

February 20, 2025

Grant Opportunities

None this week.

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hosting a webinar "**Community of Practice webinar for Restoring Flow of Private Sector Lifelines**" on February 27 at 1 p.m. EST. More information, and to register, <u>click here</u>.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), at the request of the state of North Carolina will extend, for the second time, the **deadline for those impacted by Tropical Storm Helene to apply for FEMA assistance.** The new deadline is March 8, 2025. According to FEMA, applicants may submit documents, update contact information and connect with FEMA regarding their application, but they must apply before March 8.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar series called "**First 100 Days.**" Held weekly on Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m. EST, these webinars focus on "policies and actions that directly impact counties, including federal funding, regulations and intergovernmental partnerships." Register, <u>here</u>. Access recording for previous webinars, <u>here</u>.

NEW (updated) – The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has updated the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) guidelines for the <u>Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)</u>. A webinar, to review those changes, was recorded and has been posted to the <u>GAP website</u>. Additionally, a <u>Frequently Asked</u> <u>Questions (FAQ) document</u> also addresses the revisions to the NOFO. The deadline to apply for a Grants for Arts grant is now March 11, 2025, with a second deadline on July 10, 2025. (The previous deadline was February 13, 2025.)

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has canceled the **FY26 Challenge America grant** opportunity. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply for the <u>Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)</u> solicitation instead. The deadline for the <u>Grants for Arts Projects</u> is March 11, 2025.

POSTPONED The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will host a webinar series for <u>CDBG Disaster Recovery (DR)</u> grantees to help them understand the <u>Universal Notice</u> "an updated set



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of processes, procedures, timelines, waivers, and alternative requirements that HUD implements with each allocation of CDBG-DR funding."

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched a new tool called the "<u>Build</u> <u>for the Future Funding Navigator</u>" which can be used to discover and review upcoming funding opportunities focused on climate resiliency, energy efficiency, renewable energy integration, healthy housing, workforce development, environmental justice, and community transportation. Funding is available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

 NEW (updated) – Currently, the NOFO and the webinar are on hold. Stay tuned for more information.
The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is hosting a webinar on the <u>FY25 Collaborative Crisis Response and</u> <u>Intervention Training Program</u> on February 18 at 2 p.m. EST. Register, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply is March 18, 2025.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) published a new resource that can aid state and local governments with the **Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Title II rule on web and mobile app accessibility**. The resource is a step-by-step guide. The compliance deadlines, depending on population of the entity, are April 2026, and April 2027. Learn more about compliance, and access the resource, <u>here</u>.

The U.S. Department of Transportation updated the **Competitive Grant Funding Matrix**. View it, <u>here</u>.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a "**Potable Water Reuse and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Q&A**" document. Access it, <u>here</u>.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the addition of **nine additional Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)** to the Toxics Release Inventory. More information, <u>here</u>.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers **free Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA)** to help communities "identify water challenges, develop plans, build technical, managerial and financial capacity, and develop application materials to access water infrastructure funding." More information on all EPA's WaterTA programs including the new ones funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) can be found, <u>here</u>. Request WaterTA, <u>here</u>.

Recorded Webinars and Other

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) recorded a webinar on its <u>*Community Challenge</u>* <u>grant</u>. Watch the webinar, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply is <u>March 5, 2025</u>.</u>

The City Parks Alliance recorded a technical assistance webinar for the *Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) Program.* View the recording, *here*. Note – the *Notice of Funding Opportunity* (*NOFO*) was released December 12, 2024 as a five-year announcement. The deadline to apply through a state is June 1, 2025.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) recorded a webinar entitled "**ADA Compliance for Government Websites: A Practical Conversation**." Access the webinar, <u>here</u>.

The National League of Cities (NLC) recorded a webinar entitled "**FEMA Resilience Funding Strategies: Best Practices for Communities**." Access the webinar, <u>here</u>. Access the slide deck, <u>here</u>.



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The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) recorded a webinar on the **Digital Equity** grant. Review the slide deck and/or access the webinar, <u>here</u>. Also, check out a <u>collaborative tool</u> created by the Census Bureau for NTIA, <u>here</u>.

The U.S. Department of Transportation and the Build America Bureau recorded a webinar on the <u>Rural</u> <u>and Tribal Assistance Pilot grant program</u>. View the slides, <u>here</u>. Access the webinar, <u>here</u>, using code S6CyH1q%. Applications are <u>first-come</u>, <u>first-served</u>, beginning March 4 at 2 p.m. EST.

The deadline for the **PROTECT grant** was pushed up to February 10, 2025 from the original deadline of February 24. According to the February 11 NOFO update, "FHWA is reviewing this Notice of Funding Opportunity and has removed it from grants.gov. Any re-opening or re-posting of this opportunity will be available on grants.gov and will include any updates made as a result of this review. Thank you for your interest in this program."

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) recorded a series of webinars for the <u>FYs 2024-2026</u> <u>Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation</u> (<u>PROTECT) Program</u>. Watch the "How to Apply" and webinars on the Benefit-Cost Analysis, <u>here</u>. A FAQ may be found, <u>here</u>. The deadline to apply for a PROTECT grant is February 24, 2025.

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) recorded a webinar on the <u>Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)</u> <u>Title II rule on web and mobile app accessibility</u>. Access it, <u>here</u>.

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