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Congressman Kim's Guide to Grants – June 2023

Welcome to the 3rd Congressional District's June Guide to Grants! We hope you are enjoying your summer so far! This month, our office learned about several exciting grant opportunities opening soon that we are excited to share with you. As always, we stand ready to help you navigate them and offer our support.

ROBBINSVILLE C.A.R.E



Earlier this month, Congressman Kim visited the C.A.R.E. team in Robbinsville to learn about the Community Addiction Recovery Effort Program and their tireless work to connect people to lifesaving treatment. They also discussed how we can work together to ensure New Jersey treatment centers always have space for people in need.

C.A.R.E. allows police officers to offer a pathway to recovery by providing resources, access to treatment, and guidance from a trained drug counselor.

WRITING A GRANT? DON'T FORGET TO REQUEST A LETTER OF SUPPORT

Did you know that when you submit a grant, many times our office can submit a Letter of Support on your behalf? These letters will be accepted for most Federal grants and there are also NJ State Grants or other funding sources that derive a portion of their funding from the Federal Government. If you're not sure if you would be eligible for a letter of support – reach out to us, we'd be happy to work with you to see if this would be feasible.

To request a letter, you can now [email lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov](mailto:lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov) or [request a letter of support online](#).

Check out our [Grants webpage](#) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

FEMA - Community Resilience Projects/Reducing Flood Damage Grants

Grant Overview and Guidance Meeting

In August, FEMA is expected to release the 2023 funding opportunity for BRIC (Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities) and FMA (Flood Mitigation Assistance Program).

BRIC funds projects that proactively invest in community resilience and focuses on infrastructure projects to benefit communities, climate resilience and adaptation and adopting hazard resistant building codes.

FMA funds may be used for projects that reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings insured by the [National Flood Insurance Program](#). This is a really helpful program if you have been contacted by individual homeowners or businesses who suffer flood damage. Funds may be used for:

- Project Scoping
- Technical Assistance
- Community Flood Mitigation Projects
- Individual Structure/Property-Level Flood Mitigation Projects
- Management Costs

Our office is hosting a meeting with representatives who will explain the grant requirements and next steps towns should take:

- Tuesday, August 1st
- 10:00am to 12:00pm
- Burlington County Emergency Services Training Center

53 Academy Drive
Westampton, NJ 08060

RSVP is required to: lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov

Hurricane and Extreme Weather Preparedness Webinar

Our office will be hosting another webinar soon on hurricane and extreme weather preparedness.

Stay tuned for the date and time! Don't forget, you can catch all our past webinars [on our YouTube page!](#)

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES, DEADLINES, AND RESOURCES

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/BIL) – Grants and Resources

BIL Program Guide: This guide allows you to search keywords to identify programs opening throughout the next five years through the Bilateral Infrastructure Law

DOT Competitive Grant Funding Matrix: A list of grants offered through the Department of Transportation

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)– Grants and Resources

IRA Program Guide: This guide allows you to search keywords to identify relevant programs and tax credits.

Department of Energy - DOE

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Enhancement & Innovation Grant

This funding provides \$25 million in competitive funding for WAP Grantees and Subgrantees (state, local or Tribal governments) and non-profit organizations, with a \$2 million maximum per award. Funding will support applicants who will expand the impact of DOE's existing residential weatherization programs by utilizing leveraged resources and enhanced community partnerships to perform deep energy retrofits of low-income residential buildings and empower local community representation within the energy workforce. DOE seeks proposals that drive innovative approaches to program coordination and service delivery, while fostering the collaboration of dynamic and diverse teams.

Applicants can apply for one of the following three topic areas:

1. Multifamily Housing
2. Single Family and Manufactured Housing
3. Workforce Development

For more information click [HERE](#)

Concept Paper Submission open until **Aug. 31, 2023**

NJ Council for the Humanities Funded Through the National Endowment for the Humanities Incubation Grants

An Incubation Grant encourages an organization to set out a bold vision and see where it takes them. Funding may include forging a new partnership or deepen an existing one, research a new topic or widen perspective on a current topic, talk to community stakeholders, or learn more about their audience. An organization might be planning a new program or taking a fresh approach to an existing one.

For more information click [HERE](#)

Letter of Intent accepted **Sept. 1 – Sept 30, 2023**

U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance

FY 2023 Advancing Women Officers in State and Local Law Enforcement: Technical Assistance

and Microgrant Program

With this solicitation, the Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding an organization to support the implementation of the [30x30 Initiative](#) to advance women in policing in state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, provide technical assistance to law enforcement agencies participating in the 30x30 Pledge, and administer a competitive microgrant program to these agencies.

Eligible Applicants:

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education) that have experience in managing and delivering training and technical assistance on complex criminal justice technology implementations at the national and local levels

For more information click [HERE](#)

Application is open through JustGrants until **August 14, 2023**

US Department of Transportation - DOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program

The DOT is combining two major discretionary grant programs, the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) and Neighborhood Access and Equity (NAE) programs, into one Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). Together, this combined program is known as the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program.

The RCP Program aims to advance and support reconnection of communities divided by transportation infrastructure – with a priority on helping disadvantaged communities improve access to daily needs (jobs, schools, healthcare, grocery stores, and recreation). Funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2023 RCP grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning and capital construction activities that aim to restore community connectivity through the removal, retrofit, mitigation or replacement of highways, roadways, or other infrastructure facilities that create barriers to mobility, access or economic development.

Applicants must submit their applications via Valid Eval at the links below:

Community Planning Grants: https://usg.valideval.com/teams/rcn_planning/signup

Capital Construction Grants: https://usg.valideval.com/teams/rcn_capitalconstruction/signup

For more information click [HERE](#)

Application is open until **September 28, 2023**

US Department of Agriculture – USDA

Natural Resources Conservation Services - NRCS

The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in New Jersey is now accepting FY2024 applications for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), climate-smart practices through EQIP funded by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) program, and the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPD).

Through EQIP, NRCS provides agricultural producers with one-on-one help and financial assistance to plan and implement conservation practices to address a variety of issues such as water quality degradation, soil erosion, soil quality degradation and inadequate habitat for fish and wildlife.

Special initiatives include:

- Working Lands for Wildlife (WLFW) - Golden Winged-Warbler
- The National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) and
- The New Jersey Pine Barrens Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership
 - Forest landowners can verify their land is located within the target area by entering their address into the [Pinelands Commission Interactive Map](#).

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) - Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

EQIP-IRA funds will provide direct climate mitigation benefits for producers to advance conservation through practices like cover cropping, conservation tillage, wetland restoration, prescribed grazing, nutrient management, tree planting and more.

- [See a list of eligible practices here.](#)

Agricultural Management Assistance (AMA) Program

AMA is a voluntary conservation program available to beginning and limited resource farmers, small farms, and producers who have had limited participation in other USDA financial assistance programs. Producers eligible for AMA can apply for financial and technical assistance to voluntarily address resource issues such as water management, water quality, and erosion control by incorporating conservation into their farming operations.

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPD)

Through RCPD, NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to the resource concerns they seek to address. New Jersey's RCPD land management projects are:

While NRCS accepts applications year-round, New Jersey producers and landowners should **apply by October 20, 2023** to be considered for funding in the current cycle.

For more information click [HERE](#).

U.S. Department of Economic Development Administration– EDA Climate Ready Workforce Funding Opportunity

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) announced a new workforce funding opportunity

offered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The NOAA Sea Grant and Climate Program Office, together with support from the NOAA Office of Coastal Management, has opened the Climate Ready Workforce for Coastal States, Tribes, and Territories Initiative funding opportunity.

Combating climate change and working toward a more resilient economy is a critical EDA investment priority, and a key element of our work supporting communities following disaster recovery.

This opportunity is open to state, Tribal, territorial and local governments, institutions of higher education, and non-profit organizations in coastal states or territories. New Jersey is considered a coastal state.

Resources from NOAA's Climate Program Office, Office for Coastal Management, and National Sea Grant Office and its partners will be available to provide technical assistance to applicants and recipients to support these innovative efforts.

To learn more about the Climate Ready Workforce, please view the Federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at <https://seagrant.noaa.gov/crw>.

NOAA will host an informational webinars about this opportunity [Tips for First-Time Applicants](#) (Wednesday, August 2 – 3:00 PM Letter of Intent being accepted until **November 30, 2023**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Clean School Bus Initiative

This grant opportunity through EPA's Clean School Bus Program will fund electric, propane, and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses that will produce either zero or low tailpipe emissions compared to their older diesel predecessors. EPA is prioritizing applications that will replace buses serving high-need local education agencies, The grants are made possible by President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which provides \$5 billion to transform the nation's fleet of school buses.

Eligible applicants for this funding opportunity are (1) state and local governmental entities that provide bus service; (2) public charter school districts, (3) Indian Tribes, Tribal Organizations, or Tribally-controlled Schools, (4) Nonprofit School Transportation Associations, and (5) Eligible Contractors (including OEMs, Dealers, School Bus Service Providers, and Private Bus Fleets).

- [Click here](#) to view the **program guidance and a list of eligible/priority applicants**.
- [Click here](#) to begin the **2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Application** process.
- [Click here](#) to sign-up for the **Clean School Bus News listserv** and add cleanschoolbus@epa.gov to your email contacts to guarantee you receive regular program updates and their messages don't go to your spam folder.
- [Click here](#) to access the **EPA Clean School Bus website** to learn more about the program and the benefits of clean school buses.

For more information and for the application and information sessions click [HERE](#)
Application is open until **August 22, 2023**

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

Approximately \$575 million is available for projects that build the resilience of coastal communities to extreme weather (e.g., hurricanes and storm surge) and other impacts of climate change, including sea level rise and drought.

The focus of this grant program is on collaborative approaches to achieving resilience in coastal regions. Proposed projects should address risk reduction, regional collaboration, and equity, and build enduring capacity for adaptation. Use this [information resource](#), and view the video below, to learn more.

For more information click [HERE](#).

Deadlines:

Letter of intent: Monday, August 21, 2023.

Full application: Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024

NEWS YOU CAN USE AND SHARE FROM THE IRS

Taxpayers are seeing a wave of summer email and text scams. The IRS urges extra caution during this 'high tide' of schemes involving Economic Impact Payments, tax refunds, identity theft, and tax debts.

Key things to think about:

- The latest email schemes touch on a variety of topics, but many center around promises about a third round of Economic Impact Payments.
- The IRS is also seeing reports of emails urging people to "Claim your tax refund online," and text messages that the person's tax return was "banned" by the IRS.
- These scams are riddled with spelling errors and awkward phrasing, but they consistently try to entice people to click on a link.
- Earlier this month, the IRS warned taxpayers to be on the lookout for [a new scam in the mail](#) that tries to mislead people into believing they are owed a refund.
- People that receive scams by email should send the email to phishing@irs.gov. People can forward the message, but IRS cybersecurity experts note that full email headers would be preferred to help identify the scheme.
- If people are victims after clicking AND entering their information, they can also report the email to phishing@irs.gov, but they should file a complaint with [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration](#) AND visit <https://identitytheft.gov> and <https://www.irs.gov/identity-theft-central>.

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

As always, we encourage you to reach out to our office if there is we can support your efforts. Our Director of Grants Lynette stands ready to help and can be reached at lynette.whiteman@mail.house.gov.

Reach out if we can assist with:

- Writing a Letter of Support to accompany your Federal Grant Requests
- Connecting you with a Federal Grant Congressional Liaison to answer questions that may not be covered in the Notice of Funding Opportunity
- For some Federal Grants, obtaining a review and feedback if your grant was denied, so your next application is stronger
- Working with our Congressional Liaisons to do research to see if there is a Federal Grant that would fund your proposed project or grant

Please feel free to share this e-newsletter with any colleagues or nonprofits that you think will benefit. They can also sign up for our newsletter(s) [here](#).

Don't forget – for any federal grants included in this newsletter or others that you know of, please reach out if you have questions. We would be glad to connect you with the Federal Agency administering the grant to answer any outstanding questions you have or receive feedback about your application after awards are announced. As always, we are happy to help and enjoy hearing from you and learning about your initiatives.

Sincerely,

The Office of Congressman Andy Kim



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