



March 27, 2025

Grant Opportunities

Notice of Opportunity Number	Grant Title	Federal Agency	Deadlines and Details
N/A	Hart Family Fund for Small Towns	National Trust for Historic Preservation	5/1/25 Towns with less than 10K in population

Webinars, Blogs, Funding Guides and More

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has again **extended the deadline to apply for assistance after Tropical Storm Helene**. The new deadline is now **April 7, 2025** (from March 8) and was again extended at the request of the state of North Carolina. FEMA may be able to help with temporary lodging, basic home repairs, personal property loss or other disaster-caused needs. Homeowners and renters in these counties can apply: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Forsyth, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Nash, Polk, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Union, Watauga, Wilkes, Yadkin and Yancey counties, and members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.

NEW – Next up, **Thursday, March 27th** -- 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 for Week 9 (**March 27**), [here](#). Access the recordings for previous webinars, [here](#).

The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) has updated the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) guidelines for the [Grants for Arts Projects \(GAP\)](#). A webinar, to review those changes, was recorded and has been posted to the [GAP website](#). Additionally, a [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\) document](#) also addresses the revisions to the NOFO. The Part 2 NEA applicant portal deadline for the GAP 1 funding NOFO has been extended. The portal opens on March 14 at 9 a.m. EST and closes on **April 7 at 11:59 p.m. EST**. The second deadline to apply for a Grants for Arts grant is now **July 10, 2025**.



NEW – The North Carolina Pandemic Recovery Office (NCPRO) is hosting an 8-part technical assistance series on understanding federal grant management requirements. Topics will include the Federal Funds Closeout Process, Pass-Through Entity Requirements, Financial Management and more. The sessions will be monthly *beginning Thursday, April 3 from 3 to 4 p.m. EST*. No need to register. [Click this link to attend](#).

NEW – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a [Stakeholder Announcement](#) that lists all the Rural Development programs in which Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) scoring criteria have been removed. The 14 rural funding programs are: 1. Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program; 2. High Energy Cost Grant Program; 3. Decentralized Water System Grant Program; 4. Rural Energy for America Program – Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans & Grants; 5. Rural Energy for America Program – Energy Audit & Renewable Energy Development Assistance Grants; 6. Rural Business Development Grant Program; 7. Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program; 8. Rural Business Development Grant for Rural Transportation Technical Assistance; 9. Timber Production Expansion Guaranteed Loan Program; 10. Intermediate Relending Program; 11. Guarantees for Bonds and Notes Issued for Utility Infrastructure Purposes (313 A Program); 12. Community Connect Grant Program; 13. 2022 Disaster Water Grant Program; and, 14. Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program. For additional information, see the [Federal Register Notice](#).

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) launched a new tool called the [“Build for the Future Funding Navigator”](#) 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).

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, [here](#).

The U.S. Department of Transportation updated the **Competitive Grant Funding Matrix**. View it, [here](#).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a [Draft Sewage Sludge Risk Assessment for Perfluorooctanoic Acid \(PFOA\) and Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid \(PFOS\)](#) (EPA-HQ-OW-2024-0504; FRL 12451-01-OW) for the “potential human health risk associated with the presence of toxic PFAS chemicals in biosolids, also known as sewage sludge.” The public is invited to comment through **April 16, 2025**, which is a [new extension](#) of 30 days from the original deadline in March. More information on PFAS in sewage sludge can be [found here](#).

Recorded Webinars and Other

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, [here](#).



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

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