

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

BUREAU OF RECREATION & CONSERVATION (BRC)

*New Item

Grant Station Your Fast Track to Funding: We offer nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, & govt. agencies the opportunity to identify potential funding sources for their programs/projects as well as resources to mentor these organizations through the grant seeking process.

Foundation Directory: Get the info you need to win more grants with Candid's Foundation Directory.

Climate Change, Energy, Green Infrastructure, Stormwater, Sustainability. & Water

Urban & Community Forestry Program: A technical, financial, & educational <u>assistance program</u>, delivering nature-based solutions to ensure a resilient & equitable tree canopy where more than 84% of Americans live.

Building a Clean Energy Economy Guidebook to the Inflation Reduction Act's Investments in Clean Energy & Climate Action: This guidebook goes over what types of future funding opportunities are coming down the pike thanks to this landmark legislation.

SolSmart's no-cost TA team helps local govts. & regional organizations accelerate the growth of clean, affordable solar energy in their jurisdictions.

Loan Programs Office (LPO): Through 3 distinct loan programs, the US Dept. of Energy's <u>LPO</u> finances large-scale, all-of-the-above energy infrastructure projects in the US.

Clean Energy Financing Toolkit for Decisionmakers: This toolkit provides information about a dozen types of state & local clean energy financing programs & strategies. State & local govts. can pursue these options to catalyze investment in clean energy, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, sustainable transportation, & efficient electrification.

PENNVEST Green Initiatives: Funds <u>Green Initiatives</u> that promote & encourage environmental responsibility in our communities that are creative & innovative with green solutions for water quality management. These solutions can be as simple as installation of water barrels for water collection & re-use, to regional projects that reduce sediment & nutrient contamination of the CB watershed by reducing storm water runoff from agricultural areas. Applications due 5/3/23.

Non-Point Source Projects Ag BMPs: Projects that demonstrate costeffective nutrients reduction benefits are eligible for funding to a municipal sponsor, a conservation district/directly to the landowner. Funding could be in the form of a loan, grant/a loan/grant combo depending on the funding capability of the benefactor. Eligible practices consist of manure storage facilities, lagoons, riparian buffers, barnyard runoff reduction & various other practices. <u>Applications</u> due 5/8/23.

Non-Point Source Projects Greyfields: Greyfields are described as old, & abandoned commercial real estate, specifically shopping malls & retail centers. Greyfield development focuses on the revitalization

of these types of existing infrastructure often by creative building, 'greening' the land, & re-purposing open space. These types of projects are vital to the economic impact & beautification of communities. Applications due 5/3/23.

Non-Point Source Projects Acid Mine Drainage: PENNVEST funding can be leveraged with existing funding partnerships to provide communities with the means to AMD problems impacting water supplies. AMD projects that demonstrate cost-effective environmental benefits for water supplies can use funding for monitoring of water quality changes resulting from an abatement project, & engineering, design & construction costs for a priority reclamation project. Applications due 5/3/23.

Non-Point Source Projects Estuary: Estuaries are large bodies of water that meet @ the mouth of a river/streams. These estuaries are vital to the ecosystems that provide home & habitat for fish & water life. Rapid population growth over several decades has created an abundance of nutrients that have leached into the estuaries through ground & surface waters. The results are dissolved oxygen levels within the water & changes in water quality that essentially destroy productive fish areas & displeasing waters that adversely affect the valuable tourist industry & property values. Applications due 5/3/23.

National Endowment for the Humanities Cultural & Community Resilience: The NEH Division of Preservation & Access is accepting applications to support community-based efforts to mitigate climate change & COVID-19 impacts, safeguard cultural resources, & foster cultural resilience through identifying, documenting, &/or collecting cultural heritage & community experience. Applicants may apply for up to \$150k. Applications due 5/16/23 by 11:59 pm.

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*Wild & Scenic Rivers (WSR) Stewardship Partners Funding: River Network & the US Forest Service (USFS) are excited to announce the 5th year of funding for nonprofit & tribal organizations working on or planning for stewardship activities on USFS administered WSR & surrounding lands. For the 1th time, we are offering a new category of planning awards, which intended to support relationship building between organizations led by &/or supporting communities who historically lack access to outdoor education, recreation, & stewardship opportunities & their local USFS offices. Applications due 5/19/23.

The Energizing Rural Communities Prize: DOE is also launching the Energizing Rural Communities Prize to support capacity building to remove two of the biggest barriers to improving energy systems in rural/remote areas: developing necessary partnerships & securing financing. Through \$15M in funding, this prize competition will help

build partnerships by connecting communities to govt. funding & a network of partners that can help implement clean energy projects. The prize will help selectees develop plans to access capital &/or develop community ownership models. Applications due 5/24/23.

Abandoned Mine Drainage Abatement & Treatment Program: Projects which involve the reclamation of Abandoned Mine Well(s), construction of a new AMD site, remediation & repair of existing AMD project sites, operation & maintenance maintaining current AMD remediation sites, establishment of trust fund to ensure ongoing maintenance is achieved, & monitoring of water quality to track/continue to trace non-point source load reductions resulting from AMD remediation projects. Applications due 5/31/23.

Baseline Water Quality Data Program: Projects which involve practices for water sample collection & analysis to document existing groundwater quality conditions on private water supplies. Applications due 5/31/23.

Flood Mitigation Program: Projects authorized by a flood protection authority, the DEP, the US Army Corps of Engineers/the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service/identified by a local govt. for flood mitigation are eligible for the program. Applications due 5/31/23.

Sewage Facilities Program: Costs associated with the planning work required under Act 537. Applications due 5/31/23.

Watershed Restoration & Protection Program: Funding for watershed restoration & protection projects. The overall goal of the WRPP is to restore, & maintain restored stream reaches impaired by the uncontrolled discharge of nonpoint source polluted runoff, & ultimately to remove these streams from the DEP's Impaired Waters list. Applications due 5/31/23.

Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Competitive Program: The EECBG will award \$8.8M to local governments, state-recognized tribes, or teams of these communities. EECBG Program recipients can use the funding for a wide variety of projects that lower energy costs, reduce carbon emissions, improve energy efficiency, & reduce overall energy use. Local governments, state-recognized tribes, & teams can now submit concept papers as a 1 step to apply for the EECBG Competitive Program. Interested entities must submit concept papers to the Dept of Energy (DOE) by 6/5/23 at 5 pm.

*Land & Climate Grants: The Land Trust Alliance & Open Space Institute's Land & Climate Grant Program provides support to land trusts, nonprofit organizations, & tribes that conserve & steward land to integrate climate science into land protection & management plans. For the 2023 funding round, \$300k total will be provided for the development of climate-informed land conservation, stewardship, or communications plans that address one or more of the following issues: habitat resilience, carbon mitigation, or community adaptation to climate impacts such as stronger storms, flooding, drought, fire, or extreme heat. Grants will range from \$5k to \$15k. Applications due 6/8/23.

Composting & Food Waste Reduction Pilot Project: The purpose of the <u>CFWR</u> program is to enter into cooperative agreements with eligible entities to develop & test strategies for planning & implementing municipal compost plans & food waste reduction

plans. Proposed projects can be in all community types including rural, urban & suburban. Applications due 6/15/23 by 11:59 pm.

Hydroelectric Efficiency Improvement Incentives: This <u>guidance</u> sets out the eligibility requirements, general application requirements & process, procedures for processing applications, allocation of funding for eligible projects in the event of oversubscription, & funding restrictions. Applications due 6/20/23 by 5 pm.

BIL Carbon Capture Large-Scale Pilot Projects: DOE has up to \$820M of federal funding @ a maximum of 70% federal cost share for up to 10 carbon capture large-scale pilot projects designed to further the development of transformational technologies that capture carbon emissions from existing coal/natural gas electric generation facilities & existing industrial facilities not purposed for electric generation. Applications due 6/21/23.

*DEP Growing Greener Plus Grants Program Funding Watershed Planning, Restoration & Protection Efforts: Growing Greener Plus refers to three grant programs described in this grant guidelines document. The programs covered are Growing Greener (Watershed Restoration & Protection), Act 167 Stormwater Management Plans & Surface Mining Conservation & Reclamation Act (SMCRA) Bond Forfeiture. Applications due 6/23/23 by 11:59 pm.

BIL Energy Improvement in Rural/Remote Areas (ERA) Funding: The BIL authorizes DOE to invest \$1B in energy improvements in rural/remote areas. DOE's ERA Program will provide financial investment, TA & other resources to advance clean energy demonstrations & energy solutions that are replicable & scalable. Applications due 6/28/23.

Multifunctional Riparian Buffer Sub-grant for Conservation Districts: PA's conservation districts are encouraged to apply for funding to install multifunctional buffers in conjunction with landowners. This grant is 1" come 1" served. The grant round will stay open until funds are used up or 6/30/23, whichever comes 1".

Agriculture Energy Efficiency Rebates: Provides <u>rebates</u> to assist agricultural producers with the purchase of LED lighting systems, efficient ventilation equipment & efficient milk pumping & cooling equipment for their farming operations. Applications due 6/30/23.

Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvements Grants & Guaranteed Loans: Financing & grant funding for agriculture producers & rural small businesses to purchase, install, & construct renewable energy systems/complete energy efficiency improvements. An example of a potential project may be the installation of solar panels for hospitals/clinics to improve energy costs. Applications due 6/30/23, 9/30/23, 12/31/23, 3/31/24, 6/30/24, & 9/30/24.

*Water & Environment Grant Program: Programs focused on clean water, conservation, environmental education, climate variability, & water-based recreation. Examples include programs that improve, restore/protect watersheds/water quality; promote water conservation; &/or improve equitable access to water-based recreation in underserved communities. Environmental projects that seek to educate, inform & advance environmental issues to preserve & protect natural resources. Must be located within American Water Service Area. Applications due 6/30/23.

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program: Provides grants for transient moorage (tie-ups) serving recreational motorboats 26 ft. & longer. Transient means passing through/by a place, staying 10 days/less. Eligible project activities include the construction, renovation & maintenance of transient tie up facilities. Boating infrastructure refers to features that provide stopover places for transient non-trailer able recreational vessels to tie up. These features include transient slips, day docks, floating docks & fixed piers, navigational aids, & dockside utilities including electric, water, & pump out stations. Applications due 7/31/23.

DEP AMI./AMD Grant Program: Grants for the purpose of AML reclamation & AMD treatment/abatement. **DEP** is accepting applications for projects that reclaim abandoned coal mines/address mine drainage from abandoned coal mines. **Applications due** 8/25/23, 12/2/23 by 11:59 pm.

Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Aims to stimulate the growth of new connections between scholars working in largely disconnected fields who might together change the course of climate change's impact on human health. Over the next 2 years, we will dedicate \$1M to support small, early-stage grants of \$2,500-\$50k toward achieving this goal. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis through 8/30/23.

Coastal Program: Provides technical & financial assistance through cooperative agreements to coastal communities, conservation partners, & landowners to restore & protect fish & wildlife habitat on public & private lands. The Coastal Program staff coordinates with partners, stakeholders & other USFWS programs to identify geographic focus areas & develop habitat conservation goals & priorities within these focus areas. Applications due 9/30/23 by 11:59 pm.

Partners for Fish & Wildlife: Provides direct TA & financial assistance in the form of cooperative & grant agreements to private landowners to restore & conserve fish & wildlife habitat for the benefit of federal trust resources. PFW staff coordinate with project partners, stakeholders & other USFWS programs to identify geographic focus areas & develop habitat conservation priorities within these focus areas. Applicants seeking technical/financial assistance from the PFW Program are requested to consult with a local PFW Program office BEFORE applying. Applications due 9/30/23.

National Fish Passage Program BIL: Provides direct technical & financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers & restore aquatic organism passage & aquatic connectivity for the benefit of Federal trust resources. NFPP aims to maintain/increase fish populations to improve ecosystem resiliency & provide quality fishing experiences for the American people. Applicants seeking funding under this program should contact the regional NFPP Coordinator that corresponds to the location of the project for additional info on regional priorities & coordination with FAC staff prior to applying for funding. Applications due 12/31/23 by 11:59 pm.

Riparian Buffer Sub-Grant for Conservation Districts: PA's conservation districts are encouraged to apply for funding to install riparian forest buffers in conjunction with landowners. Multifunctional riparian forest buffers are encouraged but conventional buffers are accepted as well. This grant is 1* come 1* served. The grant round will stay open until funds are used up or 6/30/24, whichever comes 1*.

*Rural Energy for America Program (REAP): The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (the Agency) is issuing a 2nd Notice of Solicitation of Applications (Notice) under the **REAP** as referenced in the notice that was published in the Federal Register on 12/16/22. This 2nd notice announces the availability of \$1.055B in Inflation Reduction Act funds across six quarterly cycles to be obligated by 9/30/24. This Notice also announces the types of projects that qualify for a federal grant share not to exceed 50% of the project cost, a set-aside for underutilized renewable energy technologies (underutilized technologies), as well as scoring revisions to support Administration priorities. Applications received on or after 4/1/23, will be evaluated & scored according to the provisions listed in this Notice, unless otherwise amended via a subsequent notice. The Notice will not be applied retroactively to any applications previously filed. However, a portion of the funding made available under this notice may be made available to add to pooled funds to fund any Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 applications submitted prior to 3/31/23, with no other changes in funding provisions or scoring allowed. Applications due 9/30/24.

West Penn Power Sustainable Energy Fund Conventional Financing: Conventional Financing is often provided in the form of a sustainable energy project loan. <u>Loans</u> are typically in the range of \$25k-\$1M. WPPSEF interest rates & fees are competitive with commercial lending. Applicants are required to complete an initial financing request form which provides the WPPSEF with an overview of the applicant's project & financial needs. Applications ongoing.

WPP ACT 129 Energy Micro Loans: ACT 129 Energy Micro Loans are offered to commercial, industrial, & institutional entities that wish to make eligible ACT 129 energy efficiency improvements in the WPP service region. Loans range from \$10k-\$50k. Applicants are required to complete a project overview & attach their WPP preapproval letter to be considered for financing. Upon submission & review, the Fund will contact applicants for the necessary financial & business info needed to complete its review. Applications ongoing.

Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program: ACAP provides financial & technical assistance for the implementation of BMPs on agricultural operations within PA. <u>ACAP</u> helps farmers build healthier soil, prevent nutrient & sediment runoff & improve farm viability.

Bicycle & Pedestrian, Trails, Transportation, & Volunteers
USDOT Pedestrian & Bicycle Funding Opportunities Table: This
table indicates potential eligibility for pedestrian & bicycle activities &
projects under US DOT surface transportation funding programs.

BIL Funding Opportunities for Shared Micro-mobility Projects: Provides a <u>spreadsheet</u> that outlines current & future federal funding programs in the BIL that could support planning, design, & implementation of shared micro-mobility & supportive infrastructure, like protected bike lanes.

Federal Funding for Trails: Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's <u>federal funding</u> resources offer the latest info about potential federal funding opportunities for trails & active transportation, as well as tools to help communities successfully apply for grants/navigate reimbursement programs.

DOT Navigator: The DOT Navigator is a new resource to help communities understand the best ways to <u>apply for grants</u>, & to plan for & deliver transformative infrastructure projects & services.

Transportation Funding: Transportation <u>funding</u> mechanisms provide an opportunity to demonstrate the important & sometimes overlooked roles of parks & trails in transportation networks, especially as links within active commuting chains.

Developing Infrastructure & Investment Jobs Act/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (IIJA/BIL) Grant Proposals A Guide for Municipalities: This Guide establishes overall direction & consistency in the development of high-quality, competitive IIJA/BIL grant proposals. It identifies key steps & defines relevant roles & responsibilities in the grant-development process. Ultimately, proposals must make a persuasive case that the grant is worth funding while meeting all of the specified requirements.

The Intersections Initiative - How You Can Help Your Community Access Federal Funding for Walking & Bike: Are you looking to build safer streets, better bike lanes, & walkable routes that connect people where they need to go? Explore how the Intersections Initiative, a partnership between Safe Routes Partnership, America Walks, & the League of American Bicyclists, can assist you in applying for infrastructure funding that supports active & public transportation projects.

PA National Electrical Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program: NEVI Formula Program funds are restricted to projects directly related to EV charging infrastructure that is open to the public/to authorized commercial motor vehicle operators from more than 1 company. Initially, funding under this program is directed to designated Alternative Fuel Corridors for EVs to build out the national network, particularly along the Interstate Highway System. Refer to the online map, PA NEVI - Anticipated Funding Round 1 - Interchange Info, for eligible interchanges & eligible project locations. Applications due 5/5/23 by 5 pm.

WalkWorks Grant: WalkWorks is pleased to announce its 7th round of assistance to advance policy development related to active transportation. Grants will be offered to a limited # of municipalities & other governmental bodies to assist with the development of Active Transportation Plans. These plans are essential to our efforts to establish activity-friendly routes that connect people to everyday destinations, thereby expanding opportunities for physical activity & improving public health. Applications due 5/26/23.

Emergency Relief Grants for Public Transportation Systems Affected by Major Declared Disasters in CYs 2017, 2020, 2021, & 2022: The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announces the opportunity to apply for \$212,301,048 in grants under the Public Transportation Emergency Relief Program (Emergency Relief Program) for states, territories, local govt. authorities, Indian tribes, & other FTA recipients affected by major declared disasters in CYs 2017, 2020, 2021, & 2022. Projects may include costs for disaster response, recovery, & rebuilding activities. Costs related to the COVID-19 are not eligible for this funding. Applications due 5/26/23.

Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program: The CFI Program is a new competitive grant program created by President Biden's BIL to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging & alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live & work, urban & rural areas alike, in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. This program provides two funding categories of grants: 1) Community Charging & Fueling Grants (Community Program); & 2) AF Corridor Grants (Corridor

Program). This 1st round of funding makes \$700M available to strategically deploy EV charging infrastructure & other fueling infrastructure projects in urban & rural communities in publicly accessible locations, including downtown areas & local neighborhoods, particularly in underserved & disadvantaged communities. Applications due 5/30/23.

Walk Friendly Communities: A city/town that has shown a commitment to improving & sustaining walkability & pedestrian safety through comprehensive programs, plans, & policies. Communities apply to the program to receive recognition in the form of a Bronze, Silver, Gold, & Platinum designation. Applications due 6/15/23.

Bike Friendly Business: Through the <u>BFB</u>SM program, employers are recognized for their efforts to encourage a welcoming atmosphere for bicycling employees, customers, & the community. Businesses are evaluated around the 5 E's: Engineering, Encouragement, Education, Evaluation & Planning, all with an Equity & Inclusion lens. All applicants receive customized feedback & assistance to become more bicycle-friendly, & deserving businesses are awarded @ the Bronze, Silver, Gold, & Platinum levels. Applications due 6/15/23.

Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A): The purpose of this <u>notice</u> is to solicit applications for SS4A grants. Funds for the FY 2023 SS4A grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning & demonstration activities, as well as projects & strategies to prevent death & serious injury on roads & streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, & micro-mobility users; motorists; & commercial vehicle operators. Applications due 7/10/23 by 5 pm.

CFA Multimodal Transportation Fund: This <u>fund</u> provides grants to encourage economic development & ensure that a safe & reliable system of transportation is available to the residents of PA. Funds may be used for the development, rehabilitation, & enhancement of transportation assets to existing communities, streetscape, lighting, sidewalk enhancement, pedestrian safety, connectivity of transportation assets & transit-oriented development. Applications due 7/31/23.

Bicycle Friendly University: Recognizes institutions of <u>higher education</u> for promoting & providing a more bikeable campus for students, staff & visitors. The BFU program provides the roadmap & TA to create great campuses for cycling. **Applications due 8/10/23.**

Bicycle Friendly Community: The <u>BFC</u>SM program provides a roadmap to improve conditions for bicycling & the guidance to make your distinct vision for a better, bikeable community a reality. **Applications due 8/30/23.**

Environment, Parks, Recreation, Conservation & Natural Resources, Open Space & Historic Preservation

Nature-based Solutions Funding Database: National Wildlife Federation's interactive database for communities interested in pursuing federal funding &/or TA for nature-based solutions.

DCNR Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2): Need funding for your recreation/conservation project? A grant from DCNR's C2P2 may be able to help. Grants are available to support park rehabilitation & development (including small communities), recreation & conservation planning, land acquisition & conservation, river access & conservation, trail planning & construction, ATV &

<u>snowmobile</u> projects, statewide & regional <u>partnerships</u> (including peer grants), & community & watershed forestry grants.

Equitable Park Funding Hub: Provides easy access to info on a variety of <u>funding sources</u> relevant for parks & recreation in low-income communities & communities of color, & highlights the partnerships required for successful funding.

County Recycling Coordinator Grants: "This grant program is part of PA's overall effort to promote recycling & protect the integrity of our environment," Sen. Yaw said. "The program enables counties to hire & retain recycling professionals who focus on environmental programs in local communities. Counties are eligible for 50% reimbursement grants for the approved salary & expenses of employing a CRC. Applicants must specify only 1 individual to perform the CRC position for the purpose of reimbursement under Sect. 903 of Act 101. Applications due 5/1/23.

Acres for America Request for Proposals: Acres for America is the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's premier land conservation program & was established to provide urgently needed funding for projects that conserve important large-scale habitats for fish, wildlife, & plants through voluntary land acquisitions & perpetual conservation easements. Pre-proposals due 5/3/23 by11:59 pm.

Volunteer Fire Assistance Program: The key objectives of this program are to save lives & protect property in unprotected/inadequately protected rural areas. Therefore, the selection of the participating agencies must be based on vulnerability & the adequacy of existing fire protection. This is a cost-share program. Financial assistance on any project during any fiscal year cannot exceed 50% of the actual expenditures, including expenditures of local, public, & private nonprofit organizations participating in the agreement. The maximum grant \$12,500. Applications due 5/11/23 by 4 pm.

Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) PA State Program: NRCS is announcing the availability of CIG State Program funding to stimulate the development & adoption of innovative conservation approaches & technologies. Applications are accepted from eligible entities (Sect. C) for projects carried out in the state of PA. A total of up to \$150k is available for the PA CIG competition in FY 2023. All non-federal entities (NFE) & individuals are invited to apply, with the sole exception of federal agencies. Projects may be between 1 & 3 years in duration. The maximum award amount for a single award in FY 2023 is \$75k. Applications due 5/26/23 by 11:59 pm.

Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant: A nationally competitive grant program that focuses on communities with little to no access to outdoor recreation opportunities in urban areas. NPS has \$192M available for park projects that create new outdoor recreation spaces, reinvigorate existing parks/form connections between people & the outdoors in economically underserved communities. Applications due 5/31/23.

Mine Reclamation Grants: The Appalachian Region Independent Power Producers Assoc. is partnering with the Eastern & Western PA Coalitions for Abandoned Mine Reclamation to offer competitive awards to watershed & conservancy organizations facilitating abandoned mine drainage &/or abandoned mine land remediation projects in PA. Applications due 5/31/23.

Greenways, Trails, & Recreation Program: Projects which involve development, rehabilitation & improvements to public parks, recreation areas, greenways, trails, & river conservation. Applications due 5/31/23.

Orphan/Abandoned Well Plugging Program: Funding for orphan/abandoned well plugging projects using the OAWP. This program provides a mechanism to plug abandoned & orphaned wells that have the potential to cause health, safety/environmental concerns. Applications due 5/31/23.

Clif Bar Small Grants Program: These grants are awarded annually for general operational support as well as for specific projects. Priority is given to applicants that address 2/more of our funding priorities @ the same time: strengthen our food system, enhance equitable community health outcomes, & safeguard our environment & natural resources as well as demonstrate strong community ties, & operate within viable & clearly defined plans for positive change. Applications due 6/1/23 & 10/1/23.

*USDA Forest Service Urban & Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act: Under the Inflation Reduction Act, the <u>Urban & Community Forestry Program</u> received a historic \$1.5B to support urban tree planting, urban forest planning & management, & related activities, particularly in disadvantaged communities. Applications due 6/1/23 by 11:59 pm.

*Lots of Compassion Grant: This grant program is designed to support local leaders looking to transform vacant lots into gardens to help grow compassion in their community. In 2023, 10 grantees will receive \$20k each to transform a vacant lot into a garden. A total of \$200k will be awarded annually. Applications due 6/2/23 by 11:59 pm.

Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust Grants: The Trust welcomes LOIs from eligible organizations seeking funding for projects that meet its Funding Interests in research & education in ornamental horticulture. If you've not already reviewed the Trust's Funding Interests, please do so before proceeding. LOIs due 6/15/23. Full proposal due 7/14/23.

Saucony Run for Good Foundation: Saucony provides funding to community organizations that promote running & fitness programs for children. Grants of up to \$10k are awarded. Applications due 6/15/23.

Yamaha Outdoor Access Initiative: This <u>initiative</u> is dedicated to those who work & play outdoors including, but not limited to, those who rely on off-highway vehicles to ride, camp, hunt/fish. Each quarter, Yamaha accepts applications from non-profit/tax exempt groups (clubs & associations), public riding areas (local, state & federal), outdoor enthusiast associations & land conservation organizations, & communities with an interest in protecting, improving, expanding &/or maintaining access for safe, responsible & sustainable use by motorized off-road vehicles. Applications due 6/20/23, 8/30/23& 12/15/23.

Quadratec Cares 'Energize the Environment' Grant Program: Quadratec is offering two \$3,500 grants annually to applicants pursuing a program/initiative designed to benefit our environment. Examples include trail building/restoration projects, park beautification events, litter prevention initiatives, sustainable land management activities, community environmental educational

projects & youth educational engagement events. Applications due 6/30/23 & 10/30/23 by 11:59 pm.

X-Treme Ninja Course Grant: For a limited time, Greenfields is offering \$40k grants for our X-Treme Ninja Courses so your community members can train like they're on TV! Fill out the interest form to get started. Purchase of equipment must be made by 6/30/23.

Musco Sports Lighting & US Soccer Foundation Soccer Fund Grant: The Soccer Fund offers financial support for sports lighting projects on a rolling basis. Projects can include the Mini-Pitch System/soccer lighting projects of all sizes. Mini-Pitches are ideal for urban areas & other communities where finding a safe place to play can be difficult. Applications due 6/30/23, 9/30/23, & 12/31/23.

Healthy KIDS Initiative: As part of our Healthy KIDS Initiative, Play & Park Structures has set aside up to \$5M to help you create the playground of your dreams & enhance your community. Funding applies only to SuperMax, Duramax, Parallax, Totmax, Boulderscapes, Horizons & Skyline structures. Applications due 6/30/23.

Karma for Cara Foundation Microgrants: The K4C Microgrant Program provides microgrants between \$250 & \$1k to young citizen leaders ages 18/under to help them execute & magnify their initiatives to help repair our world. Funds may be used to complete a wide variety of innovative service projects in communities across the US. Applications are reviewed quarterly on 7/1/23, & 10/1/23.

*NAWCA 2024-2 US Standard Grants: The US Standard Grants Program is a competitive, matching grant program that supports public-private partnerships carrying out projects in the US that further the goals of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act. The program promotes partnerships projects that must involve a) only long-term protection, restoration, enhancement &/or establishment of wetland & associated upland habitats to benefit diversity of wetland ecosystems; & b) maintaining an abundance of waterfowl (ducks, geese, & swans) & other populations of wetlands-associated migratory birds consistent with the objectives of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan, US Shorebird Conservation Plan, Waterbird Conservation Plan for the Americas, & Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plan. The program requires a 1:1 non-federal match & research funding is ineligible. This program supports the Dept. of Interior & US Fish & Wildlife Service mission of protecting & managing the nation's natural resources by collaborating with partners & stakeholders to conserve land & water & to expand outdoor recreation & access. Also, this program contributes to efforts to reduce climate pollution, support climate resilience, support land conservation & biodiversity efforts & leverage partnerships. Applications due 7/7/23 by 11:59 pm.

*Historic Preservation Fund - History of Equal Rights (HER) - Preservation Grants: The National Park Service's (NPS) HER Grant Program will preserve sites related to the struggle of all Americans to achieve equal rights. HER grants will fund a broad range of preservation projects for historic sites including architectural services, historic structure reports, preservation plans, & physical preservation to structures. Grants are awarded through a competitive process & do not require non-Federal match. Applications due 7/11/23 by 11:59 pm.

Local Community Grants: There are 8 areas of <u>funding</u> for which an organization can apply: Community & Economic Development, Diversity & Inclusion, Education, Environmental Sustainability, Health & Human Service, Hunger Relief & Easting Healthy, Public Safety, & Quality of Life. Applications due 7/15/23, 10/15/23 & 12/31/23.

*Historic Preservation Fund - Underrepresented Communities Grants (URC): The National Park Service's (NPS) <u>URC Program</u> is intended to diversify the nominations listed in the National Register of Historic Places to include communities that are currently underrepresented. Projects include surveys & nominations of historic sites associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register. Every URC project MUST result in @ least 1 new or amended nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Applications due 7/18/23 by 11:59 pm.

Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP): The primary goals of the WCPP are to save lives, prevent serious injuries, & protect motorists & wildlife by reducing WVCs, & improve habitat connectivity for terrestrial & aquatic species. Reduction of wildlife vehicle collisions & improvement of terrestrial & aquatic habitat connectivity are the primary merit criteria that will be used in reviewing applications, & each of the primary merit criteria are of equal importance. Applications due 8/1/23.

Youth Engagement, Education, & Employment: USFWS is committed to building & retaining a diverse & inclusive workforce that reflects the ethic, age, socioeconomic & cultural backgrounds, & language diversity of contemporary America. Applications due 9/10/23 by 11:59 pm.

Recovery Implementation: Supports the implementation of priority recovery actions for federally endangered & threatened species. The ESA conveys the importance of <u>recovery plans</u> as a central organizing tool for guiding each species' recovery process by requiring their development for every listed species. **Applications due 9/30/23 by 11:59 pm.**

Candidate Species Conservation Fund: The principal objective of this funding is to accomplish conservation tasks for high priority candidate species (based on our annual Candidate Species Assessments)/other @ risk species in the US, such that identified threats to the species may be reduced/eliminated. These efforts are based on cooperative relationships with states, non-governmental organizations, private landowners & those interested in habitat restoration/undertaking candidate & @ risk species research, surveys & monitoring/educational outreach efforts. Applications due 9/30/23 by 11:59 pm.

RESTORE Act Direct Component Construction & Real Property Acquisition Activities: This announcement applies only to the Direct Component & is only for applications for eligible construction & real property acquisition activities, including environmental restoration projects & including projects with/without a non-federal cost-share for another federally funded project/program. All construction & real property acquisition activities, & any activity that requires a permit from a federal/state agency, including natural resource restoration projects, should be submitted under this construction & real property acquisition funding opportunity. Applications due 10/31/23 by 5 pm.

RESTORE Act Direct Component Non-Construction Activities: This <u>announcement</u> applies only to the Direct Component & is only for applications for eligible non-construction activities, including projects with/without a non-federal cost-share for another federally funded project/program. This announcement also includes planning assistance needed to prepare the Multiyear Implementation Plan required by the RESTORE Act. Applications due 10/31/23.

Ag Plan Reimbursement Program: PA's conservation districts are encouraged to work with farmers to apply for reimbursement of agricultural plans. Applications will be accepted in an ongoing, 1st come, 1st served basis. The application deadline is 6/30/24 or until all funds are spent, whichever comes 1st

Dick's Sporting Goods Organization & Team Funding: It's no surprise that Dick's Sporting Goods is a big supporter of youth sports. They also help cover the cost of athletic registration fees & equipment & provide resources for teachers. Nonprofit programs & public schools can apply online for grants up to \$25K, but you must have a Dick's Sporting Goods store located in your community to be eligible. Applications ongoing.

Fields for Kids: The Fields for Kids program presented by Highmark is open to any independent nonprofit tax-exempt organization, school/local govt. unit that operates youth baseball &/or softball programs within the Pittsburgh Pirates market area (Western PA, Eastern OH, & WV). Eligible projects include the upgrading of essential field components, such as new sod, infield, fencing, dugouts & irrigation systems; upgrades to the overall facility to include lights, bleachers, batting cages, scoreboards & concession stands. The purchase of land, parking lots, press boxes & restrooms are ineligible. There are 2 grant categories: Grant Requests between \$1k-\$15k, & Signature Grant Requests between \$15k-\$25k. Applications ongoing.

USTA Tennis Venue Services: USTA funding is available to upgrade existing facilities/add new facilities. Funding Category 1 supports basic facility improvements for up to \$5k. Category 2 supports resurfacing & converting existing tennis courts for up to \$35k, & Category 3 supports new construction & reconstruction of tennis courts, lighting, & the addition of structures over existing tennis courts for up to \$55k. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Step into Swim (SIS) Initiative: SIS grants are available to directly support swim & water safety lessons for children @ public pools & recreation centers in underserved communities.

*Inclusive Playground Funding: Apply for up to \$25k in funding for inclusive playground products.

<u>Health, Planning, Land Use, Blight, Broadband, Brownfields, Economic Development, & Zoning</u>

Specialty Crop Block Grant Program: The purpose of the <u>SCBGP</u> is to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops. Specialty crops are defined as "fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, dried fruits, horticulture, & nursery crops (including floriculture)." **Applications due** *5*/1/23 by11:59 pm.

*Citizens' Institute on Rural Design (CIRD) Program: Every two years, the National Endowment for the Arts seeks rural communities of 50k people or less to apply for the CIRD program. With over 30 years of leadership in rural design, CIRD is perfect for creative, community-oriented rural leaders seeking to enhance the quality of

life & economic vitality in their communities. Selected applicants emerge from CIRD programs with greater capacity & a wealth of resources to lead their community through current & future design challenges. Applications due 5/1/23 by 11:59 pm.

Regional Food System Partnerships: The <u>RFSP</u> supports partnerships that connect public & private resources to plan & develop local/regional food systems. The RFSP focuses on building & strengthening local/regional food economy viability & resilience, & this includes pandemic response & recovery. Applications due 5/2/23 by 11:59 pm.

Local Food Promotion Program: <u>LFPP</u> funds projects that develop, coordinate, & expand local & regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer to consumer marketing to help increase access to & availability of locally & regionally produced agricultural products. **Applications due** *5/2/23* by 11:59 pm.

Farmers Market Promotion Program: FMPP funds projects that develop, coordinate, & expand direct producer-to-consumer markets to help increase access to & availability of locally & regionally produced agricultural products. **Applications due** 5/2/23 by 11:59 pm.

*Fuel Up to Play 60: Funds for <u>FUTP 60</u> is available to any qualified US K-12 schools. The competitive, nationwide grant program provides school nutrition equipment to help improve access to healthy meals in schools. To apply, schools must participate in the National School Lunch Program. If you have received Funds For Fuel Up to Play 60 in the past 3 years, your school needs to have submitted all required Funds for Fuel Up to Play 60 final reporting to be eligible to receive an equipment kit. Applications due 5/2/23.

Gus Schumacher Nutrition Incentive Program: The GusNIP brings together food & healthcare systems stakeholders to improve the health & nutrition of participating households. NIFA requests applications for GusNIP to support & evaluate projects intended to increase the purchase of fruits & vegetables by providing incentives @ the point of purchase among income-eligible consumers participating in the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in all 50 States. Applications due 5/4/23.

*Yield Giving Open Call: This initiative seeks community-led, community-focused organizations whose explicit purpose is to advance the voices & opportunities of individuals & families of meager/modest means, & groups who have met with discrimination & other systemic obstacles. Organizations best suited to this initiative will enable individuals & families to achieve substantive improvement in their well-being through foundational resources. This includes, for instance, organizations providing access to health care, stable & affordable housing, education & job training, support for sustained employment, asset ownership, civic engagement, & other pathways. Register to Apply by 5/5/23; Complete Applications by 6/12/23.

Community Economic Development Projects: Grants to Community Development Corporations for projects designed to address the economic needs of low-income individuals & families through the creation of employment & business opportunities, including expansion/construction of clinics & health centers. Priority points will be given to projects that create jobs in rural communities & counties of persistent poverty. Applications due 5/8/23 by 11:59 pm.

Food & Agriculture Defense Initiative Extension Disaster Education Network Program: The FADI-EDEN program maximizes the resilience of the US food & agriculture sector to biosecurity risks, extreme weather events & disasters, cyber threats, & other shocks. It is necessary to mitigate threats to sustain the overall competitiveness of US agriculture to maintain an abundant food supply for people & livestock, to support the farmers, ranchers & workers who drive the US food & agriculture sector, & to sustain the vitality of rural communities & agricultural businesses. Applications due 5/11/23.

Value-Added Producer Grant: The objective of this grant program is to assist viable Independent Producers, Agricultural Producer Groups, Farmer & Rancher Cooperatives, & Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Businesses in starting/expanding value-added activities related to the processing &/or marketing of Value-Added Agricultural Products. Grants will be awarded competitively for either planning/working capital projects directly related to the processing &/or marketing of value-added products. Applications due 5/11/23.

Infrastructure & Capacity Building Challenge Grants Capital Projects: This <u>program</u> supports the purchase, design, construction, restoration/renovation of buildings/sites of national, historical, architectural/cultural significance & facilities that house humanities collections/are used for humanities activities. Applications due 5/17/23.

Market Access Program: Under the MAP, FAS enters into assistance agreements with eligible participants to share the cost of certain marketing & promotion activities designed to foster healthy exports & market diversification by encouraging the development, maintenance, & expansion of diverse commercial export markets for US agricultural commodities & products. All US agricultural commodities, except tobacco, are eligible for consideration. Applications due 5/19/23.

Foreign Market Development Cooperator Program: The Cooperator program is designed to maintain & develop foreign markets for US agricultural commodities & products through cost-share assistance. Financial assistance under the Cooperator program will be made available on a competitive basis & applications will be reviewed against the evaluation criteria contained herein & in the Cooperator program regulations. All US agricultural commodities, except tobacco, are eligible for consideration. Applications due 5/19/23.

TA for **Specialty Crops Program:** The <u>TASC program</u> is designed to assist US organizations by providing funding for projects that seek to remove, resolve/mitigate existing/potential sanitary, phytosanitary/technical barriers that prohibit/threaten the export of US specialty crops. Applications due 5/19/23.

Emerging Markets Program: The <u>EMP</u> is established to develop, maintain/expand markets for exports of US agricultural commodities & to promote cooperation & exchange of info between agricultural institutions & agribusinesses in the US & emerging markets. Applications due 5/19/23.

Quality Samples Program: The <u>QSP</u> is designed to encourage the development & expansion of export markets for US agricultural commodities by assisting US entities in providing commodity samples to potential foreign importers to promote a better understanding & appreciation for the high quality of US agricultural commodities. **Applications due** *5*/19/23.

Distressed Cities TA Program: Through this NOFO, HUD is announcing the availability of @ least 1 award for the \$5M in FY 2022 funding & 1 award of up to \$5M in FY 2023 funding to provide TA to units of general local govt. & their non-profit partners serving communities experiencing economic hardship. Applications due 5/19/23 by 11:59 pm.

Healthy Meals Incentives Grants for Small & Rural School Food Authorities: Grants for small (enrollment of 5k or less) & rural School Food Authorities that are experiencing challenges in the improvement of the nutritional quality of their school meals due to limited staffing, difficulty in accessing training, increased food costs due to limited purchasing power, lack of physical space, & outdated kitchen equipment. Applications due 5/26/23 by 5 pm.

EJ Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program: EPA is issuing this solicitation to request applications for the design & management of a new <u>EJ</u> competitive pass-through program where EPA will competitively select multiple pass-through entities to provide grant funds via subawards to community-based nonprofit organizations & other eligible subrecipient groups representing underserved & disadvantaged communities. Applications due 5/31/23.

*Rural Housing Preservation Grants (Section 533): Grants to organizations that work to rehabilitate & preserve affordable housing for rural, low-income homeowners & renters. Applications due 6/5/23.

Pollution Prevention Grants EJ in Communities: The goal of this grant is to address EJ priorities & improve human health & the environment in disadvantaged communities by providing P2 TA to businesses (e.g., info, training, expert advice) on source reduction, also known as P2. Applications due 6/6/23.

Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants: These grants support the development of comprehensive plans to revitalize severely distressed public housing &/or HUD-assisted housing & the surrounding neighborhood. Communities will develop a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan, to achieve the program's 3 core goals: Housing, People & Neighborhood. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document to carryout subsequent implementation of the plan for the target housing units while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood & positive outcomes for families. Applications due 6/6/23 by 11:59 pm.

STEM Talent Challenge: EDA's Office of Innovation & Entrepreneurship is seeking applications from eligible applicants to create & implement innovative science, technology, engineering, & mathematics (STEM) work-based learning models (such as Registered Apprenticeships) that complement their respective region's innovation economy. The STEM Talent Challenge seeks to develop/expand regional workforce capacity to support high-growth, high-wage entrepreneurial ventures, industries of the future (which usually includes industries that leverage emerging technologies), & other innovation—driven businesses that have a high likelihood of accelerating economic competitiveness & job creation in their respective regions & in the US. Applications due 6/12/23.

*Asphalt Art Grants: The Asphalt Art Initiative grant program is designed to fund visual art on roadways, pedestrian spaces, & public infrastructure in cities. Typically, the projects are painted murals,

organized in collaboration between city governments & local communities, with the following primary goals 1) improving street & pedestrian safety, 2) revitalizing & activating underutilized public space, & 3) promoting collaboration & civic engagement in local communities. Applications due 6/12/23.

Digital Projects for the Public: This <u>program</u> supports projects that interpret & analyze humanities content in primarily digital platforms & formats, such as websites, mobile applications & tours, interactive touch screens & kiosks, games, & virtual environments. **Applications due 6/14/23**.

*DINA Sustainable Food Systems Initiative: A competitive program that will select & fund up to 5 transdisciplinary teams in 2023 to design, implement & evaluate actionable community-based projects on sustainable food systems that contribute to the nutritional health of populations & support communication about their impact. This initiative will provide seed funding for projects such as pilot studies, feasibility testing, needs assessments & planning grants. Each selected team will receive a \$50k DINA Sustainable Food Systems Initiative Innovation Award to implement its project & amplify its message to a broader audience over a two-year period. Teams may use this grant mechanism to supplement current funding from other sources, but new project aims must be developed for the DINA Sustainable Food Systems Initiative funding. Applications due 6/14/23.

Pollution Prevention Grants EJ Through Safer & More Sustainable Products: The goal of this grant is to address EJ by providing P2 TA to businesses (e.g., info, training, expert advice) to improve human health & the environment in disadvantaged communities by increasing the supply, demand & use of safer & more sustainable products, such as those that are certified by EPA's Safer Choice Program/those that conform to EPA's Recommendations for Specifications, Standards & Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing (EPA Recommendations). Applications due 6/20/23.

Community Connect Broadband Grant Program: Grants for communities without broadband access to provide residential & business broadband service & connect facilities such as police & fire stations, healthcare, libraries, & schools. Applications due 6/20/23.

*Broadband Technical Assistance: BTA provides financial assistance through cooperative agreements to eligible entities to receive or deliver broadband TA & training and supports the development & expansion of broadband cooperatives. Applications due 6/20/23 by 11:59 pm.

*Rural Cooperative Development Grant: The primary objective of the RCDG program is to improve the economic condition of rural areas by assisting individuals/entities in the startup, expansion or operational improvement of rural cooperatives & other business entities. Grants are awarded competitively on an annual basis to Rural Cooperative Development Centers who in turn provide TA to individuals & entities. Applications due 6/26/23.

Cooking in Energy Efficient Kitchens Rebates Program: Provides rebates to nonprofits, higher education institutions & K-12 schools for a variety of combustion-free cooking equipment, as well as associated electrical upgrades. To qualify for the <u>rebate</u>, the applicant must be 1 of the following entities: a PA-based K-12 school district, a higher education institution, a not-for-profit hospital/a nonprofit whose

mission is geared toward community services, such as soup kitchens, shelters/food banks. Applications due 6/30/23.

Rural Economic Development Loan & Grant: Provides <u>funding</u> for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create & retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility then is responsible for repayment to USDA. <u>Applications due 6/30/23 by 4:30pm</u>.

T-Mobile Hometown Grant: T-Mobile Hometown Grants is a \$25M, 5-year initiative to support the people & organizations who help small towns across America thrive & grow. <u>Hometown Grants</u> are given every quarter to up to 25 small towns. Apply for funding to support a community project of your choice, like revitalizing/repurposing a historic structure, creating a downtown asset/destination, or improving a space where friends & neighbors gather. Projects that add to a sense of place or could lead to further investment are of particular interest. **Applications due 6/30/23.**

Lineage Foundation for Good Grants: The <u>program</u> will support organizations & initiatives dedicated to addressing hunger, food waste reduction & community development. Applications due 6/30/23.

*Community Facilities TA & Training Grant: The Agency will make grants to public bodies & private nonprofit corporations, (such as States, counties, cities, townships, & incorporated towns & villages, boroughs, authorities, districts, & Indian tribes on Federal & State reservations) to provide associations TA &/or training with respect to essential community facilities programs. The TA &/or training will assist communities, Indian Tribes, & Nonprofit Corporations to identify & plan for community facility needs that exist in their area. Once those needs have been identified, the Grantee can assist in identifying public & private resources to finance those identified community facility needs. Applications due 6/30/23.

Battlefield Restoration Grants: BARE grants support preservation partners across the country in their effort to restore eligible American Revolution, War of 1812, & Civil War sites to day-of battle conditions. The grant program provides up to 50% in matching funds for scoping/implementation grants, allowing preservationists, property owners, & local communities to define, articulate, & realize their shared vision for these special places Applications due 7/6/23 by 11:59 pm.

*Community Economic Development (CED) Planning Grants: The Administration for Children & Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS) will solicit applications to award approximately \$1.5M in CED discretionary funds to Community Development Corporations (CDCs) to stimulate new CED project development through administrative capacity building. OCS aims to align this funding opportunity with the following priority areas: (1) Executive Order 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home & Abroad & the Justice 40 Initiative, which underscore funding support for energy communities, (2) increased equity in geographic distribution of CED funds, in accordance with the CED statute, & (3) breaking down service silos & leveraging existing partnerships across OCS programs to reduce poverty through a wraparound services model for communities with low incomes. The objective of the CED Planning Grants is to stimulate new projects in underserved & under resourced communities. OCS intends to center equity in this funding opportunity, focusing these resources in persistent high-poverty areas with struggling economies that have been unable to put forth a viable CED project in the past. The goal of this funding opportunity is to provide CDCs with financial assistance for administrative capacity building. The awards will be a crucial step in connecting CDCs with CED resources for social & revenue reinvestment in local communities to help spark economic growth. OCS is encouraging applications from CDCs that target urban & rural areas. OCS will provide bonus points for the following types of projects (1) projects located in states/trust territories without active CED grants, (2) projects located in energy communities that have experienced employment loss &/or economic dislocation events as a result of divestment in the fossil fuel industry, &/or have economies that are disproportionately reliant on fossil fuel energy production or distribution, (3) in communities that have current/recent partnerships with OCS program award recipients, (4) projects supporting Native American communities, &/or (5) projects aligned with the Justice 40 initiative. Applications due 7/12/23 by 11:59 pm.

Agriculture & Food Research Initiative Sustainable Agricultural Systems: The AFRI provides funding for fundamental & applied research, education, & Extension projects in the food & agricultural sciences. AFRI's SASs focuses on approaches that promote transformational changes in the US food & agriculture system by increasing agricultural production while also reducing its environmental footprint. Applications due 7/13/23.

History of Art Grants: Supports scholarly projects that will enhance the appreciation & understanding of European works of art & architecture from antiquity to the early 19th century. Grants are awarded to projects that create & disseminate specialized knowledge, including archival projects, development & dissemination of scholarly databases, documentation projects, museum exhibitions & publications, photographic campaigns, scholarly catalogues & publications, & technical & scientific studies. Applications due 9/1/23, & 12/15/23 by 5 pm.

Level 1 Smart Growth Grants: Support efforts to educate REALTORS® & community stakeholders about smart growth topics including hosting a Smart Growth for the 21 °Century Class. Activities may include a class/forum, a speaker(s) who can address specific smart growth issues/a meeting with stakeholders to develop coalition efforts. Applications due 10/16/23.

Level 2 Smart Growth Grants: Support <u>activities</u> to engage in local land-use, growth & transportation issues with other stakeholders & elected officials which will have an impact on policies. These activities could include community planning & input sessions, development of comprehensive plans & zoning policies, studies, research & reports. **Applications due 10/16/23.**

Level 3 Smart Growth Grants: Support <u>comprehensive initiatives</u> leading to long-term impact in a community with significant REALTOR® & public & private stakeholder involvement. Applications due 10/16/23.

GEICO Philanthropic Foundation: The GEICO Philanthropic Foundation strives to support organizations that provide programs & resources to help strengthen our diverse communities across the country. We know that a strong community is one where every individual has access to educational & employment opportunities, can thrive in safe communities, & has the resources to overcome

challenges. We focus our <u>funding</u> on 3 key areas: educating, engaging community, & promoting equity. **Applications due 11/30/23.**

ABPP Battlefield Land Acquisition Grant: ABPP offers BLAGs to assist state & local govts. &, when applicable, their nonprofit partners acquire & preserve eligible Revolutionary War, War of 1812, & Civil War battlefield lands. Each grant requires a \$-for-\$ non-Federal match. Grants are available to purchase land in fee simple/permanent, protective interests in land (easements) @ Civil War battlefields listed in the Civil War Sites Advisory Commission's Report on the Nation's Civil War Battlefields (1993) & the principal battlefields & associated sites of the Revolutionary War & War of 1812 identified in NPS ABPP's Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War & War of 1812 Sites in the US (2007). Applications due 12/31/23 by 11:59 pm.

Stimulating Research to Understand & Address Hunger, Food, & Nutrition Insecurity: NOSI for research on interventions that address nutrition security & the mechanisms of food insecurity on a variety of health outcomes. Priority populations include racial/ethnic minority populations, lower income populations, & rural & remote populations including tribal communities & insular areas. Applications due 11/29/24.

Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant: Our Mission is to impact the lifesaving capabilities, & the lives of local heroes & their communities by providing lifesaving equipment & prevention education tools to 1" responders, non-profits & public safety organizations. All requests must fall within our <u>funding guidelines</u>. A maximum of 600 <u>grant</u> <u>applications</u> will be accepted on a quarterly <u>basis</u>.

Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program: Direct USDA loans &/or grants to purchase, construct, enlarge/improve essential community facilities (a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, & does not include private, commercial/business undertakings) for healthcare, public safety, education, & public services in rural areas. Ongoing

Affordable Community Connect Program: Provides a discount of up to \$30/month toward internet service for eligible households & up to \$75/month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Applicants can also receive a discount for purchasing a laptop, desktop computer/tablet. Ongoing

Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Economies: ARISE rests on the observation that significant economic opportunities often reach across state lines & that achieving the maximum economic impact from these can demand a multistate approach. Rolling

Business & Industry Loans: <u>Loan guarantees</u> to improve, develop/finance business, industry, & employment & improve the economic & environmental climate in rural communities. <u>Ongoing</u>

HUD Distressed Cities & Persistent Poverty TA Program: TA to build capacity of local govts. experiencing economic distress, specifically in smaller communities with populations under 50k. <u>Assistance</u> will help local govts. & their nonprofit partners in alleviating persistent poverty. Ongoing

Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees: Loans & loan guarantees for the construction, maintenance, improvement, & expansion of telephone service & broadband in rural areas. Ongoing

Economic Impact Initiative Grants: <u>Funding</u> to assist in the development of essential community facilities in rural communities that have extreme unemployment & severe economic depression. **Ongoing**

Strategic Economic & Community Development Program: A program that allows USDA to give priority for projects that support the implementation of regional economic development plans through several USDA Rural Development funding programs. Ongoing

Community Heart & Soul Seed Grant Program: Provides \$10k in <u>funding</u> for resident-driven groups in small cities & towns to start the Community Heart & Soul model. Grant funding requires a \$10k cash match from the participating municipality/a partnering organization. **Ongoing**

EDA Public Works & Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs: Funding to support the implementation of regional economic development, including public works projects & job creation projects. Rural, tribal, & other underserved communities are a program priority. **Ongoing**

Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program (ACAP): <u>ACAP</u> provides financial & technical assistance for the implementation of BMPs on agricultural operations within PA. <u>Applications accepted quarterly.</u>