



AUGUST 2024 GRANT RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT - BROADBAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM APPLICATION DEADLINE - August 20th:

The deadline for submitting applications is **August 20th**. Eligible groups may receive or deliver broadband technical assistance or training through cooperative agreements. For more information visit,

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/broadband-technical-assistance-program>. Applications are to be submitted via

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

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT EXTENDS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Infrastructure loans and loan guarantees are available for rural construction or improved/expanded telecommunication and broadband networks. The application deadline is open to qualified service providers in rural areas; visit <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/telecommunications-programs/telecommunications-infrastructure-loans-loan-guarantees>.



US DOT SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL (SS4A)'s PLANNING and DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

Grant applications are to be submitted through Valid Eval for the final deadline by Aug. 29, 2024 at 5:00 PM. View the amended 2024 NOFO for Planning and Demonstration grants at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A>.

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION (FHWA) - WILDLIFE CROSSINGS PILOT PROGRAM. This program provides funding for construction (infrastructure improvements) and non-construction (planning, research, and educational activities) projects to safeguard wildlife. The competitive program that may be found at <https://highways.dot.gov/federal-lands/wildlife-crossings/pilot-program> and its deadline is Sept. 4, 2024 at 11:59 PM.

ECC's GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP: Tues., Sept. 10th and Wed., Sept. 11th, 2024, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM, ECC Board Room, 233 Middle St., 3rd Floor, New Bern.



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Bring a laptop and an identified community need to learn about grant types, categories, terminology; new additions have been added to the course. You will research federal, state, and private foundations. Step-by-step the process will target potential grantors to offer the best match for the development of a compelling grant application.

EDA ANNOUNCES THE \$25M GOOD JOBS CHALLENGE NOFO:

EPA's 2nd funding round for the New Jobs Challenge is to provide regional workforce development programs with the opportunity to invest locally in high-quality jobs using workers' impact on design and implementation; advancing skills and other supportive competencies will be foundational. The NOFO is located at

<https://www.eda.gov/sites/default/files/2024->



[07/GJC%20FY%2024%20NOFO%20FINAL%207.26.24.pdf](#). EDA anticipates awarding \$1-8 M to approximately 5-8 grantees. The deadline is Sept. 27, 2024 at 4:59 PM.



2024 RECOVERY HOUSING PROGRAM (RHP) – NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY ROUND 2:

This pilot program assists individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder (SUD) with stable, transitional housing while on a path to self-sufficiency. Available funding is approximately \$1,428,998 of which, \$428,998 has been set-aside for projects within North Carolina’s Appalachian region; Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties will receive

preference in the selection process. NC’s Department of Commerce provides RHP grant application materials at <https://www.commerce.nc.gov/grants-incentives/community-housing-grants/recovery-housing-program>. Deadline: October 29, 2024 at 4:00 PM. For more information, contact Shycole Simpson-Carter, Special Programs Manager, at s.simpson-carter@commerce.nc.gov for more information.

ARPA UPDATES



UNC SOG HOSTS VIRTUAL ARPA OFFICE HOURS: UNC-SOG offers virtual office hours for jurisdictions and discusses issues related to ARPA Fiscal Recovery Fund Program and Local Government Finance. The NC Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) also participates in the sessions and provides timely ARPA-related updates for counties.

Upcoming ARP/Finance Office Hours - Wed., August 21, 12:00-1:00 PM (obligation definition).

The UNC SOG ARPA Zoom link can be accessed here, <https://zoom.us/j/95481909044?Pwd=ULE2VHNhN2luSoJEYTJqeTZTMFRWdz09#success>. The Meeting ID is 954 8190 9044 and the Passcode is 779726.

UPDATES



THE AMERICAN FLOOD COALITION’s (AFC) FLOOD FUNDING FINDER:

Their 4-pillar focus (economy, communities, rebuilding, and military) drives the American Flood Coalition to serve Americans in the 17 current member states and their federal advocates. AFC invests in adaptation planning and projects that reduce risk, which is how they can protect home values, highways, ports, and other essential infrastructure, thereby

creating jobs and economic opportunities for its member cities and towns. Click on its website or the Q R Code, www.floodcoalition.org/fundingfinder.



The **Flood Funding Finder** is a first-of-its-kind interactive website that simplifies the complex federal grants system and helps small communities identify and prioritize opportunities to fund flood resilience. The tool filters funding opportunities to highlight specific program characteristics and requirements, such as if special assistance is available for smaller communities or if assistance requires a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Access the Flood Funding Finder on your computer, tablet, or smartphone by going to www.floodcoalition.org/fundingfinder or using this QR code:



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RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION RELEASES (4) CDBG POLICY BULLETINS, which may be

found at www.commerce.nc.gov. (Type “CDBG Forms” into the search box and click on Grants Management Documents for the options chart.)

- Bulletin 23-1 CDBG-CV 100-Day Lead-Based Hazard Inspection Requirement.
- Bulletin 24-1 Environmental Reviews: Radon Policy.
- Bulletin 24-2 Environmental Reviews: HUD Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) Final Rule.

- Bulletin 24-4 Environmental Reviews: Construction Bids and Choice Limiting Actions.

After reviewing the new Bulletins, please direct questions to the assigned Grants Management Representative or Tamisha Evans, CDBG Compliance Specialist, at tamisha.evans@commerce.nc.gov.

RALEIGH ZIP CODE CORRECTED FOR OVERNIGHT MAIL AT CDBG'S NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION. The correct Zip Code is 27601 for overnight packages; the correction was posted on the front of CDBG's Neighborhood Revitalization's guidelines, listed on p. 32, and publicized on the NC Commerce website, visit www.commerce.nc.gov. In contrast, the Raleigh zip code to use the U.S. Postal Service is 27699-4346.



WATER QUALITY FOR FISHERIES SYMPOSIUM ON OCT. 9-11, 2024. The symposium will be held at Duke Marine Lab-Beaufort with 2 keynote speakers, Veronica Carter, Councilperson for the Town of Lakeland and Chiara Klein, Duke University Superfund Research Center Program Coordinator, who will provide information

for communities whose wild-caught fish have been impacted by contaminants. Agenda and registration information may be accessed at the following site, <https://coastalcarolinariverwatch.org/water-quality-for-fisheries/water-quality-for-fisheries-symposium/>. And to obtain additional information contact, Waterkeeper@coastalcarolinariverwatch.org.



GRANTS.GOV: Upcoming maintenance dates: Aug. 17-19 and Sept. 21-23. Visit the website's calendar, <https://www.grants.gov/support/grants-gov-maintenance-calendar>.

Read the Community Blog, "Two Pathways to Applying for Grants with [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) Workspace," by clicking on the link, <https://grantsgovprod.wordpress.com/2024/06/14/two-pathways-to-applying-for-grants-with-grants-gov-workspace/>.



UPCOMING FEMA GO ENHANCEMENTS PLANNED FOR AUG.-SEPT. 2024. Grant Outcomes (GO) is FEMA's new platform for submitting, approving, and managing FEMA grants. Below is a synopsis of enhancements GO is planning:

- Update investment budget structures to allow recipients to better meet program requirements.
- Allow FEMA reviewer to monitor subrecipient management costs across a grant.
- Allow recipient to monitor subrecipient management costs across a grant.
- Develop new functionality to support additional configurations for the direct grant programs within FEMA GO such as configurable recipient management cost limit calculation options, award acceptance deadline, payment request attachments, and whether FEMA can change the payment amount at time of review. Also includes some Bi-Annual Strategy Implementation Report (BSIR) enhancements identified post implementation.
- Reduce manual effort for programmatic administrative users to set up disaster funding opportunities in FEMA GO.
- Increase standardization of Environmental Historic Preservation (EHP) review process across pass-through programs by supporting reviews at amendment.
- Enable analysis of disaster program data.
- Enable period of performance amendments for Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) and Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), if they are not immediately transitioned over to the streamlined pass-through process.
- Extend FEMA GO closeout capabilities to pass-through programs.

The next FEMA Go Quarterly User Focus Group webinar is scheduled for Oct. 10th; more information will be made available soon.



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