart Growth covers a range of development and conservation strategies that help protect our health and natural environment and make our communities more attractive, economically stronger, and more socially diverse.</p> <p>EPA offers several technical assistance opportunities to help communities learn about and implement smart growth approaches.</p>	<p>More information here</p>

Webinars & Virtual Events

All times in EST

<p>EPA</p> <p>Getting Healthy Foods to Those in Need and Cooking Healthier Foods with Demonstration</p>	<p>This webinar is the fourth in a mini-series on Sustainable Land Use Practices, Reducing Food Waste & Supporting Vulnerable Communities, as part of the EJ Webinar Series for Houses of Worship and Communities. This webinar will share how Houses of Worship can help prevent food waste, promote healthy food choices, enhance access to healthy foods for community events, and get healthy foods to those in need. We will also include a live demonstration on cooking healthier foods and meals and will discuss the theological benefits of healthy food choices. A 30-minute question and answer session will follow the presentation. This webinar is free and open to all Houses of Worship and the public.</p>	<p>June 27 (6:30-8:00pm)</p>	<p>Register here</p>
<p>FEMA</p> <p>Resilient Nation Partnership Network June Ideation Hour</p>	<p>Building Community Resilience with Nature-based Solutions. Nature-based solutions weave natural features and processes into a community's built environment through planning, design, and engineering practices. This webinar will explore how equity, public health, and risk reduction can help build resilience through nature-based solutions. Ideation Hours are a way for participants to freely share ideas, foster connections and pursue collaborative opportunities on a pre-determined topic. This freestyle event is open to everyone and encourages participants to bring their best resilience ideas and projects to the table.</p>	<p>June 28 (1:00pm)</p>	<p>Register here</p>
<p>Northeast Regional Climate Center Webinar Series</p>	<p>The Northeast Regional Climate Center (NRCC) hosts a monthly webinar with NOAA affiliates to address timely weather and climate concerns. Recorded versions are available after the live webinar.</p>	<p>June 29 (9:30-10:30am): Heat</p>	<p>Register here</p>

<p>EPA</p> <p>Innovations in Environmental Science</p>	<p>EPA's Innovations in Environmental Science: Panel Discussion with EPA Early Career Researchers will cover the subject of Fluorine beyond PFAS: Tracking fluorine during photolysis of fluorinated pesticides and pharmaceuticals and Solid waste research at EPA's Office of Research and Development.</p>	<p>July 6 (12:00-1:00pm)</p>	<p>Register here</p>
<p>EPA</p> <p>Tools and Resources Webinar Series</p>	<p>EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) hosts a monthly public webinar series to share EPA resources and information that are useful, practical/applied and available to meet state research needs. View all available recordings of previous webinars here.</p>	<p>July 19 (3:00-4:00pm): Forecasting HABs</p>	<p>Register here</p>

Grant Resources

Resources for Finding Funding Opportunities

General	General information about EPA's grants can be found here . Subscribe to the EPA Grants Update Listserv .
Grants.gov	This is a single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. The search for grant opportunities feature, located at Grants.gov , allows you to electronically find and apply for these competitive grant opportunities. EPA posts synopses of competitive grant opportunities on Grants.gov .
Assistance Listings (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)	Assistance Listings on beta.SAM.gov (formerly CFDA.gov) provides access to a database of all federal programs available to state and local governments; federally recognized Indian tribal governments; U.S. territories; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. After you find the program you want , contact the office that administers the program and find out how to apply.
Resources for Small Businesses	EPA's gateway to environmental information and contacts for small businesses can be found here .
Guide to Finding Resources for Environmental Justice Efforts	The Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice offers a guide with general guidance and tips on searching for funding opportunities, as well as information on tools, trainings, and other relevant resources that are available to help address community needs. This guide can be accessed here .

Resources for Writing Grants

EPA Grants Management Online Training	This online training course is designed to introduce EPA grant applicants and recipients to key aspects of the entire grant life cycle, from preparation of an application through grant closeout. The course is divided into separate modules that can be completed individually. Upon completion, you will be prompted to generate a downloadable certificate of completion . You can access the online course on EPA's Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients website.
HUD Grant Writing Tips	General tips on writing a winning grant submission from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can be found here .
USDA Grant Writing Resources	General information on federal funding and grant writing resources from the USDA can be found here in their Guide to Funding Resources .
Grants.gov Blog Series	Learn tips and advice for writing federal grant applications through the Grant Writing Basics Blog Series including: How to Start Working on Future Funding Opportunities, Demystifying Funding Opportunity Announcements, Tips to Avoid Last Minute Problems, and Making Sure You Are Eligible before Writing.
EPA Grants Webinar Series Recordings	EPA Grants webinar series recordings are available on the EPA Grants website . Topics include: Competition Process, Developing a Budget, and Complying with EPA Assistance Agreements.
And more	Links to other grant writing resources here .