

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 Judy Chu 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 Chu's team shared that their office is particularly interested in supporting education grants and highlighted their strong support for these programs.

Representative Chu's office confirmed that they are still actively providing letters of support for eligible applicants and remain a valuable partner in helping constituents navigate the current federal funding landscape.

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

Bureau of Reclamation: WaterSMART Grants – Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

Deadline: October 30, 2025

Amount: Up to \$5 million

Funds projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, implement renewable energy components, and improve water supply reliability.

<https://www.usbr.gov/watersmart/weeg/>

U.S. Department of Transportation: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grants Program

Deadline: TBD Fall 2025

Amount: Up to \$2 million The SMART Grants Program funds projects that focus on using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges facing communities, always with a focus on purpose-driven innovation and supporting technologies that provide clear, near-term benefits

<https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SMART>

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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