

EDI BULLETIN - SELECTED FEDERAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATION

Note: EDI compiled funding opportunities and related info from various sources. We designed this summary to increase EDA Regional Economic Development Integrators' and colleagues' awareness of complementary economic development resources.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FEATURED: DOC-NTIA Internet for All

Broadband

NTIA is Commerce’s primary resource for broadband assistance. Their recently launched a **\$45 billion Internet for All initiative**, funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, is available through 3 Funding Opportunities:

- Closing 7/12: [State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340301) (\$60M).
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340301>
- Closing 7/18: [Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment \(BEAD\) Program](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340304) (\$42.5B)
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340304>
- Closing 9/30: [Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340300) (\$1B)
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340300>

For Information about these programs, including [applicant webinars](#) and tools to apply, visit: [InternetForAll.gov](https://www.internetforall.gov)

7/15: USDA Off-Farm Multifamily Farm Labor Housing Direct Loans and Grants

Workforce

USDA Rural Development offers low interest loans and need-based grants to develop affordable housing primarily for domestic farm laborers. All [RD Multifamily Housing Programs and Contacts](#). Letter of Intent: 7/15/2022

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/multifamily-housing-programs/farm-labor-housing-direct-loans-grants>

7/26 TREAS-CDFI Equitable Recovery Program

Capital Access, Disaster

The Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) is launching the CDFI [Equitable Recovery Program](#) (CDFI ERP) to provide awards of up to \$15 million to [Certified Community Development Financial Institutions \(CDFIs\)](#) for the following purposes:

1. to expand lending, grant making and investment activity in Low- or Moderate-Income communities and to borrowers, including minorities, that have significant unmet capital or financial services needs, and were disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and
2. to enable CDFIs to build organizational capacity and acquire technology, staff, and other tools necessary to accomplish the activities under a CDFI ERP Award.

Applicants must submit their SF-424 application via Grants.gov by July 26, 2022; complete applications will be due by August 23, 2022. See NOFA for full timeline.

The June 24 NOFA can be found [here](#).

[CDFI Equitable Recovery Program Pre-Application Webinar now Available!](#)

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=341129>

7/31: USDA Seeks Applicants for Revolving Loan Funds Supporting Rural Water and Wastewater Systems

Capital Access, Infrastructure, Rural

This program helps qualified non-profits create a revolving loan fund (RLF) that can provide financing for the extension and improvement of water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/revolving-funds-financing-water-and-wastewater-projects>

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=341293>

8/2: EPA Announces FY 2023 Brownfields Job Training Grants

These grants will provide local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. [Learn more about eligibility and the application process here.](#)

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=340816>

8/31: USDA Seeks Applicants for \$10M Bioproduct Pilot Program

Rural, Energy

USDA is accepting applications for a new pilot program created under President Biden's historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support the development of biobased products that have lower carbon footprints and increase the use of renewable agricultural materials, creating new revenue streams for farmers.

Under this program, the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) can award up to \$10 million divided among the highest rated applications that include eligible universities and private-sector partners. Complete information on this funding opportunity can be found on the [NIFA website](#). **An informational webinar for those interested in applying will be held on July 14 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Central Time.** To register, please visit the [Bioproduct Pilot Program Informational Webinar page](#).

This project will be implemented by a team of USDA experts from NIFA's Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and Environment, USDA Rural Development's BioPreferred Program and the U.S. Forest Service Wood Innovations Team and Forest Products Lab.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=341553>

9/6 DOC-NOAA FY2022 NOAA's Transformational Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grants

Resilience, Infrastructure

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced its intention to invest \$85,000,000 available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) in a

projected 20 grants. Applications are due September 6. Click [here](#) for the solicitation and to view [eligible applicants and specified geographies for projects](#).

This funding opportunity seeks projects that enhance coastal resilience. Applicants should address the following set of program priorities: 1) sustaining productive fisheries and strengthening ecosystem resilience; 2) fostering regionally important habitat restoration; 3) enhancing community resilience to climate hazards and providing other co-benefits; and 4) providing benefit to underserved communities, including through partnerships with tribes. This solicitation will fund projects that demonstrate high priority and transformative potential within the geographic region where restoration actions are proposed.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=341530>

3/14/23: HHS Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP)

Workforce

The purpose of the Health Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) is to assist individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter a health profession through the development of academies that will support and guide them through the educational pipeline. In response to virtual alternatives created during the pandemic, HCOPs will explore cutting-edge technology, such as data analytics, artificial intelligence and machine learning to advance health equity and population health. The National HCOP Academics focus on: 1) promoting the recruitment of qualified individuals from economically or educationally disadvantaged backgrounds into health professions, including allied health programs; 2) improving retention, matriculation and graduation rates by implementing tailored enrichment programs designed to address the academic and social needs of economically or educationally disadvantaged students; and 3) providing opportunities for community-based health professions training in primary care settings, emphasizing experiences in rural and underserved communities.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=341201>

7/3/23: HHS Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW)

Workforce

The purpose of this program is to train advanced practice registered nursing (APRN) students to provide primary care in rural and underserved communities. The program aims to do so by supporting innovative academic-practice partnerships that prepare

primary care APRNs for the unique challenges of practicing in rural and underserved communities, thereby increasing access to needed primary care for these populations.

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=341229>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES CLOSING SOON

The following table includes previously listed funding opportunities with applications due in the next month. Visit EDI's [Federal Assistance for Economic Development](#) page to see a longer list of currently available opportunities for economic development.

Opportunity Title	Agency	Close Date
State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program	DOC-NTIA	7/12/2022
Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD)	DOC-NTIA	7/18/2022
Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot (DCIP) Program	DOD	7/18/2022
Defense Manufacturing Communities Support Program	DOD	7/19/2022
Mine Health and Safety Grants	DOL	7/25/2022
FY 2022 Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning	DOT	7/25/2022
Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program	USDA	7/25/2022
Bridge Investment Program - Planning, Bridge Projects, and Large Bridge Projects	DOT-FHWA	7/25/2022
WaterSMART Grants: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2023	DOI	7/28/2022
FY22 Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants NOFO	HUD	7/28/2022
Notice of Intent to Issue Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-FOA-0002774, Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands – 2022	DOE	7/29/2022
Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Energyshed: Exploring Place-Based Generation	DOE	8/1/2022

FY 2022 Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production (UAIP) Competitive Grants Program	USDA	8/2/2022
FY23 BROWNFIELDS JOB TRAINING (JT) GRANTS	EPA	8/2/2022
NEA Our Town, FY2023	NEA	8/4/2022

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) EC-Tech (Equitable Capital Technology) Initiative

Applications are now open for development finance agencies (DFAs) interested in joining [CDFA's EC-Tech \(Equitable Capital Technology\) Initiative!](#) This comprehensive approach for increasing access to capital among minority business owners combines the adoption of [Presta](#) - an online lending platform - with technical assistance from CDFA to help direct lenders identify and remove barriers to their loan programs.

[Apply Now to CDFA's EC-Tech Initiative](#)

For organizations interested in joining the EC-Tech Initiative, CDFA and Presta are hosting [Info Sessions](#) on June 30 and July 13 at 4:00 PM Eastern to share the benefits of participating, provide a demonstration of Presta's end-to-end lending platform, and answer any questions about the application or participation.

America Achieves Releases Report With Playbook To Help States And U.S. Territories Develop Their Broadband Workforce

Last week, President Biden launched a “[Talent Pipeline Challenge](#)” at a White House roundtable, at which Jon Schnur, the CEO of the non-profit organization [America Achieves](#), was among the participants. The challenge is meant to address workforce needs in broadband, among other sectors. On the heels of that announcement, [America Achieves](#), in partnership with [Rural Innovation Strategies, Inc.](#), today announced the release of the first edition of a [new broadband workforce report](#), supported by [Schmidt Futures](#), a philanthropic initiative founded by Eric and Wendy Schmidt. The report was released in Cleveland at the Pew Charitable Trusts’ Broadband Access Summit, a two-day gathering of local, state and federal officials from across the nation, as well as industry experts and nonprofit leaders.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide has identified at least \$700 million in dedicated funding across more than 65 federal technical assistance programs, focused on helping communities apply for and deploy federal infrastructure funding. This guide will help communities navigate programs and resources that can help them deliver transformative infrastructure projects, using the historic funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. For more information, visit the [technical assistance guide](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Association of Counties to Lead the Coal-Focused Community of Practice under EDA Networks Program

Economic Development Administration (EDA) is awarding a \$2.6 million grant to the National Association of Counties (NACo) to lead a coal-focused Community of Practice called the Building Resilient Economies in Coal Communities Initiative. By launching the Building Resilient Economies in Coal Communities Initiative with EDA, NACo will create a national network to cultivate formal and informal interest, investments, and human capital across coal community stakeholders, provide specific technical assistance, and create a forum for stakeholders to exchange best practices and uplift economic impact to both current and potential grantees.

This project is funded under EDA's American Rescue Plan Research and Networks Program. The Networks Program features industry-led communities of practice that facilitate peer exchange and technical assistance to a diverse set of grantees. EDA strives to leverage its work with these communities to inform the broader economic development community and accelerate economic recovery. The Coal Community of Practice is one of the first awards made in this program, which will be featured at www.eda.gov/communities.

DOE Announces 7th Clean Energy Manufacturing Institute

6/23: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today issued a [\\$70 million funding opportunity announcement](#) to establish its 7th Clean Energy Manufacturing Innovation Institute. This new coalition of industry, academia, and government partners aims to develop and scale technologies to electrify industrial process heating and reduce emissions across the industrial sector. The institute, along with a [new federal advisory committee launched today](#), will convene a diverse group of stakeholders to advance

industrial decarbonization technologies and help set the United States on a path to net-zero emissions by 2050.

DOE Joins New Federal-State Partnership to Grow Domestic Offshore Wind Supply Chain

6/23: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced it will lead in the development of a comprehensive offshore wind supply chain roadmap as part of its participation in the new White House-led [Federal-State Offshore Wind Implementation Partnership](#). The first of its kind forum between 11 East Coast Governors and Administration officials will enable collaboration to build a strong, U.S.-based supply chain for offshore wind, grow a skilled U.S. workforce, and accelerate work to address important regional matters. The partnership will advance the industry's rapid development and provide more affordable clean energy to all Americans, helping accelerate President Biden's goal of 30GW of offshore wind capacity by 2030 and 100% clean electricity by 2035.

EVENTS

6/29: EPA Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding for Energy Communities

The [Interagency Working Group \(IWG\) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization](#) and [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#) are pleased to invite you to a free webinar highlighting specific EPA infrastructure programs that are relevant to energy communities. Speakers will explain how energy communities can access these infrastructure dollars and how they can receive technical assistance designed to advance local projects in their communities.

Please [register here](#), check out the [working agenda](#), and feel free to share this invitation with others in your community who may benefit from attending.

6/30- 9/14 DOC-NTIA Offers Applicant Webinars for the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program.

6/30: [Internet for All Webinar Series – Applicant Portion of the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program Application](#)

7/13: [Internet for All Webinar Series - Project Portion of the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program Application](#)

7/27: [NEPA, Historical Preservation, and Climate Resiliency](#)

8/10: [Internet for All Webinar Series - Financial Portion of the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program Application](#)

9/14: [Internet for All Webinar Series – Review Top FAQs of the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program Application](#)

7/12, 8/9: USDA and American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association to Host Webinar Series to Build Agritourism Capacity for Native Producers

USDA Rural Development the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) will host a free webinar series to build agritourism capacity for native producers. To register, visit: <https://www.aianta.org/aianta-usda-webinar-series/>.

Through this series, USDA Rural Development and AIANTA will highlight resources to help native-owned startups and enterprises further develop and expand agriculture and agritourism opportunities in Tribal communities.

- July 12 at 10 a.m. Mountain Time: Adding Value to Native Agriculture Products
- Aug. 9 at 10 a.m. Mountain Time: Developing Tribal Tourism Enterprises Based on Native Values

Read more about the series and how to register [here](#).

RESEARCH, TOOLS, & DATA

Rural America Placemaking Toolkit

The [Rural America Placemaking Toolkit](#) is a new resource that may help your organization or community identify placemaking opportunities and funding that match your capacity. The toolkit was developed by USDA Rural Development and the University of Kentucky's Community and Economic Development Initiative. It provides a crash course on what placemaking is so you can educate yourself and your community. It also explains how this strategy can be helpful for rural places and has a self-survey to get you started intentionally designing and resourcing an effort that fits with your community.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Tribal Playbook

The newly released [White House Tribal Playbook](#) follows on the heels of a [rural playbook](#) issued earlier this year. Both documents aim to provide a roadmap for rural and Native nations communities to access new federal resources made available by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. It continues to be very challenging for rural and tribal

communities to draw down federal resources, and the stated goal of both playbooks is to change this dynamic. Both playbooks offer quick lists of programs sorted by tribal or rural eligibility, ideally making it easier for folks to know where to apply for resources.

NOAA Tools Help Communities Plan for Sea Level Rise

NOAA recently added two new resources to its [Sea Level Rise portal](#), which provides access to a wealth of science based tools to assist communities make informed decisions given the sea level changes occurring now and that are predicted for the future. These include the following:

- [2022 Sea Level Rise Technical Report](#), which provides the most up-to-date sea level rise projections available for all U.S. states and territories.
- [2022 Sea Level Rise Application Guide](#). This companion guide provides assistance with incorporating sea level rise projections into community planning initiatives.

Data from the report are being incorporated into current and planned agency tools and services, and are immediately available in NOAA's [Sea Level Rise Viewer](#) and NASA's [Task Force Projection Tool](#). Readers interested in accessing information for a particular community or region can look to these tools.

DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

EDA Disaster Brochure Update

<https://eda.gov/files/programs/disaster-recovery/EDA-Disaster-Brochure.pdf>

FEMA Disaster Declarations

Find the current disaster declarations, including the recent severe storms in Kentucky and neighboring states, at FEMA's Disaster Declarations page.

<https://www.fema.gov/disaster/declarations>

SOURCES

We gathered these announcement and opportunities from multiple sources including:

- [Grants.gov](#)
- [USDA Rural Development Innovation Center](#)
 - [Rural Innovation Matters](#)
- [DOE](#)

- [Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Newsletter](#)
 - Advanced Manufacturing Program
- EPA [Energy Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Governments](#)
 - [State, Local, and Tribal Energy Newsletter](#)
- [FEMA COVID-19 Supplemental Resources](#)
- [Small Business Administration \(SBA\) COVID-19 Funding Options](#): A free, curated list of thousands of funding sources at the national, state, regional, and local levels designed to support small businesses in accessing capital to recover from COVID-19.

To learn more about EDA's Economic Development Integration and Disaster Recovery Resources, visit www.eda.gov/edi, or email us at EDI@eda.gov.