Hi everyone -

On behalf of Representative Derek Kilmer's office, we are excited to release the second issue of our new Grants Newsletter.

This newsletter aims to share a brief overview of new and upcoming federal funding opportunities with folks across our region, highlighting the recent packages that Congress passed and the President signed into law: the Chips and Science Act, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Inflation Reduction Act, and the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

Please note that the newsletter below provides a high-level overview of opportunities. While the newsletter covers many available opportunities, a full, comprehensive list of active federal grant opportunities can be found at Grants.gov.

Whether you’re a small business in a rural town or a large nonprofit in a bigger city, our hope is that this newsletter will act as a resource and starting point for those of you in need of federal funding and support.

**ACTIVE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

The following grants and funding opportunities are active and available as of the publication of this newsletter. For more information on a particular program, please reach out Rep. Kilmer’s office to be connected with the appropriate agency.

**THE CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT**

- **White Paper Release for National Semiconductor Technology Center** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** Commerce released a white paper outlining the vision for the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC). The NSTC will be a focal point for organizing the R&D portfolio under the CHIPS and Science Act and this paper will lay out the main goals the center will aim to achieve as a hub of collaboration between members of the semiconductor supplier and manufacturing ecosystem.

- **Accelerating Research Translation (ART)** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** Supports institutions of higher education that seek to build capacity and infrastructure for translation of fundamental academic research into tangible solutions that benefit the public.
  - **Who can apply?** Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs) - Two- and four-year IHEs (including community colleges) accredited in, and having a campus located in the US, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Special Instructions for International Branch Campuses of US IHEs: If the proposal includes funding to be provided to an international branch campus of a US institution of higher education (including through use of subawards and consultant arrangements), the proposer must explain the benefit(s) to the project of performance at the international branch campus, and justify why the project activities cannot be performed at the US campus.
  - **Deadline:** May 23, 2023
- **Enabling Partnerships to Increase Innovation Capacity (EPIIC) (Link)**
  - **Description:** Supports the growth of inclusive innovation ecosystems through capacity-building efforts at institutions of higher education with limited research capacity — preparing these institutions to participate in NSF Regional Innovation Engines at a future time.
  - **Who can apply?:** MSIs, PUIs, and two-year institutions with limited or no research capacity.
  - **Deadline:** May 25, 2023

- **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a new competitive grant program created by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work, urban and rural areas alike, in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFCs).
  - **Who can apply?:** Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Public and State controlled institutions of higher education; Special district governments; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); State governments; County governments; City or township governments; Others (see text field entitled “Additional Information on Eligibility” for clarification)
  - **Deadline:** May 30, 2023

- **Expanding Institutional Diversity in Support of STEM Research and Education Capacity (Link)**
  - **Description:** Invites proposals in response to the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022 with the intention to support innovative approaches for building research capacity in order to engage and retain students from a range of institutions and diverse backgrounds in STEM.
  - **Who can apply?:** Further information included in the linked Dear Colleague above.
  - **Deadline:** June 1, 2023

- **Wireless Innovation Fund (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Innovation Fund aims to foster competition, lower costs for consumers and network operators, support innovation across the global telecommunications ecosystem, and strengthen the 5G supply chain. The overall objectives include unlocking opportunities for innovative companies, particularly small and medium enterprises, to compete in a market historically dominated by a few suppliers, some of which present a high security risk. The first NOFO focuses on activities that will promote and improve the open and interoperable RAN testing and evaluation ecosystem, as well as research and development into test methods.
  - **Who can apply?:** Eligible applicants and subgrantees include for-profit companies, non-profit companies, institutions of higher education, industry groups, and consortia including two or more such entities.
  - **Deadline:** June 2, 2023

- **CHIPS Incentives Program – Commercial Fabrication Facilities (Link)**
  - **Description:** This funding opportunity seeks applications for projects for the construction, expansion, or modernization of commercial facilities for the front- and back-end fabrication of leading-edge, current-generation, and mature-node semiconductors.
  - **Who can apply?:** Nonprofit entity, a private entity, a consortium of private entities; or a consortium of nonprofit, public, and private entities with a demonstrated ability to substantially finance, construct, or expand a facility that is eligible under the funding opportunity
  - **Deadline:** June 26, 2023
  - Two additional funding opportunities—for materials and manufacturing equipment facilities, and for research and development facilities—will be announced later this year.

- **NSF Regional Innovation Engines (NSF Engines) Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** Invites proposals to develop coalitions of academic institutions, nonprofits, for-profits, government entities and others to create regional “innovation ecosystems” — galvanizing use-inspired research, technology translation and workforce development. The program solicits proposals corresponding to two award types.
Who can apply?

- Eligible to submit proposals to the NSF Engines Program: US non-profit, non-academic organizations; US for-profit organizations; and IHEs accredited in and having a campus located in the US.
- Eligible to receive NSF funds through subawards under the NSF Engines Program: US non-profit, non-academic organizations; US for-profit organizations; Federally funded research and development centers; national laboratories; State, local, and Tribal governments (with limitations); and IHEs accredited in and having a campus located in the US.

Deadline: June 30, 2023

THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT

- Release of IRA Guidebook for Tribes (Link)
  - Description: The Inflation Reduction Act directs over $722 million specifically to Tribal and Indigenous communities. The guidebook provides an overview of Tribal specific clean energy, climate mitigation and resilience, and conservation-related tax incentives and investment programs in President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, including who is eligible to apply for funding and for what activities.

- Launch of Energy Savings Hub Consumer Website (Link)
  - Description: The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today launched the Energy Savings Hub — an online one-stop shop for American families and consumers to access the savings tools that President Biden's Investing in America agenda has made available to drastically cut energy costs. The new website puts President Biden's clean energy tax credits and forthcoming rebates right at Americans' fingertips, helping people take control of their energy costs and have cleaner and more efficient options as a consumer—whether they are looking to purchase an electric vehicle, update an appliance, or make their home safer and more comfortable.

- Industrial Demonstrations Program (Link)
  - Description: The Industrial Demonstrations Program will fund projects that focus on the highest emitting and hardest to abate industries where decarbonization technologies can have the greatest impact: iron and steel, cement and concrete, chemicals and refining, food and beverage, paper and forest products, aluminum, other energy-intensive manufacturing industries and cross-cutting technologies.
  - Who can apply? Technology Developers, Industry, Manufacturers, Universities, National Laboratories, Engineering and Construction firms, State and Local Governments, Environmental Groups, and Community Based Organizations
  - Deadline: Available until expended

- Environmental Justice Grants (Link)
  - Description: Multiple Environmental Justice Grant opportunities offered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
  - Who can apply? See link for additional information broken down by each grant.
  - Deadline: See link for additional information broken down by each grant.

- USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act (Link)
  - Description: This program aims to provide multiyear, programmatic, competitive grants for tree planting and related activities, with a priority for projects that benefit underserved populations and areas through the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance program.
  - Who can apply? Entities eligible to apply for funding under this NOFO include state government entities, local government entities, federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations operating within the United States, or its territories, non-profit organizations, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, and community-based organizations.
  - Deadline: June 1, 2023
- **Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The purpose of the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice in Communities is to provide technical assistance to businesses (e.g., information, training, expert advice) on source reduction, also known as pollution prevention (P2). Grantees must demonstrate that the project will improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by implementing P2 approaches.
  - **Who can apply?** States, state entities (colleges and universities recognized as instrumentalities of the state), the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., and federally recognized Tribes and intertribal consortia.
  - **Deadline:** June 6, 2023

- **Pollution Prevention Grant: Environment Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The purpose of the Pollution Prevention Grant: Environmental Justice Through Safer/Sustainable Products is to provide pollution prevention (P2) technical assistance to businesses (e.g., information, training, expert advice) in order to improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by increasing the supply, demand and use of safer and more sustainable products, such as those that are certified by EPA's Safer Choice program, or those that conform to EPA's Recommendations for Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing (Recommendations).
  - **Who can apply?** States, state entities (colleges and universities recognized as instrumentalities of the state), the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., and federally recognized Tribes and intertribal consortia.
  - **Deadline:** June 20, 2023

- **Rural Energy for America Program (REAP)** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** This program aims to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. Recipients may use REAP funds to install renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements.
  - **Who can apply?** Eligible applicants include rural small businesses and agricultural producers.
  - **Deadline:** June 30, 2023

- **Investing in Clean Energy for Rural America** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** USDA will announce ~$1.45B in new Inflation Reduction Act funding for the REAP program, which is an existing program created in the 2002 Farm Bill. It provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing.
    - June 30, 2023
    - September 30, 2023
    - December 31, 2023
    - March 31, 2024
    - June 30, 2024
    - September 30, 2024
THE BIPARTISAN SAFER COMMUNITIES ACT

- **Cooperative Agreements for School-Based Trauma-Informed Support Services and Mental Health Care for Children and Youth** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The purpose of this program is to increase student access to evidence-based and culturally relevant trauma support services and mental health care by developing innovative initiatives, activities, and programs to link local school systems with local trauma-informed support and mental health systems, including those under the Indian Health Service. With this program, SAMHSA aims to further enhance and improve trauma-informed support and mental health services for children and youth.
  - **Who can apply?** State Education Agencies, Local Educational Agencies, and Indian Tribes (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education assistance Act) or their Tribal Educational Agencies, a school operated by the Bureau of Indian Education, a Regional Corporation, or a Native Hawaiian Educational Organization.
  - **Deadline:** May 8, 2023

- **Pediatric Mental Health Care Access (PMHCA)** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** This program brings behavioral health consultation, training, and support to pediatric primary care and other providers so that children's mental health needs are met.
  - **Who can apply?** This opportunity is available to state and regional pediatric mental health care teams.
  - **Deadline:** May 15, 2023

- **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The purpose of the PROTECT Formula and Discretionary Grant programs is to plan for and strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through formula and competitive discretionary grants.
  - **Who can apply?** The PROTECT Discretionary Grant Program provides broad applicant eligibility for all levels of government to be direct recipients of funds. States, MPOs, local governments, and Indian Tribes can apply directly to FHWA. A Federal land management agency may be eligible if the agency applies jointly with a State or group of States.
  - **Deadline:** August 18, 2023

- **Tribal Transit Notice of Funding Opportunity** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration anticipates announcing the availability of $8.9 million in Fiscal Year 2023 funding to help American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, groups, and communities initiate, continue, and improve transit service on Tribal Lands.
  - **Who can apply?** Eligible applicants include federally recognized Indian Tribes or Alaska Native villages, groups, or communities as identified by the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).
  - **Deadline:** June 26, 2023

- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.
  - **Who can apply?** The following groups of applicants are eligible for the SS4A grant program:
    - A political subdivision of a State or territory, defined in the FY23 Notice of Funding Opportunity as a unit of government created under the authority of State law. This includes cities, towns, counties, special districts, certain transit agencies, and similar units of local government;
    - A federally recognized Tribal government;
    - Metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs); and
- A multijurisdictional group of entities from the ones described above (select one lead applicant from group).
  - **Deadline:** July 10, 2023

- **DOE Heat Pump Defense Production Act Program** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The main goal of this program is to ensure national security by accelerating the growth of domestic production capability of electric heat pumps to meet the anticipated increased demand for clean energy technologies as the economy transitions to net-zero emissions.
  - **Who can apply?** U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents are eligible to apply for funding as a prime recipient or subrecipient. The proposed prime recipient and subrecipient(s) must be domestic entities. The following types of domestic entities are eligible to participate as a prime recipient or subrecipient of this FOA:
    - 1. Institutions of higher education;
    - 2. For-profit entities;
    - 3. Non-profit entities; and
    - 4. State and local governmental entities, and tribal nations.
  - **Deadline:** August 1, 2023

- **Wildlife Crossings Notice of Funding Opportunity** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration will publish a $125 million NOFO for the Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that seek to achieve a reduction in the number of wildlife-vehicle collisions. The primary goals of the WCPP are to save lives, prevent serious injuries, and protect motorists and wildlife by reducing WVCs, and improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial and aquatic species. Reduction of wildlife vehicle collisions and improvement of terrestrial and aquatic habitat connectivity are the primary merit criteria that will be used in reviewing applications, and each of the primary merit criteria are of equal importance.
  - **Who can apply?** Eligible entities for the Wildlife Crossing Program are:
    - State Departments of Transportation;
    - Metropolitan Planning Organizations;
    - Units of local government;
    - Regional transportation authorities;
    - Special purpose districts or public authorities with a transportation function;
    - Indian tribes;
    - Federal Land Management Agencies; and
    - A group of any of the above entities.
  - **Deadline:** August 1, 2023

**ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

- **FY2023 Disaster Supplemental Funding Notice of Funding Opportunity** ([Link](#))
  - **Description:** The awards are designed to support those regions impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, wildfires, flooding and other natural disasters (2021-2022). The awards made under this NOFO are designed to address economic challenges in those areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster has been issued. Funding will help communities devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies through a variety of construction and non-construction projects.
  - **Who can apply?** Eligible applicants include Tribal nations, non-profit organizations, colleges and universities, district organizations of an Economic Development District (EDD), and state, county or city subdivisions engaged in economic or infrastructure activities. Individuals and for-profit entities are not eligible for funding under this NOFO.
  - **Deadline:** Available on an ongoing basis

- **Community Policing Development (CPD) – Microgrants** ([Link](#))
- **Description:** This program aims to develop law enforcement’s capacity to implement community policing strategies by providing funding to local, state, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies. When properly applied, community policing improves the identification and prioritization of community problems; builds trust and relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve; and enables an agency to build a culture toward accountability, transparency, open communication, and mutual trust.
- **Who can apply?** Law enforcement agencies; state law enforcement agencies; Tribal law enforcement agencies; territorial law enforcement agencies
- **Deadlines:** May 1, 2023 (Grants.gov) and May 8, 2023 (JustGrants)

- **Community Policing Development (CPD) – Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) (Link)**
  - **Description:** The goal of FY 2023 Implementing Crisis Intervention Teams solicitation is to provide funding to support the implementation of crisis intervention teams, including embedding behavioral or mental health professionals with law enforcement agencies, training for law enforcement officers and embedded behavioral or mental health professionals in crisis intervention response, or a combination of these.
  - **Who can apply?** Law enforcement agencies; state law enforcement agencies; Tribal law enforcement agencies; territorial law enforcement agencies
  - **Deadline:** May 8, 2023

- **COPS Hiring Program (CHP) (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Fiscal Year 2023 COPS Hiring Program (CHP) is a competitive award program designed to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to hire and/or rehire additional career law enforcement officers to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. Anticipated outcomes of the CHP program awards include engagement in planned community partnerships, implementation of projects to analyze and assess problems, implementation of changes to personnel and agency management in support of community policing, and increased capacity of agency to engage in community policing activities.
  - **Who can apply?** Law enforcement agencies; state law enforcement agencies; Tribal law enforcement agencies; territorial law enforcement agencies
  - **Deadline:** May 11, 2023

- **Clean Energy Projects on Current and Former Mine Land (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations will release a $450 million Funding Opportunity Announcement to demonstrate the technical and economic feasibility of deploying clean energy projects on current (operating) and former (abandoned or inactive) mine land.
  - **Who can apply?** Institutions of higher education; Non-profit entities; For-profit entities; Indian Nations (DOE Order 144.1, 7.a); State and local governmental entities; Incorporated Consortia; Unincorporated Consortia
  - **Deadline:** Concept papers are due by May 11, 2023. Full applications are due by August 31, 2023.

- **Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Intercity Bus Security Grant helps protect surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of transit infrastructure. This funding provides owners and operators of intercity bus systems with resources for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.
  - **Who can apply?** Eligible applicants under the FY 2023 IBSGP are private operators providing transportation by over-the-road bus that have completed a vulnerability assessment and developed a security plan that DHS has approved as described in Section 1531 of the Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007.
    - Eligibility for funding is limited to applicants that meet one or both of the following criteria:
      - Operate fixed-route intercity bus transportation providing services to one or more historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas; and
- Operate a charter bus service using over-the-road buses and provide a minimum of 50 trips annually to one or more historically eligible UASI-designated urban areas.
  - **Deadline:** May 18, 2023
  - **Webinars:** Coming soon on April 18! See below under “Workshops and Webinars” for details.

- **Transit Security Grant Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Intercity Bus Security Grant helps protect surface transportation infrastructure and the traveling public from acts of terrorism and increase the resilience of transit infrastructure. This funding provides owners and operators of intercity bus systems with resources for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation.
  - **Who can apply?** Eligible transit agencies are determined based on daily unlinked passenger trips (ridership) and transit systems that serve historically eligible Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)-designated urban areas. Certain ferry systems are eligible to participate in the FY 2023 TSGP. Ferry systems that elect to participate under the FY 2023 TSGP are not considered for funding under the FY 2023 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP). Likewise, any ferry system that elects to participate in the FY 2023 PSGP is not considered for funding under the FY 2023 TSGP. A complete list of eligible transit agencies is in the FY 2023 TSGP NOFO.
  - **Deadline:** May 18, 2023

- **Port Security Grant Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** This grant provides funding to state, local and private-sector partners to help protect critical port infrastructure from terrorism, enhance maritime domain awareness, improve port-wide maritime security risk management, and maintain or reestablish maritime security mitigation protocols that support port recovery and resiliency capabilities.
  - **Who can apply?** Eligible applicants include, but are not limited to, port authorities, facility operators, and state, territorial, and local government agencies.
  - **Deadline:** May 18, 2023

- **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The intent is to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies.
  - **Who can apply?** The State Administrative Agency (SAA) is the only entity eligible to apply for FY 2023 NSGP funds. The SAA applies to FEMA on behalf of eligible nonprofit organizations (sub-applicants) that are at high risk of terrorist or other extremist attack. Eligible nonprofit organizations are those organizations described under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of such Code.
  - **Deadline:** May 18, 2023

- **Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** The FY 2023 Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP) is one of three grant programs that constitute the DHS/Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) focus on enhancing the ability of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments, as well as nonprofit organizations, to prevent, prepare for, protect against, and respond to terrorist attacks. These grant programs are part of a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by DHS to help strengthen the nation’s communities against potential terrorist attacks.
  - **Who can apply?** Federally recognized Tribal nations
Deadline: May 18, 2023

**Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (Link)**
- **Description:** The Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management agencies with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System and works toward the National Preparedness Goal of a secure and resilient nation. The EMPG's allowable costs support efforts to build and sustain core capabilities across the prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery mission areas.
- **Who can apply?** All 56 states and territories are eligible to apply for the FY 2023 EMPG Program funds. Either the State Administrative Agency (SAA) or the state's Emergency Management Agency is eligible to apply directly to FEMA for EMPG Program funds on behalf of each state or territory. However, only one application is accepted from each state or territory.
- **Deadline:** May 18, 2023

**Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) – Technical Assistance (Link)**
- **Description:** The focus of the 2023 TRGP-TA solicitation is Tribal Community Response Plans (TCRP) for Missing Indigenous Persons, with the goal of improving responses to emergent missing Indigenous persons cases by establishing a collaborative response from Tribal Governments, law enforcement, and other partners through culturally appropriate guidelines. This program will provide funding to an organization that demonstrates well-established experience in developing and delivering direct technical assistance to law enforcement personnel and criminal justice professionals in this area.
- **Who can apply?** Tribal partners, law enforcement, and local government leaders.
- **Deadline:** May 24, 2023

**Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development Grant Program (Link)**
- **Description:** These competitive grants are designed to support postsecondary enrollment and completion by addressing the challenges rural students face accessing postsecondary education that will prepare them for high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand occupations. The estimated average size of award is $1,900,000 with a maximum award size of $2,227,500. The project period/grant duration is up to 48 months.
- **Who can apply?** (a) public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education (IHEs), as defined in section 101 of the HEA, with enrollment of at least 30 percent of students who attended high schools located in rural areas; and (b) public and private nonprofits that partner with IHEs.
- **Deadlines:** June 20, 2023

**The America the Beautiful Challenge (NFWF) (Link)**
- **Description:** The ATBC vision is to streamline grant funding opportunities for new voluntary conservation and restoration projects around the United States. This RFP consolidates funding from multiple federal agencies and the private sector to enable applicants to conceive and develop large-scale, locally led projects that address shared funder priorities spanning public and private lands.
- **Who can apply?** State government agencies, territories of the United States, and Indian Tribes are eligible to apply for all five grant categories. Non-profit 501(c) organizations, local governments, municipal governments, and educational institutions are eligible to apply for grants in categories (3) Sentinel Landscape Grants, (4) National Forest Grants and (5) Private Forests, Rangelands and Farmlands Grants.
- **Deadline:** July 20, 2023 (Pre-proposal due date on April 20, 2023)

**COPS Blue Alert Program (Link)**
- **Description:** The 2023 COPS Blue Alert Program seeks applications from organizations to support the COPS Office with coordinating the Blue Alert system. The primary objectives of the cooperative agreement to be funded under this solicitation are to raise awareness of the Blue Alert system through the production of an educational video and to research, gather, and compile accurate and timely information from credible sources about all
reported incidents where on-duty law enforcement throughout the United States, territories, and tribal lands are shot in the line of duty.

- **Who can apply?** Tribal partners, law enforcement, and local government leaders.
- **Deadline:** June 21, 2023.

- **STEM Talent Challenge ([Link](#))**
  - **Description:** This program aims to build STEM talent training systems to strengthen regional innovation economies. The FY23 STEM Talent Challenge will award a total of $4.5 million in grants to organizations that are creating and implementing STEM talent development strategies that complement their region's innovation economy.
  - **Who can apply?** STEM organizations, regional entrepreneurs, innovators, and organizations that support them.
  - **Deadline:** June 12, 2023

- **Rural Postsecondary and Economic Development Grant Program ([Link](#))**
  - **Description:** These competitive grants are designed to support postsecondary enrollment and completion by addressing the challenges rural students face accessing postsecondary education that will prepare them for high-skill, high-wage, and in-demand occupations.
  - **Who can apply?** Public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education (IHEs), as defined in section 101 of the HEA, with enrollment of at least 30 percent of students who attended high schools located in rural areas; and public and private nonprofits that partner with IHEs are invited to apply.
  - **Deadline:** June 20, 2023

### LOOKING AHEAD

The following grants and funding opportunities are upcoming and are not yet accepting applications. As more details become available for each of these programs, our team will be sure to include them in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

#### UPCOMING GRANTS/NOFOS:

- **Tribal Broadband Expansion Funding ([Link](#))**
  - **Description:** The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will announce grants totaling $5.8 million to 12 tribes as part of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP). These new grants bring the total of the program to over $1.76 billion awarded to 147 Tribal entities. TBCP is a $3 billion program directed to tribal governments to be used for broadband deployment on tribal lands, as well as for telehealth, distance learning, broadband affordability, and digital inclusion.

- **Low-Carbon Building Materials for Disaster Recovery ([Link](#))**
  - **Description:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will announce new guidance enabling recipients of federal disaster funds to utilize low-carbon concrete, asphalt, glass and steel when rebuilding from disasters. No new federal funds are associated with this guidance.

- **Mental Health Awareness and Training Grant (MHAT) ([Link](#))**
  - **Description:** The MHAT grant program prepares and trains individuals to appropriately and safely respond to persons with mental health challenges and or disorders, particularly those with serious mental illness (SMI) and/or serious emotional disturbances (SED).

- **ReCAST: Resiliency in Communities After Stress and Trauma ([Link](#))**
  - **Description:** The purpose of this program is to assist high-risk youth and families and promote resilience and equity in communities that have recently faced civil unrest through implementation of evidence-based violence prevention, and community youth engagement programs, as well as linkages to trauma-informed behavioral health services.
- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (Link)**
  - **Description:** EPA will hold two competitions to distribute grant funding under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: a **$20 billion General and Low-Income Assistance Competition** and a **$7 billion Zero-Emissions Technology Fund Competition**.
  - **Timeline:** EPA expects to open competitions for funding under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund by summer 2023.

- **CHIPS Research and Development Program – National Semiconductor Technology Center (Link)**
  - **Description:** The CHIPS for America initiative will invest $50 billion to supercharge the U.S. semiconductor industry and revitalize our innovation ecosystem. This funding includes $11 billion for research and development—the focal point of which will be the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC), an innovation hub that will advance semiconductor technology and seed new industries built on the capabilities of a wide range of advanced chips.
  - **Timeline:** To Be Determined

- **Applications for Leading-Edge Fabs**
  - **Description:** The Department of Commerce will begin accepting applications for leading-edge fabs, as well as optional pre-applications.
  - **Timeline:** To Be Determined

- **Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program (Link)**
  - **Description:** USDA / USFS will announce a Notice of Funding Opportunity for competitive grants for non-state entities for the Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program. This program provides grants for urban tree planting and related activities, with a priority for projects that benefit underserved populations and areas. This will be the largest funding opportunity available from the U.S. Forest Service directly to cities, nonprofit organizations, community organizations, and universities to support urban and community forestry, improve access to nature, and improve public health by combating extreme heat in urban areas.
  - **Timeline:** To Be Determined

- **Repairing Aging Water Infrastructure Across the Country (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Department of the Interior will announce $585 million for infrastructure repairs in fiscal year 2023 from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The program, facilitated through the Bureau of Reclamation, includes significant repairs on canal linings, dam spillways.

- **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (Link)**
  - **Description:** EPA will release a draft implementation framework for the $27 billion Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund. The framework will outline the agency's key design choices and offer stakeholders another opportunity for comment before the agency releases the NOFOs in June.

- **National Scenic Byways Program Grants (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration will announce $21.8 million in discretionary grants under the National Scenic Byways Program (SBP) for 33 projects in 29 states. The NSBP, a grass-roots collaborative effort established to help recognize, preserve, and enhance selected roads throughout the United States, was established by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 and is administered by FHWA.

- **Solar Research and Development Funding (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Department of Energy will announce $52 million for 19 selected projects, including $10 million from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, to strengthen America's domestic solar supply chain, and $30 million in funding for technologies that will help integrate solar energy into the grid. These research, development, and demonstration projects aim to enhance domestic solar manufacturing, support the recycling of solar panels, and develop new American-made solar technologies.

- **2023 Clean School Bus Program (Link)**
- **Description:** The Environmental Protection Agency will announce a notice of funding opportunity for the Clean School Bus Program, which provides historic funding to replace the nation’s fleet of school buses with clean, American-made buses. With funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA’s new Clean School Bus Program provides $5 billion over the next five years (FY 2022-2026) to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models.

- **Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation NOFO (Link)**
  - **Description:** The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will announce a notice of funding for their PROTECT (Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation) Formula Program, a first-of-its-kind $7.5 billion program made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that makes funding available to states over five years to make transportation infrastructure more resilient to future weather events and other natural disasters by focusing on resilience planning, making resilience improvements to existing transportation assets and evacuation routes, and addressing at-risk highway infrastructure. In general, eligible projects include highway and transit projects, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and port facilities including those that help improve evacuations or disaster relief.

- **Legacy Roads and Trails Funding (Link)**
  - **Description:** The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Forest Service (FS) will announce that $250 million will be made available for 98 projects through the Legacy Roads and Trails program in FY23. Funding for the NOFO is provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. These projects address climate change adaptation by improving infrastructure on roads and trails leading to improved water quality, restoring aquatic organism passage, and maintaining forest access.

- **Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities NOFO (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Department of Transportation's Federal Highways Administration will open FY 2022-2023 grant applications for the Reduction of Truck Emissions at Port Facilities program, which will make $160 million available over two years to test, evaluate, and deploy projects that reduce port-related emissions from idling trucks, including through the advancement of port electrification and improvements in efficiency.

- **Ride and Drive Funding Opportunity Announcement (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Joint Office will release a funding opportunity on topic areas including Community Charging, Enhancing EV Charging Resiliency, Equitable Access and Opportunity in Electrification, Workforce Development, and Improving EV Charging Performance and Reliability.

- **Interstate Rail Compact Announcement (Link)**
  - **Description:** The Department of Transportation will announce the notice of funding opportunity for the Interstate Rail Compact Program. Established by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this program provides funding for existing interstate rail compacts (IRCs) to strengthen their capability to advance intercity passenger rail service within their region.

**WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS**

- **Fiscal Year 2023 Transit Security Grant Program Webinar (Link for 5/4)**
  - **Description:** FEMA Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) invite all TSGP stakeholders to participate in the upcoming technical assistance webinar regarding the fiscal year (FY) 2023 TSGP. Hosted by American Public Transportation Association.
  - **Dates:** May 4, 2023

- **USFS Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Webinar Series (Link to 4/18 Recording, Link to 4/25 Recording)**
  - **Dates:** April 18 & 25, 2023
HELPFUL RESOURCES

- **Grants.gov**: Searchable by a number of different criteria, this is the most complete list of federal grant opportunities and is updated frequently. Grant.gov also has a [Grants Learning Center](https://www.grants.gov/)
- **DOT Competitive Grant Funding Matrix**: Look through program descriptions on the chart to identify programs for which you have relevant projects
- **BIL Program Guide**: Search keywords to identify relevant programs which will open throughout the next five years.
- **IRA Program Guide**: Search keywords to identify relevant programs and tax credits
- **Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Exchange**: OCED has a number of funding opportunities for clean energy projects through the IRA and BIL. The page is similar to the DOT funding matrix with grant info.
- **Department of Labor Grants**: DOL has been working to publish their new and upcoming grant programs which aim to connect, protect, train, support, and empower workers and job seekers.

We hope that this information proves useful for folks and that future issues of this newsletter can prove to be equally as informative and helpful. As always, Representative Kilmer’s staff are here to answer your questions and support you through the federal funding process. You can also find more resource on federal funding on Representative Kilmer’s website [here](https://www.house.gov/)

If you have any questions, concerns, or would like to request a letter of support, please reach out to Grants Coordinator, Emma Abraham, in the Tacoma district office, at Emma.Abraham@mail.house.gov or 253-272-3515.

Sincerely,

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