

From the Desk of Caitlin Williams

Hi Team,

Just a quick update from Washington, D.C.—

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with the office of Representative Vince Fong to discuss federal grants and the importance of ensuring that cities, school districts, and public agencies across California continue to have access to competitive funding opportunities. Representative Fong's team emphasized their support for education grants, including the SEED grant and Civics Empowers All Students, and encouraged applicants to reach out for additional Department of Education guidance as needed.

Representative Fong's office confirmed that they are still providing letters of support on a case-by-case basis for eligible applicants.

I am happy to report that the following federally funded programs are currently available:

Economic Development Administration (EDA): PWEAA

Deadline: Rolling basis, no deadline

Amount: \$100,000 to \$3,000,000

Match: No

Funds economic development needs, including planning, technical assistance, and infrastructure construction. Requires a CEDS.

<https://www.eda.gov/funding/funding-opportunities>

California Department of Parks and Recreation: Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)

Deadline: August 5, 2025

Amount: Up to \$6 million

Provides up to \$6 million in funding for the acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21360

Cal Parks: Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (ORLP)

Deadline: TBD Winter 2026

Amount: \$300,000 to \$15 million per application

Funds urban park and recreation projects in underserved communities.

https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=30578

USDOT FHA: Bridge Investment Program

Deadlines:

– August 1, 2025 for Large Bridge Projects (minimum \$2.5M)

– October 1, 2025 for Planning Grants (FY '26 funding)

– November 1, 2025 for Bridge Projects (minimum \$50M)

Amount: \$2.5 million to \$100 million

Provides funding to rehabilitate or replace aging infrastructure and reduce the number of bridges in poor condition.

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/>

As part of our continued efforts to stay current on the federal grants landscape, I'll be holding ongoing meetings with Congressional offices and federal agencies in the coming weeks. These conversations help us stay informed about program timelines, updates, and agency communications—so we can better support our clients with up-to-date information.

Please look out for these weekly DC updates from me as I share insights from the Capitol and provide relevant grant-related news from the federal level.

Thank you,
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