



## NOVEMBER 2024 GRANT RESOURCES NEWSLETTER

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### GRANTS

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**North Carolina Office of Recovery and Resiliency (NCORR) and the State Climate Office of North Carolina (SCO) are launching a new technical assistance program for local governments.** The new program, Planning for Extreme Heat Cohort, may be accessed at the following link, <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/resiliency/resilience-resources-local-communities/heat-action-plan-toolkit/planning-extreme-heat-cohort>. It will guide participants through the process of understanding heat impacts on residents in their communities and developing options to address extreme heat using the Heat Action Plan Toolkit. (To access the link to the toolkit, use <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/resiliency/resilience-resources-local-communities/heat-action-plan-toolkit/planning-extreme-heat-cohort>.) Cohort participants will use the Toolkit's template heat action plan: 1) To identify their priority heat-response activities while working with a network of NC heat experts and 2) To build local partners for plan design and implementation.

Other NCORR and SCO partners include: the NC Department of Health and Human Services; the Duke

University Heat Policy Innovation Hub; the NC State University Coastal Resilience and Sustainability Initiative; and the NOAA Carolinas Climate Adaptation Partnership.

Local government staff and elected officials are eligible to participate; they also can invite community organizations to join with them in the Cohort program. To access the Call for Applications, go to <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3IF2etC5mkSFw-zCbNftGbeVMbnEQZ9LnTUyMNBpssxURTMoWEFZTlo4N1VKMUxVOU5JVzhHWkYoSS4u>. This program is free; it only requires commitments of staff time. **NCORR and the SCO invite interested applicants to attend an informational webinar on Nov. 18, 2024** at <https://www.rebuild.nc.gov/news/events/informational-webinar-nc-planning-extreme-heat-cohort>.



**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced funds for Environmental Justice Projects across the Mid-Atlantic's Region 4 (NC, SC, KY, TN, MS, AL, GA, and FL).** The funds are available for subgrants to communities under EPA's Environmental Justice's Thriving Communities Grantmaking program. For more information visit, [https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-grantmaking-program?\\_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9GFK4Hem9G6W9HqmvRxj0lhYoRotOSraLA7LgQYbnb6mRwKoaKZZXduQdnzUmnMe-zKyJBwqyDQtGN86mJoOTviWnDQ&\\_hsmi=330730031](https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-grantmaking-program?_hsenc=p2ANqtz-9GFK4Hem9G6W9HqmvRxj0lhYoRotOSraLA7LgQYbnb6mRwKoaKZZXduQdnzUmnMe-zKyJBwqyDQtGN86mJoOTviWnDQ&_hsmi=330730031)

or contact Jacob Burney at [Burney.Jacob@epa.gov](mailto:Burney.Jacob@epa.gov) and Marisa Valdez at [Valdez.Marisa@epa.gov](mailto:Valdez.Marisa@epa.gov).

Eligible entities include – local governments, non-profits, community-based and grassroots non-profits, and institutions of higher education. Applicants in Region 4 can apply to Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) for subgrants of \$150,000 - \$350,000 to fund a wide range of environmental projects through 1 or 2-year grants. Examples of Eligible Subgrant activities:

Tier 1 Assessment Projects up to \$150,000 (1-year)

- Research (that is related to the project design).
- Sampling.
- Testing.
- Monitoring.
- Investigations.
- Surveys and Studies.
- Public Education.

Tier 2 Planning Projects up to \$250,000 (1-2 years)

- Planning.
- Partnership-building.
- Public outreach and education.
- Coordination with community stakeholders to address environmental issues.
- Training activities for community organizations and community members.
- Projects and activities to spur community involvement (e.g., cleanups of vacant lots).
- Smaller land purchases and acquisitions which require less than half of the total amount of subgrant funding.

**Applications for 2-year grants must be submitted by November 30, 2024.**



**U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service's State, Private & Tribal Forestry, requests applications for the competitive Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program.** The program establishes community forests by protecting forestland from conversion to non-forest uses and provide community benefits including public recreation, environmental and economic benefits, and forest-based educational programs. Public access is required for all projects.

Eligible applicants include municipal and county governments and non-profit (those with a 170(h)(3) tax designation); they must submit applications to the State Forester where the property is located. **All applications must be received by State Foresters or Tribal governments by January 13, 2025.**

The award ceiling is \$600,000 and a match is required. The funding opportunity for USDA-FS-2025-CFP may be found at <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356124>. For grantor contact information, contact Margaret Haines at [margaret.haines@usda.gov](mailto:margaret.haines@usda.gov). The Southern Region, Region 8, contact is Michael Middlebrook at [Michael.middlebrook@usda.gov](mailto:Michael.middlebrook@usda.gov).

**The US Department of the Interior, National Park Service's Save America's Treasures (SAT) grants from the Historic Preservation Fund provides**



**preservation and/or conservation assistance to nationally significant historic properties and collections.** Grants are awarded through a competitive process. The grant program is administered by the National Park Service (NPS) in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). There are separate opportunities for preservation and collections projects. The preservation opportunity can be found under opportunity number P24AS00544. The collections opportunity can be found under opportunity Number P24AS00545. 'FY2024 Public Law 118-42 provides \$25,500,000 M. for the SAT Grant Program.

Search <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356727> for P24AS00544, the grant notice. Grantor contact information may be found at [STLPG@nps.gov](mailto:STLPG@nps.gov). The award ceiling for the Save America's Treasures is \$750,000. A dollar-for-dollar non-federal match is required; it can be cash or documented in-kind. **The deadline is Dec. 12, 2024 11:59 PM.**



**The US Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities offers the 'FY 2025 Service Solid Waste Management Grant Program (SWM).** Funds may be used for the following projects:

- Evaluate current landfill conditions to determine threats to water resources.
- Provide technical assistance and/or training to enhance operator skills in the operation and maintenance of active landfills.
- Offer technical assistance and/or training to help communities reduce the solid waste stream.
- Offer technical assistance and/or training for operators of landfills which are closed or will be closed soon - with the development and implementation of closure plans, future land use plans, safety and maintenance planning, and closure scheduling within permit requirements.

Check eligibility requirements and other qualifying information at <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356558>. **The deadline for the SWM grant is Dec. 31, 2024.** For assistance, reach out for grantor contact information to Cynthia Leonard, Community Programs Specialist, Phone 540-742-5284.



**BRIC/FMA 2024 Grant Letters of Interest are due on separate days - FMA is due Dec. 1st, and BRIC is due on December 20, 2024.** Towns and counties who are interested in submitting flood control projects, water, sewer or infrastructure improvement requests are encouraged to apply to the BRIC/FMA 2024 grant competition. For more information, please contact ECC's Community Planner, Sara Deskar, at [sdeskar@eccog.org](mailto:sdeskar@eccog.org) or (252) 638-3187, Ext. 3006.

## UPDATES



**ECU Seeks Summer 2025 Host Sites for State Employees Credit Union Public Fellows Internship (PFI) program.** East Carolina University, in partnership with the NC State Employees Credit Union, invites communities to apply as host sites for their 2025 Public Fellows Internship Program.

The PFI program is supported with grant funding from the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) Foundation. It freely provides rural communities with access to student interns and to participating organizations. The program blends a traditional internship experience with a team-based, collaborative approach - drawing on the expertise of

the university and community partner agency.

Interns may work up to 40 hours a week for a total of 330 site hours during the placement. Each student selected will receive an undergraduate research assistantship; ECU pays a \$5,000 stipend, including fringe benefits.

Complete the application at [https://ecu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6FfNh25XKjRSTum](https://ecu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6FfNh25XKjRSTum). **Completed application packets should be submitted no later than December 10, 2024, 5:00 PM.** Questions should be directed to Cassie Keel ([keelc15@ecu.edu](mailto:keelc15@ecu.edu), 328-9480).



**Golden Leaf Seeks Summer 2025 Sites to Host Interns.** The Rural Internship Initiative provides eligible Golden LEAF Scholars with professional work experience related to their career field in a rural North Carolina community. Internships are offered on a competitive basis. The Golden LEAF Foundation provides funding to pay interns (\$16-18/hour) for their work which will last at least 8 weeks, between May and August. For more information, visit <https://scholars.goldenleaf.org/rii/sites/>.



**New from Grants.gov: Similar Opportunities Identified By AI.** Searching for relevant opportunities is important when pursuing organizational funding. Currently, [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) is leveraging artificial intelligence to improve searches by suggesting opportunities that are similar to those chosen. Simply, scroll to the bottom of any "View Grant Opportunity" page and find a list of similar opportunities identified by AI. These suggestions are based on keywords and other factors within the explored opportunity.

[Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) is committed to making improvements for its users.

**Grants.gov:** Upcoming maintenance dates: Nov. 16-18, 2024 and December 21-23, 2024. Visit the website's calendar, <https://www.grants.gov/support/grants-gov-maintenance-calendar>.

## ARPA UPDATES



**The School of Government continues to host weekly office hours.** For the next several weeks (maybe months), which will be focused on Hurricane Helene response, especially on finance issues. Office hours are an opportunity for those who need assistance and those who have information and resources to share to convene. UNC-SOG will continue to address lingering ARPA questions.

**ARPA Office Hours: Upcoming Helene Disaster Response/ARPA Finance Office Hours, click on UNC-SOG's NC Finance Connect link, <https://ncfinanceconnect.com/office-hours/>**

### Upcoming ARPA / Finance Office Hours:

- Monday & Tuesday, November 18-19, 9-12 PM: Disaster Response Training
- Wednesday, November 20, 8:30-9:30 AM
- Monday, November 25, 8:30-9:30 AM

Here is the new Zoom Log in for all Office Hour Sessions:

<https://zoom.us/j/95481909044?pwd=U1E2VHNhN2luSoJEYTJqeTZTMFRWdz09>

Meeting ID: 954 8190 9044

Passcode: 779726

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**Review November's UNC-SOG's post, "Overview of the 2024 Updates to the Federal Uniform Guidance," on Coates' Canons NC Local Government Law.**

**Ensure all local governments meet the obligation deadline for ARPA funds - 12/31/24.**

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