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Regional Project Manager's Notes:

Please check out the USDA's Rural Partners Network (RPN) at their website:

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

- The Rural Partners Network (RPN) is an all-of-government program that helps rural communities find resources and funding to create jobs, build infrastructure, and support long-term economic stability on their own terms. [Read more](#) about the states and territory as well as the Community Networks within RPN [here](#).
 - RPN is currently operating within the states of Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Nevada, **North Carolina**, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and the territory of Puerto Rico.
 - Browse ~130 funding opportunities, technical assistance, and other programs (NOT LIMITED TO RPN STATES) from ~20 different Federal agencies supporting a broad range of rural community and economic development activities: <https://www.rural.gov/programs>

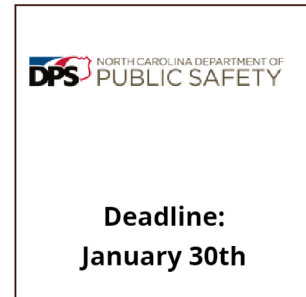
Please reach out for technical assistance,
Amanda Lewis

**Meeting
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January 2025

State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

The FY24 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) was published by DHS/FEMA on September 23, 2024. The FY24 SLCGP federal award for North Carolina is projected to be approx. \$8,037,374.



Like previous year SLCGP programs, FY24 SLCGP requires a minimum of 80% of the total award to be passed through to local govt. entities, at least 25% of which must be passed through to rural entities (included in the 80% total local pass through).

Unlike previous year SLCGP awards, subrecipients in North Carolina are responsible for the required match/cost share for FY24 SLCGP. **The required match/cost share for FY24 SLCGP is 30% of total project costs. Applicants who cannot cover the required match/cost share should not apply for FY24 SLCGP.**

The maximum amount eligible applicants may apply for is \$250,000 for FY24 SLCGP.

Below is a link to the FY24 SLCGP NOFO published by DHS/FEMA:

<https://www.fema.gov/grants/preparedness/state-local-cybersecurity-grant-program/fy-24-nofo>

Allowable Costs

Appendix D of the FY24 SLCCGP NOFO provides examples of projects that can be funded under this grant by POETE area (Planning, Organization, Equipment, Training and/or Exercises).

SLCGP funds may be used for a range of planning activities, such as those associated with the development, review, and revision of cybersecurity plans. Allowable organizational activities may include program management, operational support and personnel costs related to cybersecurity; however, grantees must demonstrate that any personnel funded by this grant will be sustainable once the program ends or funds are no longer available.

Equipment may be purchased to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by grantees. This includes software, licenses & user fees, but only for the duration of the period of performance (POP) of the grant award (may not extend before or beyond the POP). Equipment must be listed on the FEMA Authorized Equipment List (AEL), under any FEMA grant program, to be allowable for SLCGP funding.

Training conducted using SLCGP funds should align to the grantee's cybersecurity plan, address performance gaps identified through assessments, and contribute to building a capability that will be evaluated through exercises.

Exercises conducted with grant funding should be managed and conducted consistent with Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidance for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement.

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Youth Engagement, Education, and Employment



The FWS is committed to investing in our future workforce of conservation stewards by providing diverse participants paid opportunities through Public Lands Corps Act projects to make significant contributions to our mission. This special hiring authority provides the FWS with an opportunity to help meet the agency's goal of building a diverse and inclusive workforce. The FWS is committed to building and retaining a diverse and inclusive workforce that reflects

the ethnic, age, socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds and language diversity of contemporary America. Participants are engaged to advance their educational background and training while developing leadership skills through service to their community and the United States, ensuring the future of our wildlife habitats. Under the guidance, coaching, or mentoring of FWS staff, participants perform work to support our public lands by working to boost the impact of the FWS "for the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the American people." **NOFO**

Public Lands Corps Act (PLC) Hiring Authority Certification requires successful completion of a project with a minimum of 640 hours of satisfactory public service. Because PLC hours are cumulative for participants, an individual project is not required to meet the 640-hour public service goal. However, FWS Youth Corps members are encouraged to develop projects that meet or exceed the PLC Certification goal for the participant. In addition, 120 hours of the participant's project must occur or be in support of public or Indian lands. Project types may include but are not limited to:

- Wildlife and habitat management restoration
- Invasive species removal
- Trail building or maintenance
- Wildfire or fuels management
- Climate mitigation and resilience
- Emergency and natural disaster relief
- Visitor Services
- Diversity and inclusion
- Transportation and community connectiveness
- Law enforcement
- Infrastructure and maintenance

On an annual basis, FWS Youth Corps members are required to provide a PLC Participant Report detailing the total number of project sites, PLC hours earned, and number of interns. The report should also include the diversity of students placed, including demographics and age, to the extent that such information has been voluntarily provided by participants to the recipient.

Award range: \$5,000 - \$2,000,000

Match: 25%

Period of Performance: 640 hours - 2080 hours

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National Climate Adaptation Science Center Program (NCASC)

Read the **NOFO** for additional information about the NCASC Program.

No Match.

General Expectations, Requirements, and Conditions

1. The USGS will only enter into a Hosting Agreements with an applicant that meets the following criteria and standards:
 - a. Provide appropriate regionally relevant expertise responsive to the science priorities identified by regional stakeholders in the science plan and experience to achieve the CASC mission, with the goal of fostering collaborative activities and engaging expertise from across the Host and partner institutions. Science needs for each region are described in Attachment C. Ensure the CASC Host Institution and consortium partners (where applicable) are able to support the science needs of the entire CASC region.
 - b. Demonstrate institutional commitment to a multi-disciplinary and organizationally effective science and management support program, through the direct involvement of senior representatives of multiple departments, colleges, etc. or higher-level institutional sponsorship and engagement (e.g., Dean, Vice President of Research, etc.)
 - c. Demonstrate commitment to the actionable science/co-development model and make available relevant science capabilities that complement and enhance USGS and DOI scientific computing and data visualization capacity and that of other science partners.
2. Demonstrate a willingness to engage as partners with the CASC Federal Regional Administrator and other USGS staff in implementing a research portfolio that meets highpriority regional needs.
3. Clearly outline in the proposal the core staff and their activities that assist with the implementation of the cooperative agreement. Core staff should include the following:
 - a. Principal Investigator* – month(s) of salary
 - b. Deputy Host Institution Director or Program Manager – Full Time
 - c. Communications – 75% or More Time



**Deadline:
February 3rd**

More information about the program is available on the website:

<https://www.usgs.gov/ecosystems/climate-adaptation-science-centers>

* USGS awards identify the primary individual responsible for a project as the "Principal Investigator". However, in the CASC operations, this individual is usually referred to as the "Host Institution Director."

Network-Wide Activities and Meetings: The Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) Host Institutions will be required to participate in and assist with the planning and coordination of cooperator meetings annually and external reviews every five years. These meetings will focus on the CASC hosting cooperative agreement activities, help ensure appropriate oversight of public resources, and support USGS decisions regarding annual funding for and selection of new host institutions. CASC Consortia staff also participate in a variety of CASC-wide activities including (but not limited to): partnership and science meetings, working groups (communications, project coordination, etc.), an annual in person meeting, and an annual cooperators meeting.

Landmarks of American History and Culture



This notice solicits applications for the Landmarks of American History and Culture (Landmarks) program for K-12 Educators and Landmarks for Higher Education that will take place in 2026. The program supports a series of one-week residential, virtual, and combined format workshops across the nation that enhance how K-12 educators and higher education faculty and humanities professionals incorporate place-based approaches to humanities teaching and scholarship. Landmarks workshops situate the study of topics and themes in the humanities within sites, areas, or regions of historic and cultural significance to expand participants' knowledge of and approaches to teaching diverse histories, cultures, and perspectives in the United States and its jurisdictions. *Option draft due January 6th.*

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Landmarks workshops:

- offer participants enhanced knowledge of content through humanistic inquiry, experiential learning, discussions, readings, lectures, meetings with community members, and multimedia presentations
- include place-based learning activities, such as visits to museums, libraries, archives, markers, sites, monuments, memorials, national parks, cultural organizations, historic homes and buildings, walking tours, and public performances
- consider how monuments, markers, and memorials interpret events, eras, individuals, and/or groups at national, regional, and local levels
- examine the significance of memory, unmarked sites of cultural and historical significance, and change over time in a place or region
- explore physical, natural, and/or cultural landscapes while studying art history, literature, environmental humanities, geohumanities, public history, architecture, and related fields
- engage in the design of public humanities and experiential learning activities such as collecting oral histories, working with digital mapping resources, and developing collaborations with community members or local organizations

There are two types of funding. **Landmarks of American History and Culture for K-12 Educators** situate the study of topics and themes in the humanities within sites, areas, or regions of historic and cultural significance to expand participants' knowledge of and approaches to teaching diverse histories, cultures, and perspectives in the United States and its jurisdictions. **Landmarks of American History and Culture for Higher Education** advanced graduate students, and humanities professionals situate the study of topics and themes in the humanities within sites, areas, or regions of historic and cultural significance to expand participants' knowledge of and approaches to teaching diverse histories, cultures, and perspectives in the United States and its jurisdictions. **Award maximum is \$220,000 ; No Match**

Have Questions?

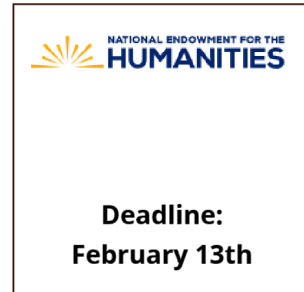
Attend the upcoming Q&A webinar on *December 5, 2024, at 12:00 pm Eastern Time*

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Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities

The **Institutes for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities (IATDH)** program supports national or regional (multistate) training opportunities for scholars, humanities professionals, and advanced graduate students to broaden and extend their knowledge of digital humanities. Through this program, NEH seeks to increase the number of humanities scholars and practitioners using digital technology in their research and to broadly disseminate knowledge about advanced technology tools and methodologies relevant to the humanities.



The IATDH program funds institutes that:

- share ideas and methods that advance humanities research and teaching through the use of digital technologies by bringing together humanities scholars and digital technology specialists from different disciplines
- introduce digital humanities topics to scholars who lack digital expertise, resources, or capacity in their home institutions
- encourage reflection on, and the interpretation and analysis of, new digital media, multimedia, and text-based computing technologies, as well as their integration into humanities scholarship and teaching
- build inclusive communities of inquiry and contribute to participants' intellectual vitality and professional development
- teach current and future generations of humanities scholars to ethically design, develop, and use digital tools and environments for scholarship
- devise and apply new and creative uses for technology that offer valuable models for research in the humanities and sharing these methodologies and approaches with scholars and teachers
- consider how digital scholarship and tools can enhance access and create more equitable and inclusive approaches to community engagement, including for people of color and others who have been historically underserved and marginalized

Award maximum is \$250,000

No Match

Period of performance: 36 months; October 1st, 20225 - September 1, 2026

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Pre-recorded webinars will be posted to the program resource page by December 2, 2024, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

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Rural Health Network Development Planning Program



The Rural Health Network Development Planning Program (NOFO) supports the planning and development of rural integrated health care networks with specific focus on collaboration of entities to establish or improve local capacity and care coordination in underserved communities. Specifically, the program uses the concept of developing networks as a strategy for linking rural health care network participants together to achieve greater collective capacity to overcome local challenges, expand access and improve the quality

of care in the rural communities these organizations serve. The program helps network participants work together on three legislative aims:

- Achieve efficiencies.
- Expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of basic health care services and associated health outcomes.
- Strengthen the rural health care system as a whole.

The intent is that rural health networks will do the following:

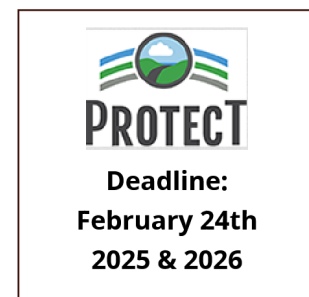
- Expand access to care.
- Increase the use of health information technology.
- Explore alternative health care delivery models.
- Continue to achieve quality health care across the continuum of care.

Award Range: \$0 - \$100,000

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Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW: The purpose of the **PROTECT Program** is to provide grants on a competitive basis for projects that seek to strengthen surface transportation to be more resilient to natural hazards, including climate change, sea level rise, heat waves, flooding, extreme weather events, and other natural disasters through support of planning activities, resilience improvements, community resilience and evacuation routes, and at-risk costal infrastructure. **NOFO**



INFORMATIONAL WEBINARS: For each Application Open Period, FHWA plans to conduct outreach regarding PROTECT Discretionary Program grants in the form of virtual meetings (Webinars) after the NOFO period opens, and before the NOFO period closes. To view upcoming Webinars and register, please follow the instructions posted on <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/protect/discretionary>.

Award Range: \$100,000 - \$876,000,000

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Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) - Slip-on Tanker Units



Climate change is driving the devastating intersection of extreme heat, drought, and wildland fire danger across the United States, creating wildfires that move with a speed and intensity previously unseen. This has created conditions in which wildfires overwhelm response capabilities, resulting in billions of dollars in economic losses, damage to natural resources, devastation to communities, and the tragic loss of human life. Read the **NOFO** for application information. **No Match; \$10,000 - \$500,000**

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), enacted in November 2021, is bringing much-needed support to communities across the country to increase the resilience of lands facing the threat of wildland fires and to better support federal wildland firefighters. The BIL provides funding and authorizes the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) to develop and implement a pilot program to provide local governments with financial assistance to acquire slip-on tanker units to establish fleets of vehicles that can be quickly converted to be operated as fire engines.

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Rural Business Development

The purpose of the **Rural Business Development** program is to promote economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities. Applications will compete in two separate categories, business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas. Complete applications may be submitted in paper or electronic format and must be received by 4:30 p.m. local time on February 28, 2025, in the **USDARD State Office for the State** where the project is located. The North Carolina officer page is located at <https://www.rd.usda.gov/nc>



How may Enterprise type funds be used?

- Training and technical assistance, such as project planning, business counseling and training, market research, feasibility studies, professional or/technical reports, or producer service improvements.
- Acquisition or development of land, easements, or rights of way; construction, conversion, renovation of buildings; plants, machinery, equipment, access for streets and roads; parking areas and utilities.
- Pollution control and abatement.
- The capitalization of revolving loan funds, including funds that will make loans for start-ups and working capital.

- Rural distance learning for job training and advancement for adult students.
- Rural transportation improvement.
- Community economic development.
- Technology-based economic development.
- Feasibility studies and business plans.
- Leadership and entrepreneur training.
- Rural business incubators.
- Long-term business strategic planning.

There is **no maximum grant amount**; however, smaller requests are given higher priority. There is **no cost sharing requirement**. There are two types of RBDG projects, Opportunity grants and Enterprise grants. Opportunity type grants are limited to up to 10 percent of the total Rural Business Development Grant annual funding. Enterprise type grants must be used on projects to benefit small and emerging businesses in rural areas as specified in the grant application.

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Community Wildfire Defense



The purpose of the **Community Wildfire Defense Grant** is to assist at-risk local communities and Indian Tribes with planning and mitigating against the risk created by wildfire. The Act prioritizes at-risk communities in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, and/or have been impacted by a severe disaster. More details on these three priorities can be found in the Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs).

The CWDG helps communities in the wildland urban interface (WUI) implement the three goals of the **National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy** (Cohesive Strategy):

Restore and Maintain Landscapes. Landscapes, regardless of jurisdictional boundaries, are resilient to fire, insect, disease, invasive species, and climate change disturbances, in accordance with management objectives.

Create Fire Adapted Communities. Human populations and infrastructure are as prepared as possible to receive, respond to, and recover from wildland fire.

Improve Wildfire Response: All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.

There are **two primary project types** for which the grant provides funding:

The development and revision of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)

The implementation of projects described in a CWPP that is less than ten years old

Regional Project Manager's Research for Counties to apply for CWPPs:

- Franklin County - <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/37069>
 - Eligible
 - Match: Required
- Granville County - <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/37077>

- Eligible
- Match: Required
- Person County - <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/37145>
 - Local Data required for eligibility
 - Match: Waived
- Vance County - <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/37181>
 - Eligible
 - Match: Waived
- Warren County - <https://wildfirerisk.org/cwdg-tool/37185>
 - Eligible
 - Match: Waived

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DHHS: Advancing Strategies to Deliver and Sustain Evidence-Based Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs to Support Older Adults with Behavioral Health Conditions

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to develop and implement multi-faceted strategies that support the delivery and sustainability of evidence-based chronic disease self-management education (CDSME) programs for older adults (age 60 and older) and individuals with disabilities with one or more behavioral health conditions and older adults and individuals with disabilities with one or more stressors that are negatively impacting their behavioral health through a statewide initiative. Read the **NOFO** for additional information.



Deadline:
February 28th

The two primary goals are: Goal 1: Through a statewide initiative, develop capacity (e.g., instructors, partnerships, and referral networks) to increase the number of older adults and adults with disabilities in the target population who participate in evidence-based chronic disease self-management education (CDSME) and support programs.

Goal 2: Develop and disseminate 508-compliant resources specific to your grant learnings to enhance knowledge in serving the target population and aid in the sustainability of programs. Successful applicants will also be expected to (a) Increase the number of individuals who participate in evidence-based CDSME programs, while reaching the grant's target population; (b) Increase partnerships and collaboration between the Aging and Disability Services Network, behavioral health providers, and other key organizations; and (c) Increase the knowledge of the field by developing and disseminating resources and learnings from your grant for other organizations to replicate similar projects in their communities. The Administration on Aging (AoA), part of the Administration for Community Living (ACL), plans to award 5 cooperative agreements with a three-year project period, subject to availability of funds.

Award Range: \$1,100,000 - \$1,250,000

Match: No

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Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Overdose Response



The purpose of RCORP – Overdose Response is to support improving health care in rural areas by addressing their immediate and short-term needs related to the provision of substance use disorder services. RCORP – Overdose Response aims to reduce and prevent the risk of overdoses in rural areas. **(NOFO)** We plan to fund awards in one 12-month period of performance from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026. The program and awards depend on the appropriation of funds and are subject to change based on the

availability and amount of appropriations.

Award Range: \$0 - \$300,000

Match: None

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2025 Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) Project Grant Funds

The North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center (NCCETC) at North Carolina State University announces the following request for proposals (RFP) through the 2025 Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) project. This year's initiative will offer \$5.9 million, focused on reducing transportation-related emissions and supported with federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funding from the N.C. Department of Transportation (DOT). The primary purpose of the CFAT project is to reduce transportation-related emissions in 24 eligible North Carolina counties; the secondary purpose is to expand the availability of eligible refueling and charging infrastructure.

Project proposals will be limited to a maximum award of \$450,000 with a minimum award of \$5,000. Applications will be due Monday, March 14, 2025. Learn more here.

Projects located in the following counties are eligible for CFAT funding: Cabarrus, Catawba, *Chatham, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, **Franklin**, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, *Haywood, *Iredell, Johnston, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Nash, Orange, **Person**, Rowan, *Swain, Union, Wake, (*Represents partial counties).

Projects for electric vehicle charging stations (EVSE) will be accepted within all 100 counties.

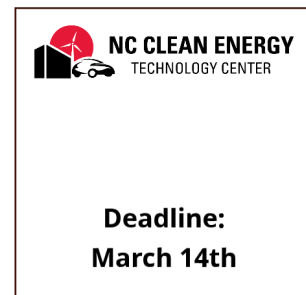
Available funds: \$5,900,000

Maximum per project award: \$450,000

Minimum per project award: \$5,000

Application deadline: March 10, 2025

Project period: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027



For more information or if you have questions contact: Heather Brutz, hmbrutz@ncsu.edu OR John Bonitz, jhbonitz@ncsu.edu

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Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP)



The purpose of the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program (HTPCP) is to support community-based projects that promote access to preventive clinical and public health services for underserved children. **(NOFO)**

Award Range: \$0 - \$75,000

Match: This program has a cost-sharing requirement. Under 42 CFR § 51a.8(c), award recipients of the Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children Program must contribute non-federal matching funds in

years 2 through 5 of the 5-year period of performance equal to two times the amount of the federal grant award (i.e., if the federal grant award is for \$75,000, then the matching requirement is \$150,000) or such lesser amount determined by the Secretary for good cause shown. The matching funds must come from non-federal funds, including, but not limited to, individuals, corporations, foundations, in-kind resources, and/or state and local agencies. If you choose to share in the costs of the project beyond the match requirement, we will not consider it during merit review. We will hold you accountable for any funds you add, including through reporting.

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FY2024 Historic Preservation Fund - Semiquincentennial Grants

The National Park Service's (NPS) Semiquincentennial Grant Program **(NOFO)** will support the physical preservation of a broad variety of cultural resources associated with the founding of America as a nation in commemoration of the country's semiquincentennial (250th anniversary). These grants are funded by the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), administered by the NPS, and will fund physical preservation to properties listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, including buildings, sites, structures, objects, or historic districts. Grants are awarded through a competitive process and do not require non-Federal match, though match may be considered as a competitive factor. State owned properties will receive priority per Congressional directive.

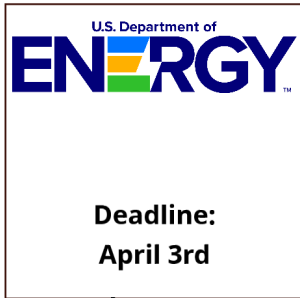
Award Range: \$15,000 - \$750,000

Match: None



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Renew America's Schools



Applications are now open for the third round of funding: the 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize. Like the 2024 Renew America's Schools Prize, DOE is implementing a prize-to-cooperative-agreement funding model to streamline the application process, and to provide LEAs earlier, more targeted supports. The 2025 Renew America's Schools Prize will fund energy-efficient and clean energy infrastructure improvements at districts across the country.

Visit the [HeroX website](#) to read the rules document, find information about upcoming webinars and office hours, and start your application today!

Guidelines

Successful competitors will:

- Establish the need for both energy improvements and financing across the proposed portfolio
- Demonstrate overall team capacity to manage projects across the portfolio
- Propose a comprehensive plan for executing Phase 2 (energy auditing and design) activities
- Engage in replicable, strategic partnerships to build capacity at LEAs/across the K-12 sector, while leveraging funds to enhance the impact of federal dollars
- Establish a strategic approach to delivering community benefits that advance the following goals:
 1. Community and labor engagement
 2. Investing in job quality and workforce continuity
 3. Advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility (DEIA)
 4. Contributing to the Justice40 Initiative.

Questions?

- Review the official rules for the complete application process and instructions for competing.
- Review the 2025 Renew America's Schools Fact Sheet (see 'Resources' tab in HeroX).
- Review the 2025 Renew America's Schools Q&A Spreadsheet (see 'FAQ' tab in HeroX).
- Join the informational webinar: Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET (see HeroX Platform for Zoom Link)
- Join prize office hours:
 - Office Hours #1: Wednesday, February, 12th, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET (see HeroX Platform for Zoom Link)
 - Office Hours #2: Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 at 3 p.m. ET (see HeroX Platform for Zoom Link)

If you want to receive updates on the prize or have any questions, please follow this HeroX page or email us directly at schools@doe.gov.

2025 Renew America's Schools Prize: Funding by Portfolio Size

	PHASE 1 Prize PORTFOLIO + TEAM	PHASE 2 (BUDGET PERIOD 1) Cooperative Agreement STRATEGIC PLAN + ENERGY AUDITS	PHASE 3 (BUDGET PERIOD 2) Cooperative Agreement IMPLEMENTATION
10–14 Schools & School Facilities*	\$300K	\$500K	\$7M
15–19 Schools & School Facilities	\$300K	\$750K	\$10.5M
20+ Schools & School Facilities	\$300K	\$1M	\$14M

*Portfolios must have 10 or more schools/school facilities



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NEA Challenge America, FY 2026

Challenge America supports projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved groups/communities. The program welcomes applications from applicants that are primarily small organizations, first-time applicants to the NEA, and/or returning Challenge America applicants. Eligible applicants include: nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c) (3), U.S. organizations; units of state or local government; Federally recognized tribal communities or tribes; and applicants that have not been recommended for funding in any of the three most recent Fiscal Years in the NEA's Grants for Arts Projects, Our Town, or Research Awards grant programs. Funding in this category is not available for individuals, fiscally sponsored entities, commercial/for-profit enterprises, State Arts Agencies (SAA), or Regional Arts Organizations (RAO).

Award Range: \$10,000

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**Deadline:
April 24th**

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BIL - Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Section 40302

Funding Opportunity Announcement No. DE-FOA-0002829, titled BIL-Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants Under Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Section 40302 The overall objective of the



**Deadline:
April 30th**

planned Funding Opportunity Announcement is to support DOE's current vision of the Carbon Utilization Procurement Grants Program which will illustrate that several incumbent products can be replaced or supplemented with alternatives that are derived from the conversion of anthropogenic carbon oxides, demonstrating that significant net reductions in greenhouse gas emissions are possible. These grants will illustrate that more sustainable alternatives are viable and will promote the deployment of these products even after the grant ends.

Award Range: \$1 - \$5,000,000

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Grants for Arts Projects (GAP)

The NEA is committed to supporting arts projects for the benefit of all Americans. Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides funding for public engagement with the arts and arts education, for the integration of the arts with strategies promoting the health and well-being of people and communities, and for the improvement of overall capacity and capabilities within the arts sector. We welcome applications from first-time and returning applicants; from organizations serving rural, urban, suburban, and tribal communities of all sizes; and from organizations with small, medium, or large operating budgets. We fund arts projects in the following disciplines: Artist Communities, Arts Education, Dance, Design, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Media Arts, Museums, Music, Musical Theater, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater, and Visual Arts.

Award Range: Applicants may request an amount between \$10,000-\$100,000.

Local Arts Agencies only: Designated local arts agencies that are eligible to subgrant may request \$30,000 to \$150,000 for subgranting programs. See the Local Arts Agencies Application Instructions below for more information on subgranting eligibility.

1:1 Cost-share/match required. Sources may include both cash and in-kind.

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Deadlines:

**GAP 1: February
13th & 26th**

**GAP 2: July 10th
& 22nd**

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Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant Program in North Carolina

The Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant programs provide funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass

Deadlines:
Q3: March 31st
Q4: June 30th

through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. USDA provides grants to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish Revolving Loan Funds (RLF). Loans are made from the revolving loan fund to projects that will create or retain rural jobs. When the revolving loan fund is terminated, the grant is repaid to USDA.

Who may apply?

To receive funding for a grant and/or loan an entity must be:

- Current Rural Utilities Service (RUS), electric or telecommunication borrower,
- Any former RUS borrower that has repaid or prepaid an insured, direct or guaranteed loan under the Rural Electrification Act,
- Or any not-for-profit utility that is eligible to receive an insured or direct loan under such Act.

How much funding is available to local utilities?

- Maximum Grant Amount: \$300,000 to establish the Revolving Loan Fund.
- Up to 10 percent of grant funds may be applied toward operating expenses over the life of the Revolving Loan Fund.
- Maximum Loan Amount: \$1 million.

How may funds be used?

The local utility passes the funding to ultimate recipients for such eligible projects as:

- Business incubators.
- Community development assistance to nonprofits and public bodies (particularly for job creation or enhancement).
- Facilities and equipment to educate and train rural residents to help economic development.
- Facilities and equipment for medical care for rural residents.
- Start-up venture costs, including, but not limited to, financing fixed assets such as real estate, buildings, equipment, or working capital.
- Business expansion.
- Technical assistance.

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Walmart - Local Community Grants

Local Community grants range from a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$5,000. Eligible nonprofit organizations must operate on the local level (or be an affiliate/chapter of a larger organization that operates locally) and directly benefit the service area of the facility from which they are requesting funding.

There are eight (8) areas of funding for which an organization can apply. Please review the areas listed below to ensure your organization's goals fall within one of these areas.

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Q1: April 15

Q2: July 15

Q3: October 15

Q4: December 31

- Community and Economic Development: Improving local communities for the benefit of low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- Diversity and Inclusion: Fostering the building of relationships and understanding among diverse groups in the local service area
- Education: Providing after-school enrichment, tutoring or vocational training for low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- Environmental Sustainability: Preventing waste, increasing recycling, or supporting other programs that work to improve the environment in the local service area
- Health and Human Service: Providing medical screening, treatment, social services, or shelters for low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- Hunger Relief and Healthy Eating: Providing Federal or charitable meals/snacks for low-income individuals and families in the local service area
- Public Safety: Supporting public safety programs through training programs or equipment in the local service area
- Quality of Life: Improving access to recreation, arts or cultural experiences for low-income individuals and families in the local service area

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SECU Foundation



SECU Foundation Grant Program supports nonprofits and governmental organizations focused on local and community development in North Carolina. Grants are provided for high-impact projects in housing, education, healthcare, and human services. The Foundation funds capital projects, programmatic expansions, and mission development for capacity building. Preference is given to projects with statewide or regional impact, that improve the social and economic conditions of public employees, and those not

primarily funded by government agencies.

SECU Grant Programs

- Capital – Funds projects that are tangible, permanent, and visible; Typically supporting construction or major renovation of a building or a facility.
- Programmatic – Funds pilot programs or large-scale program expansions that provide regional or statewide services.
- Mission Development Grants – supporting smaller nonprofits with capacity building through organizational assessments, goal setting, and creating pathways for expansion.

Project Selection Considerations

- Preference given to a combination of projects that have a statewide impact, or major regional impact, and may serve as a model for replication in other North Carolina communities.
- Seek projects that are tangible (permanent, visible, capital versus operational). Do not support operational budgets, nor budget shortfalls.
- Seek to fund projects through partnerships with foundations and nonprofit organizations

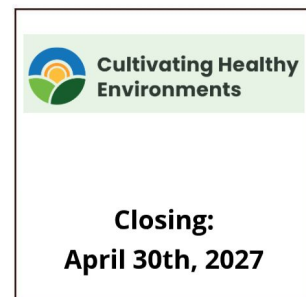
(do not fund for-profit organizations).

- Seek projects that improve the social and economic condition of public employees in North Carolina.
- Seek projects that are not principally nor typically funded by a governmental agency.
- In cases where projects have existing appropriations only consider funding where funding would augment or enhance projects which have existing appropriations.
- Generally seek to fund projects that strengthen the partnership with North Carolina State employees.
- Seek to identify programmatic projects to solve problems and to develop partnerships with other non-profits and foundations.

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Region 4- Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (EJ TCGM)

The EPA has selected Research Triangle Institute to serve as a pass-through entity for the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program (EJ TCGM) to address environmental justice and public health issues in underserved communities. They will provide subgrants to community-based nonprofits and other eligible subrecipients for assessment, planning, and project development activities. They will alleviate much of the burden that the federal grants process places on small, resource-constrained community-based organizations supporting underserved communities and marginalized populations.



Frequently Asked Questions: [FAQ](#)

Dates to Submit for Funding:

- January 31, 2025
- April 30, 2025
- July 31, 2025
- October 31, 2025 (Last date for 2-year projects)
- January 31, 2026
- April 30, 2026
- July 31, 2026
- October 31, 2026 (Last date for 1-year projects)
- January 31, 2027
- April 30, 2027 (Last date for 6-month projects)

Match: No

Program Fact Sheet: [One-pager](#)

Project Award Tier	Tier I		Tier II Planning	Tier III Project Development
	Foundational Support	Assessment		
	Non-Competitive	Competitive	Competitive	Competitive
Max. Award Amount	Up to \$75,000	Up to \$150,000	Up to \$250,000	Up to \$350,000
Project Duration	Up to 1 year	Up to 1 year	Between 1-2 years	Up to 2 years
Example activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff development • Process improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research • Sampling • Testing • Monitoring • Investigations • Surveys/studies • Public education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership building • Public outreach and education • Stakeholder coordination • Training activities • Community clean-ups • Small land purchases and acquisitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction plans, schematics, and technical development, includes excavation • Permitting activities • Small land purchases and acquisitions • Implementation of project plans • Public outreach and education

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Division of Broadband and Digital Equity

NC Division of Broadband Launches Tech Resource Finder to Help North Carolinians Access and Use the Internet

On December 17th, 2024, Governor Roy Cooper announced the launch of the state's Tech Resource Finder, a new website that provides more than 1,100 resources that help North Carolinians use the internet, find public computers and Wi-Fi and access technical support and digital skills classes across the state.

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finance affordable loans and some matching grants for the improvement of the quality of life in the communities that serve our agricultural sector.

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 - Rural Workforce Guide:
https://www.rd.usda.gov/sites/default/files/usdard_ruralworkforceguide508.pdf
 - USDA Rural Development Summary of Programs:
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 - USDA Rural Development Summary of Programs Matrix:
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