



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

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Program	This notice of funding combines the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) and the Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) programs into one. The program makes it easier to submit applications for funding to address harms from past infrastructure planning decisions, to accelerate equitable community revitalization, and to improve access to destinations. The program helps to fund community-led projects that mitigate physical barriers to mobility and access by funding projects that remove physical barriers as well as projects that increase safety, walkability, and affordable transportation access. The funding includes \$198 million for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot program and \$3.155 billion for the Neighborhood Access and Equity Program.	Application deadline Sept 28	More information here
EPA Community Change Grant Program	EPA's new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants) will invest approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to respond to environmental and climate justice challenges.	The application period will begin in early Autumn 2023	More information here

Tools & Resources

EPA EJ Toolkit for Lead Paint Enforcement	In August 2023, EPA released the Environmental Justice Toolkit for Lead Paint Enforcement Programs . The Toolkit provides strategies, examples, and other information for federal, state, Tribal and local government enforcement practitioners to use during all stages of environmental enforcement and compliance monitoring activities designed to eliminate harmful exposures to lead paint in housing. This resource is a compilation of best practices and supports commitments made in EPA's Lead Strategy , which seeks to reduce lead exposures locally with a focus on underserved communities and promote environmental justice through a whole of government approach.	More information here
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EJScreen 2.2 The Community Environmental Justice Mapping Tool	<p>In June 2023, EPA again updated EJScreen, the Agency's publicly available environmental justice (EJ) screening and mapping tool. EJScreen 2.2 makes important improvements to better meet the needs of users, including a redesigned and enhanced report, a new environmental indicator with corresponding indexes, and refreshed demographic and environmental data.</p> <p>EJScreen 2.2 provides updated reports which compile various datasets into one document to help users better understand the multiple factors that impact their community. It also includes a new environmental indicator on Toxic Releases to Air, as well as associated EJ and supplemental indexes. This new indicator quantifies the relative potential human health impacts from exposure to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) chemicals into the air. More information on the new indicator can be found on the EPA's EJScreen webpage.</p> <p>Trainings: EPA is holding multiple trainings and office hours for users on EJScreen 2.2.</p>	More information here
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>	More information here Información en español

Rural Communities

Opportunities

Department of Transportation (DOT) Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	<p>The grants seek to increase organizational capacity in communities that may not have resources available to evaluate and develop projects that qualify for federal funding and financing programs.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Sept 28, 2023</p>	More information here
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USDA Rural Development Powering Affordable Clean Energy Program (PACE)	<p>Under PACE, USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) will forgive up to 60 percent of loans for renewable energy projects that use wind, solar, hydropower, geothermal, or biomass, as well as for renewable energy storage projects.</p> <p>PACE funding makes it more affordable for rural Americans to use clean, reliable energy to heat and cool their homes, run their businesses, and power their cars, schools, and hospitals.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Sept 29, 2023</p>	More information here
HUD HOPE Main Street Grant Program	<p>This program provides grants to small communities to assist in the renovation of an historic or traditional central business district, or "Main Street" area, by replacing unused, obsolete, commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units. The objectives of the program are to: Redevelop central business districts (Main Street areas); Preserve Historic or traditional Main Street area properties by replacing unused commercial space in buildings with affordable housing units; Enhance economic development efforts in Main Street areas; and Provide affordable housing in Main Street areas. The funds in the NOFA must be used to assist Units of Local Government that have existing Main Street area rejuvenation projects.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Oct 12, 2023</p>	More information here
Department of Energy (DOE) BIL Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas Fixed Award Grant Program	<p>The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) authorizes DOE to invest \$1 billion in energy improvements in rural or remote areas. This program is managed by the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations (OCED) and will provide financial investment, technical assistance, and other resources to advance clean energy demonstrations and energy solutions that benefit rural and remote communities.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Oct 26, 2023</p>	More information here
USDA Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grants	<p>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.</p>	<p>Application windows are open through</p> <p>Sept 30, 2024</p>	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
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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
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Tools & Resources

USDA Guide to Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding for Rural Development	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	More information here
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HUD Rural Gateway	<p>The Rural Gateway provides technical assistance, training, peer learning, and resource sharing to support rural housing and economic development.</p> <p>For more information, contact HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development at 1-877-787-2526 or rhed@hud.gov.</p>	More information here
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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
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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
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Food and Agriculture

Opportunities

USDA Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program	<p>The program is intended to bring together stakeholders from distinct parts of the food system and to foster understanding of national food security trends and how they might improve local food systems. Understanding that people with low incomes experience disproportionate access to healthy foods, projects should address food and nutrition security, particularly among our nation's most vulnerable populations. Nutrition security is defined as having consistent access, availability, and affordability of foods and beverages that promote well-being. Applications from organizations that address food insecurity in rural, tribal, and underserved communities are encouraged.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Oct 30</p>	More information here
NY State Department of Agriculture and Markets FreshConnect CSA for SNAP Grant Program	<p>The FreshConnect CSA for SNAP program will provide funding to eligible organizations to partially subsidize the cost of CSA shares to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants. New York producers are eligible to receive up to 50% of the cost of a weekly share purchased by a SNAP recipient with their SNAP benefits through an awarded third-party applicant.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Nov 1</p>	More information here
NY State DEC New York Invasive Species Grant Program	<p>\$3 million is available in the third round of the State's Invasive Species Grant Program (ISGP). This grant program, supported by the State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), is designed to advance projects that target both aquatic and terrestrial invasive species across the state, with six funding categories that address invasive species spread prevention; early detection and rapid response; research; management planning; and education and outreach.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Nov 1</p>	More information here
USDA New Jersey Conservation Innovation Grants	<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>	More information here

Rochester Institute of Technology Food Waste Reduction and Diversion Reimbursement Program	<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>	Ongoing	More information here
NY State Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Funding for Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives	<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>	Ongoing	More information here

Tools & Resources

EPA Food Waste Research	<p>This new web page offers EPA research on food waste prevention and reduction, with a focus on processing and management.</p>	More information here
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Air & Water

Opportunities

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Water Resources Projects for Small or Disadvantaged Communities	<p>The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is launching a pilot program to fully fund small water resources projects for economically disadvantaged communities (based on the federal definition of disadvantaged communities (PDF)). This program was directed by Section 165 of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 2020.</p> <p>Find information on how to apply, a fact sheet, a template letter of intent, and program requirements on the WRDA 2020 website.</p>	<p>Application deadline extended to</p> <p>Oct 20</p>	More information here
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EPA Region 2 FY23 Wetlands Program Development Grants	<p>These grants assist state, tribal, local government agencies and interstate/intertribal entities in building programs to protect, manage and restore wetlands.</p> <p>Reach out to EPA Region 2's Wetlands Grant Coordinator for questions: Jaclyn Woollard (woollard.jaclyn@epa.gov)</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Oct 24</p>	More information here
EPA Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program	<p>EPA announced \$19 million in new grant funding that will work to improve the climate resilience of the nation's water infrastructure. The funding available under this competitive grant opportunity will assist public water systems in underserved communities, small or disadvantaged, that are working to prepare for and reduce vulnerability to impacts from climate change ranging from extreme flooding to extreme drought.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Nov 6</p>	More information here
EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Funding Assistance	<p>To address diesel emissions and protect public health and air quality, EPA is authorized under Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) to offer funding assistance to accelerate the upgrade, retrofit, and turnover of the legacy diesel fleet. The DERA program promotes an array of diesel emissions strategies by working with manufacturers, fleet operators, air quality professionals, environmental and community organizations and state and local officials to address the varying priorities of different regions and sectors.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Dec 1</p>	More information here
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>	More information here

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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>	More information here
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EPA Water Technical Assistance Page	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.	More information here
EPA PFAS Analytic Tools	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.	More information here
EPA Advance Program	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. Please contact the EPA R2 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 a partner or would like to subscribe to the Advance monthly newsletter.	More information here
Assistance from EPA's Municipal Ombudsman	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.	More information here

Climate Resilience

Opportunities

Department of Interior Puerto Rico Inflation Reduction Act Funding	The funding is available to the Puerto Rican government and educational institutions for technical assistance for climate change planning, mitigation, adaptation, and resilience.	Application deadline Sept 30	More information here
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<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>
<p>EPA</p> <p>Disaster Resilient Design Concepts</p>	<p>The designs showcased in this document 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.</p>	<p>More information here</p>

Community and Economic Development

Opportunities

<p>New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA)</p> <p>Brownfields Redevelopment Incentive Program</p>	<p>This \$300 million competitive program offers up to \$8 million in tax credits per project for environmental investigation, remediation, abatement, and demolition activities to allow for the redevelopment of brownfield sites in New Jersey. The overarching goal of this program is to redevelop blighted properties into community assets. This is a competitive program which is well funded.</p> <p>A 2-minute survey is available at eligibility assessment tool to find out if your organization and site may qualify for the program.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Sept 21</p>	<p>More information here</p>
<p>EPA</p> <p>Solar for All Grants</p>	<p>EPA is seeking applications through the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to bring solar to millions of homes in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Tools and resources for prospective grantees, including webinar links and helpful templates, can be found on EPA's GGRF webpage. To compete in this competition, all applicants are required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply to this competition. The deadline for the NOI has already passed. Please direct questions to ggrf@epa.gov. The Environmental Protection Network (EPN) has created a Guide and Checklist to assist with applying for this opportunity.</p>	<p>Application package due date <u>extended to</u> Oct 12</p> <p>(but you must have first submitted your NOI by the NOI deadline)</p>	<p>More information here</p>

EPA National Clean Investment Fund	<p>The National Clean Investment Fund competition will provide grants to 2–3 national nonprofit clean financing institutions capable of partnering with the private sector to provide accessible, affordable financing for tens of thousands of clean technology projects across the country.</p> <p>These national nonprofit financing entities will enable families, small businesses, communities and many others to access the capital they need to install cost-saving and air pollution reducing clean technology projects—with at least 40% of capital flowing into low-income and disadvantaged communities.</p>	Application deadline Oct 12	More information here
EPA Clean Communities Investment Accelerator	<p>The Clean Communities Investment Accelerator competition will provide grants to 2–7 hub nonprofits that will, in turn, deliver funding and technical assistance to build the clean financing capacity of local community lenders working in low-income and disadvantaged communities—so that underinvested communities have the capital they need to deploy clean technology projects.</p> <p>These hub nonprofits will enable hundreds of public, quasi-public, not-for-profit, and non-profit community lenders to finance clean technology projects in low-income and disadvantaged communities, with 100% of funds dedicated to these communities.</p>	Application deadline Oct 12	More information here
New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) Sustainable Jersey Schools Grant Program	<p>The 2023-2024 Sustainable Jersey Schools Grants Program cycle will award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten (10) \$10,000 grants to fund school and district sustainability projects • Forty (40) \$2,000 grants to fund school sustainability projects or support green teams <p>There is an informational webinar on September 19 (3:00-4:30PM EST). Register here for a link to attend.</p>	Application deadline Oct 30	More information here
EPA Environmental Education Grants	<p>EPA is seeking applications from eligible applicants to support locally-focused environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and community members. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques that increase public awareness and knowledge about local environmental issues and provides participants in its programs the skills necessary to make informed decisions and to take responsible actions toward the environment. EPA will award grants in each of EPA's 10 Regions, between \$50,000-\$100,000 each, for a total of 30-40 grants nationwide.</p>	Application deadline Nov 8	More information here

Department of Transportation (DOT) Thriving Communities National Capacity Builder Program (TCP)	<p>The program provides technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to teams of community partners that may lack the staffing or technical expertise to scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects that advance broader community goals. TCP will provide 2 years of deep-dive assistance and 3 years of facilitated peer learning support to selected communities to help them plan and develop a pipeline of comprehensive transportation, housing, and community revitalization activities.</p> <p>Upcoming Webinars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in Providing Technical Assistance? September 20 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Interested in Receiving Technical Assistance? September 27 at 3:00-4:00 p.m. 	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Nov 15</p>	<p>More information here</p>
USDA Forest Service Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Grant Program	<p>This program offers a unique opportunity for communities to acquire and conserve forests that provide public access and recreational opportunities, protect vital water supplies and wildlife habitat, serve as demonstration sites for private forest landowners, and provide economic benefits from timber and non-timber products.</p>	<p>Application deadline</p> <p>Jan 12, 2024</p>	<p>More information here</p>
Sustainable Jersey Free Energy Technical Assistance for School Districts	<p>Eligible school districts can now participate in the Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program to receive technical assistance for energy efficiency in school facilities.</p> <p>The program provides no-cost assistance and assigns a Sustainable Jersey staff member to guide and support a school district's efforts to improve building performance through energy efficiency analysis, planning, and preparing applications. These efforts can help the school district save money on utility bills, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their operations.</p> <p>School districts can learn more on the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Partnership Program page and apply through the online form.</p>	<p>The Program will accept participants on a rolling basis beginning Fall 2023</p>	<p>More information here</p>
Economic Development Administration (EDA) Local Technical Assistance Program	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>More information here</p>

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EPA Community Engagement and Technical Assistance Program Webpage	<p>EPA launched a new webpage in support of the Community Engagement and Technical Assistance Program. This program is designed to assist communities with addressing their concerns about environmental and health issues about waste management by providing access to support, resources, and information through neutral third parties. These services empower communities to develop informed opinions when participating in environmental decision-making.</p>	More information here
EPA Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC)	<p>The national Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program provides independent assistance through an EPA contract to help communities better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions. Under the TASC contract, a contractor provides scientists, engineers and other professionals to review and explain information to communities. The services are determined on a project-specific basis and provided at no cost to communities. This assistance supports community efforts to get more involved and work productively with EPA to address environmental issues. TASC Brochure.</p>	More information here
Department of Transportation (DOT) Discretionary Grants Dashboard	<p>The Dashboard provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. The Dashboard is updated weekly. The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.</p>	More information here
HUD Community Project Funding (CPF) Page	<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>	More information here
American Planning Association Equity in Zoning Policy Guide	<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>	More information here
Environmental Protection Network Pro Bono Technical Assistance Program	<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>	More information here
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Economic Development Profiles Tool	<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>	More information here

EPA and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	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.	More information here
HUD Resources for Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance (DCTA) and Smaller Distressed Cities	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. Check back regularly for new resources and information!	More information here
New Jersey Institute of Technology Technical Assistance to Brownfields	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.	More information here
EPA Tools and Partnerships for Community Revitalization	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.	More information here
EPA Smart Growth Technical Assistance Opportunities	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. EPA offers several technical assistance opportunities to help communities learn about and implement smart growth approaches.	More information here

Webinars & Virtual Events

EPA	EPA invites Environmental Justice (EJ) advocates to participate in the next National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call .	All times in EST Sept 19 (2:00-4:00pm)	Register here
National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call	The purpose of these calls is to inform the community and other stakeholders about EPA's EJ work and enhance opportunities to maintain an open dialogue with EJ advocates. These calls are free and open to the public.	Oct 17 (2:00-4:00pm)	

The Watershed Institute	Join The Watershed Institute and Lead-Free NJ to discuss lead in our communities and what you can do to keep your water safe. Lead Free NJ is a new inclusive and equitable collaborative focused on addressing lead hazards and preventing childhood lead poisoning.	Sept 20 (6:00-7:15pm)	Register here
What's Lead Doing in My Drinking Water?			
Urban Waters Learning Network	The Urban Waters Learning Network is hosting a webinar series to highlight a variety of strategies that community-based organizations can use to help their communities anticipate, prepare for, and respond to climate risks such as flooding, coastal storms and drought, with a focus on protecting community members who are most vulnerable to climate threats.	Sept 20 (1:00-2:00pm): Resilience Hubs as Community Superheroes	Register here
Building Water Equity and Climate Resilient Communities for ALL	At the end of this learning series , participants will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the historical context of climate inequities. • Understand and describe how climate change impacts are felt through water. • Identify key practices of community-driven climate resilience and gain tools for organizing community members and communicating local priorities to decision-makers more effectively. 	Oct 18 (1:00-2:00pm): Investing in Local Leadership to Advocate for Equitable Climate Resilience	Register here
		Nov 15 (1:00-2:00pm): Centering Those at Risk	Register here
		Dec 13 (1:00-2:00pm): Equitable Resilience Planning Frameworks	Register here
EPA	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 .	Sept 20 (3:00-4:00pm): Renewable Waste Management: Solar Panel Recycling	Register here
Tools and Resources Webinar Series			
White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC)	The White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) invites participants to their upcoming virtual public meeting. The WHEJAC is interested in receiving public comments relevant to current charges, topics, and questions currently under consideration. These can be viewed here .	Sept 26 (3:00-8:00pm)	Register here
Virtual Public Meeting			
Department of Transportation	Using NEPA Review to Define and Shape Better Projects	Sept 27 (1:00-2:00pm)	Register here
Northeast Regional Climate Center Webinar Series	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.	Sept 28 (9:30-10:30am): State Climate Offices: NJ and MD	Register here
EPA	This webinar is part of an ongoing webinar series hosted by EPA, in partnership with leading water sector organizations around the country. The Water Workforce Webinar Series highlights ways in which organizations across the water sector are implementing programs to help utilities as they address their own workforce challenges.	Sept 28 (10:00-11:00am) Women in Water	Register here
Water Workforce Webinar			

Grant Resources

Resources for Finding Funding Opportunities

EPA General	General information about EPA's grants can be found here . Subscribe to the EPA Grants Update Listserv . Search EPA's Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance .
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 .