

JULY 2024 GRANT RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

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FAA-AIRPORT TERMINAL PROGRAM; FY 2025 FUNDING

OPPORTUNITY. The Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announced the opportunity to apply for approximately \$1 billion in FY 2025 discretionary funds for the Airport Terminal Program (ATP), made available under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA), <u>Pub. L. 117-</u> <u>58</u>, <u>https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-117publ58/pdf/PLAW-</u>

<u>117publ58.pdf</u>. The competitive ATP grant will be awarded to upgrade, modernize, and rebuild airport terminals and airport-owned Airport Traffic Control Towers (ATCTs). County and local governments are encouraged to apply.

Eligible projects include:

1) Airport passenger terminals, including access roads servicing exclusive airport traffic, and walkways that lead directly to/from an airport passenger terminal building;

- 2) On-airport rail access projects;
- 3) Airport-owned Airport Traffic Control Towers (ATCT);

The award ceiling is \$970,000,000 and the federal cost share of 80% for large and medium hub airports and 95% for other airports (small hubs, nonhubs, and nonprimary airports). <u>The deadline is July 31, 2024, 5:00 PM</u>.

Please see the following link for more information,

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2024/07/05/2024-14707/airport-terminalprogram-fy-2025-funding-opportunity. or contact Jesse Carriger, Manager, BIL Branch APP-540, FAA Office of Airports, at (202) 267-3263 or our FAA BIL email address: <u>9-ARP-</u>

BILAirports@faa.gov.

Applications may be submitted electronically at <u>www.faa.gov/bil/airport-terminals</u>; per instructions in the NOFO.

FHA CHARGING AND FUELING INFRASTRUCTURE (CFI) GRANT. The Federal Highway Administration is accepting applications for CFI Discretionary Grants. CFI's Round 2 offers up to \$1.3B for new applications and for previously submitted applications to deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in urban and rural areas - in addition to designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (AFC). The investments will provide 2 funding categories - Community Charging and Alternative Fueling Grants (Community Program) and Charging and Alternative Fuel Corridor Grants (Corridor Program).

For more information visit, <u>https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/charging-and-fueling-infrastructure-grant-program</u>. <u>Applications are due by Aug. 28, 2024</u>.



<u>RURAL INNOVATION FUNDING GUIDE-BROADBAND</u>: The Center on Rural Innovation developed this funding guide for broadband, equity, access, and deployment (BEAD) to aid grant writers and service providers. To access the resources and aide in the promotion of the grant applications, visit, <u>https://ruralinnovation.us/resources/tools/bead-broadbandfunding-guide/</u>.



DNCR LAUNCHES GRANT PROGRAM COMMEMORATING

250TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR. The States 2023-2025 budget has funds to support research, planning, and programs to commemorate the Revolutionary War. Letters were sent to all counties encouraging them to organize official county committees that would provide oversight of the various events that could be hosted. The county committees' non-profits and local governments are eligible for grant funds. There is NO COST share needed. <u>The next grant cycle will begin in August 2024</u>.

NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) will host stakeholder meetings to encourage county committees and also to organize events; a planning guide will be provided with other resources to those who are interested. The first events began in April and others will run through December 2026 – and even some events will extend into 2033!

Additional insights and information are available at these links:

- Information on the commemoration planning in general is on the America 250 NC website: <u>https://www.america250.nc.gov/</u>.
- Additional information on county committees is located here: <u>https://www.america250.nc.gov/countycommittees</u>. This site also includes a map that notes where organizing a committee has begun or where an official committee has formed.
- This webpage includes links to the planning tool kit: https://www.america250.nc.gov/communitytoolkit.
- Additional information on the local grant program can be found here: <u>https://www.america250.nc.gov/grants</u>.

Feel free to reach out to the America 250 NC team - at any time at <u>America250nc@dncr.nc.gov</u>.



EPA ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE

<u>GRANTS.</u> The open NOFO indicates these grants are to benefit projects to reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity in disadvantaged communities.

The following are EPA-eligible projects:

- Focusing on climate resiliency and adaptation.
- Mitigating climate and health risks.
- Identifying community-led air and other pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation.
- Demonstrating impact on investments in low- and zero-emissions resilient technologies.
- Combining workforce development to support reducing greenhouse gases and other air pollutants.
- Reducing indoor toxins and indoor air pollution.
- Facilitating the engagement of disadvantage communities in State and Federal advisory groups, workshops, rule makings, and other public processes.

Partnerships are encouraged between multiple community-based organizations (CBOs), local or federally recognized tribal governments, and academic institutions. Funding awards will be between \$10M-\$20M and a few between \$1M-\$3M; no match is required. <u>The deadline is Nov. 21, 2024.</u>

For more information visit, <u>https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program</u>.



COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT HABITAT PROTECTION AND RESTORATION COMPETITION (CZMHPRC) - ANNOUNCED. The U.S. Department of Commerce announced this discretionary grant through the "FY24

Bipartisen Infrastructure Law - CZMHPRC (# NOAA-NOS-OCM-2024-27096, CFDA # 11.473 - Office for Coastal Management) as a funding opportunity for environmental or science and technology research and development.

NOAA may make financial assistance awards to the lead coastal zone management (CZM) Program agency; NOAA may also, with concurrence from the CZM Program lead agency, make a grant directly to an identified eligible CZM Program partner. Any coastal state or territorial CZM Program that has been approved by NOAA, pursuant to the Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. § 1455), is eligible.

Eligible CZM Program partners may include: regional authorities, non-governmental organizations, institutions of higher education, and state, territorial, tribal, and county/local governments. Non-governmental organizations may serve as the lead applicant for habitat restoration projects or for habitat restoration engineering, design and planning projects. As noted in section III C.3. Public Benefit, all projects must be located on publicly-owned land, or land where a public entity holds a lease or easement that provides for adequate public control of the property. Eligible entities may apply for \$200,000-\$500,000; a cost share is not needed.

Letters of Intent (LOIs) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on **August 15, 2024.** Full proposals (by invitation only) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on **January 9, 2025.**

The NOFO is available at:

<u>https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/PKG00287076-</u> <u>instructions.pdf</u>, and a grant synopsis is available at: <u>https://www.grants.gov/search-results-</u> <u>detail/355006</u>.

ARPA UPDATES



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

The UNC SOG ARPA Zoom link can be accessed here, <u>https://zoom.us/j/95481909044?</u> <u>Pwd=UIE2VHNhN2luSoJEYTJqeTZTMFRWdz09#success</u>.

Upcoming ARP/Finance Office Hours: Fri., July 26, 8:30-9:30 AM (obligation definition) Wed., July 31, 12:00-1:00 PM Fri., August 9, 8:30-9:30 AM Tues., August 13, 8:30-9:30 AM Wed., August 21, 12:00-1:00 PM (obligation definition)

NCDIT LAUNCHES BROADBAND AWARD DASHBOARD. The North Carolina Department of Information Technology's Division of Broadband and Digital Equity recently launched new online interactive dashboards that show information about ARPA-funded broadband awards across the state. The dashboard contains data on awards made under the CAB program, Digital Equity Grant, GREAT Grant, Pole Replacement program, and Stop-Gap Solutions program. Users can view dashboards showing awards by county, awards by program, or a general awards tracker. Within the dashboard, users can sort by county, funding program, awardees, and project status.

Click this link to view the dashboards, https://www.ncbroadband.gov/dashboards.

U.S. TREASURY RELEASES AFFORDABLE HOUSING HOW-TO GUIDE. The Treasury supports the use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) for the construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable housing. Treasury published the updated Affordable Housing How-To Guide to offer resources for their investments in the local community. Currently, the resource is accessible for recipients' awareness; no action is needed now.

Although the How-To Guide highlights for those recipients who have fewer, unobligated funds remaining (prior to the Dec. 2024 deadline), many eligible housing-related expenses exist that do not require significant capital investment. Note the following eligible uses:

• Accessing subgrants to an organization, that is under the CDBG program, which also are eligible under the SLFRF program.

- Funding pre-development activities for future housing projects.
- Providing bill credits to homeowners to offset rising utility or insurance costs.
- Conducting home energy audits to support weatherization improvements for

affordable housing.

- Establishing a Community Land Trust.
- Forgiving fines and fees that cause eviction or foreclosure.

The Guide is available at:

https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Affordable-Housing-How-To-Guide.pdf

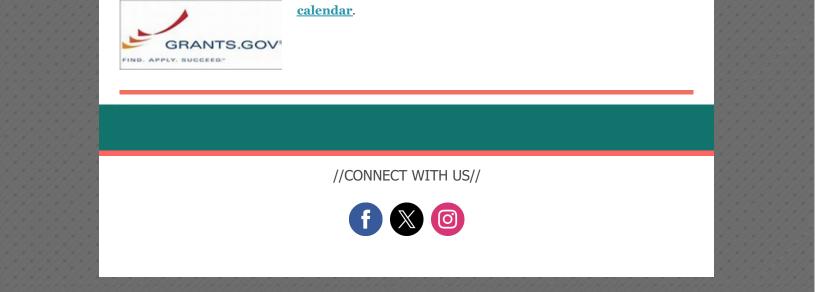
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<u>COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH</u>: This is a collaborative approach which includes all community stakeholders' envisioning throughout the entire research process to prepare for community strategic planning. For additional information visit, <u>https://www.labor.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/A-Short-Guide-to-Community-Based-Participatory-Action-Research.pdf</u>.

To learn more about community-based participatory research, see the following training, which is offered by the University of Minnesota: <u>https://ctsitraining.ahc.umn.edu/CBPR/#/</u>.

GRANTS.GOV: Upcoming maintenance dates: July 20-22 and Aug. 17-19. Visit the website's calendar,

https://www.grants.gov/support/grants-gov-maintenance-



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