



DECEMBER 2024 GRANT RESOURCES NEWSLETTER



GRANTS



NC-DEQ Calling for Applications - Annual Weatherization Assistance Program.

The Department of Environmental Quality is accepting applications for community action agencies, non-profits, and public entities for its network of subgrantees for State Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26). Eligible subgrantees install energy conservation measures in eligible low-income homes with the goal of reducing energy costs and carbon emissions. Applications are due on Feb. 17, 2025. For information contact Sascha Medina at Sascha.medina@deq.nc.gov or call (919) 707-8672. Also search <https://www.deq.nc.gov/news/events/annual-weatherization-provider-application-fiscal-year-2025-2026>. Questions about the application can be submitted via the formal Question Portal <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/0191d7584ce94a6ca46e54147991eccc>, *until, Jan. 3, 2025.*



USDOJ-OVM announces Justice for Families Program Funding. The US Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) announced the OVW 'FY 2025 Justice for Families Program, which provides justice and assistance for legal services. OVW is interested in funding projects that take a coordinated approach to helping families victimized by domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as they navigate the justice system. To help achieve this coordinated approach, applicants may propose either a standard project or a

comprehensive project.

Funds under this program must be used for one or more of five statutory purpose areas as described below. Although the statute contains eight distinct purpose areas, OVW is limiting applicants to the following five purpose areas:

- (Purpose Area 1) Supervised visitation and safe exchange;
- (Purpose Area 3) Training for court-based and court-related personnel;
- (Purpose Area 5) Court and court-based programs and services;
- (Purpose Area 6) Civil legal assistance; and
- (Purpose Area 8) Training within the civil justice system.

Eligible applicants include county and local governments, as well as 501 (c)(3) non-profits. The NOFO is available on <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/media/1378471/dl?inline>. No match is required. For more information, call (202) 307-6026 or contact OVW.JFF@usdoj.gov. **The deadline is Jan. 17, 2025.**



USDHHS-HRSA announces the Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program.

The US Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced this community-based grant program that supports organizations to promote rural

health care services outreach by improving/expanding the delivery of health care services and by adding new and enhanced rural services focused on strengthening local resources and capacity in rural communities.

Eligible applicants include local and county governments, organizations with a 501 (c)(3) tax designation, small businesses, and for-profit organizations. No match is required.

Each community is requested to develop innovative approaches to solve its own unique challenges and factors underlying rural health disparities by accessing collaborative consortiums of 3 or more health care providers. The NOFA is HRSA-25-038-Full Announcement - HRSA-25-038.zip. The deadline is **Jan. 27, 2025**. Contact Kanokphan Mew Pongsiri, MPH at (301) 443-2752 or email RuralOutreachProgram@hrsa.gov.



USDA's Forest Service announced the 2025 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant Program.

It is a technical, financial, and educational assistance program that delivers nature-based solutions to local and county governments and non-profits with a 501 (c)(3) tax designation. The grant (NOFO USDA-FS-UCF-012-2025) will focus on Sustainable Green Workforce Development for Disadvantaged Communities.

To review the NOFO and access the online portal search, <https://ucfgrants2025.urbanandcommunityforests.org/>.

The deadline is Feb. 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM. Contact Nancy N. Stremple, Urban Forestry Program Specialist, (for grant program questions) at SM.FS.nucfac@usda.gov and Darryl Outlaw of Daniel Drummond (for technical assistance with the Grant Portal) at contact@sref.info.



USDA, Rural Development, Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program in NC.

Applications accepted year round for public bodies and community-based non-profit corporations in rural areas – in towns and cities with a population of less than 20,000 residents (according to the most recent US Census data). Projects include the purchase, construction, and/or the improvement of essential community facilities, purchase of equipment, and pay related project expenses. For more information search

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-facilities/community-facilities-direct-loan-grant-program/nc>. To qualify, review the terms for low interest direct loans and grants. Contact Aaron Gaskins, Area Director in Kinston by phone (252) 526-9799 or stephanie.hardison@usda.gov.



NC-DPR announces PARTF Funding.

The NC Division of Parks & Recreation's 2024-2025 Parks & Recreation Trust FUND (PARTF) funding opportunity opened in November with a deadline of **May 1, 2025**. It is a \$ for \$ matching grant that is available for local park and recreation projects, which includes the acquisition of land or the development of recreational facilities – to benefit the public. Search <https://www.ncparks.gov/about-us/grants/parks-and-recreation-trust-fund/partf-applicants> for more grant information.



Golden Leaf announces healthcare program focus. Golden LEAF Foundation's focus is to grow rural economies through the expansion of healthcare services. For more information contact Jason Rochelle, Program Officer at jrochelle@GoldenLEAF.org and see the programs' web page at <https://goldenleaf.org/news/growing-rural-economies-through-the-expansion-of-healthcare-services/>.



USDA-NRCS provides assistance for Natural

Disasters. USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) Program to respond to emergencies caused by natural disasters, although it is not necessary for a national emergency to be declared for an area to be eligible for assistance. The emergency recovery program is designed to

help people and conserve natural resources by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, windstorms, and other natural occurrences. All projects undertaken, except for the purchase of floodplain easements, must have a project sponsor. NRCS may bear up to 75 % of the construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining 25 % must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services. Funding is subject to Congressional approval. For more information visit, <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/ewp-emergency-watershed-protection/north-carolina/emergency-watershed> and contact the NRCS Area 3 EWP Coordinator in Goldsboro at (919) 751-0976.

ARPA UPDATE



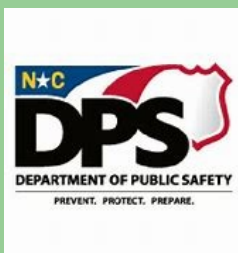
Review UNC-SOG's Coates' Canons NC Local Government Law, "American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund: Last Call for Obligation Deadline – December 31, 2024." For a final review of grant funding obligation, search

<https://canons.sog.unc.edu/2024/12/american-rescue-plan-act-coronavirus-state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund-last-call-for-obligation-deadline-december-31-2024/>.

For ARP Office Hours email Rebecca Badgett for the Zoom link at rbadgett@sog.unc.edu.

- Monday, December 23, 8:30-9:30 AM

UPDATES



Helene & PTC8 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) NOFA anticipated. The Notice of Funding Availability announcement is anticipated for an unprecedented amount of State & Federal funding under the Helene & PTC8 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. There is an insightful video offering an overview of this program and Intake process, go to :

<https://www.ncdps.gov/our-organization/emergency-management/hazard-mitigation#HeleneDR-4827PTC8DR-4837-8334>, click on the title *Helene (DR-4827) & PTC 8 (DR-4837)*, and locate the hyper link for the Briefing. Over \$1.5B is expected to be available statewide for residential elevations, property

acquisitions, land stabilization and infrastructure projects. Additional information is available at www.NCDPS.gov/HM.



NC DOC announces Tier Designations. The North Carolina Department of Commerce announced the 2025 county tier designations on December 2nd. Tiers are mandated by state law and play a major role in several economic development programs. Eighteen counties will change tier designations for 2025. For your ranking go to: <https://www.commerce.nc.gov/grants-incentives/county-distress-rankings-tiers>.



USDA and EDA share a Resource Guide for Economic Development in Rural Communities. The Stronger Together: Federal funding and planning opportunities designed to promote sustainable economic development in rural America guide has been updated to provide a handy summary of EDA and USDA Rural Development programs that can be used to support common rural development strategies. Use this link to the “USDA and EDA Update Resources” through the joint planning guide, https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/508F_RD_EDA_JointPlanningResourceGuide.pdf.

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