

# REP. MARIE GLUESENKAMP PEREZ'S GRANTS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to my Grants Newsletter! Our goal with this newsletter is to help you stay up to date on some of the federal funding opportunities available to our district so that you can get the dollars you need to support the important work you do.

As an independent voice for Southwest Washington in Congress, part of my role is to ensure our local leaders have the tools and the funding necessary to be successful. Grants and federally backed loans can be a valuable source of funding for a variety of initiatives, including economic development, education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

In this newsletter, we'll provide you with a brief overview of some of the funding opportunities available to governments and organizations in our district. We'll also share resources to help you navigate the grant application process and increase your chances of securing funding. While the newsletter covers many opportunities, a full, comprehensive list of active federal grant options can be found at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

If you would like a letter of support for a completed grant application from my office, please fill out our form [here](#). And if you successfully received a grant you learned about through this newsletter or with the help of my team, please let us know!

Whether you're a local government, tribe, nonprofit organization, or small business, we hope that this newsletter will help you find the funding you need to make a positive impact in our community. My team and I look forward to helping you access the resources you need to succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MGP', written in a cursive style.

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez  
Member of Congress

# ACTIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following grants and funding opportunities are active and available as of the publication of this newsletter.

For more information on a particular program, or if you would like an update on the status of an application, please contact [cameron.kockritz@mail.house.gov](mailto:cameron.kockritz@mail.house.gov).



## INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Port Infrastructure Development Program** [[Link](#)]

*Department of the Interior*

#### **Description:**

- Announces the availability of \$450,000,000 for FY 2026 Port Infrastructure Development Program grants.

#### **Who can apply?**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- State governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

#### **Deadline:**

- **February 28, 2026**

### **FY 2026 National Infrastructure Investments** [[Link](#)]

*Department of the Interior*

#### **Description:**

- The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for the fiscal year (FY) 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant program. The goal of the program is to fund projects that will have a significant local or regional impact and improve transportation infrastructure. BUILD grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, per statute, for planning or constructing surface transportation infrastructure projects that will improve safety; environmental sustainability; quality of life; mobility and

community connectivity; economic competitiveness and opportunity including tourism; state of good repair; partnership and collaboration; and innovation.

**Who can apply?**

- State Governments
- A unit of local government
- A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States
- A special purpose district or public authority with a transportation function (including a port authority)
- A Federally recognized Indian Tribe
- A consortium of such Indian Tribes
- A transit agency
- A multi-State or multijurisdictional group of entities that are separately eligible.

**Deadline:**

- **February 24, 2026**



**Office of Wildland Fire (OWF) – Slip-On Tanker Units [\[Link\]](#)**

*Department of Interior*

**Description:**

- Wildfire activity is increasing. Drought and prolonged, increased temperatures are creating conditions that allow wildfires to start earlier in the year, enable them to last longer, and make them more difficult to control. Increasingly intense wildfires and prolonged droughts then lead to an influx of invasive species that burn more easily than native vegetation and in turn propel still more extreme wildfire activity. As a result, wildfires are now occurring in places where they were previously extremely rare, with more land burning, on average, each year. This is leading to a year-round wildfire season, now referred to as a fire year, throughout the country. The frequency of large wildfires is also increasing, particularly near communities. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, also known as BIL, enacted in November 2021, provides funding to local governments to acquire slip-on tanker units to support wildland firefighters.

**Who can apply?**

- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- State governments

**Deadline:**

- **March 23, 2026**

## **Indian Highway Safety Law Enforcement Grant [\[Link\]](#)**

*Department of the Interior*

### **Description:**

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) solicit proposals for implementing traffic safety programs and projects that are designated to reduce the number of traffic crashes, deaths, and injuries within these populations. Indian Highway Safety Grants are financial assistance grants that are reimbursable and available to federally recognized tribes.

### **Who can apply?**

- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

### **Deadline:**

- **May 1, 2026**

## **Indian Highway Safety Occupant Protection Grant [\[Link\]](#)**

*Department of the Interior*

### **Description:**

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Indian Highway Safety Program (IHSP) is soliciting proposals for traffic safety programs and projects aimed at reducing traffic crashes, fatalities, and injuries within tribal communities. Indian Highway Safety Grants are reimbursable and available exclusively to federally recognized tribes.

### **Who can apply?**

- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

### **Deadline:**

- **May 1, 2026**

## **OVC FY25 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking [\[Link\]](#)**

*Department of Justice*

### **Description:**

- This NOFO will develop, expand, and strengthen victim service programs for victims of all forms of human trafficking throughout the United States and its territories. This program provides funding for comprehensive and specialized services for victims of all forms of human trafficking and is intended for victim services programs serving adults or a combination of adults and minors/youth.

### **Who can apply?**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- State governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Special district governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)

**Deadline:**

- **March 11, 2026**



**Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings [\[Link\]](#)**

*Environmental Protection Agency*

**Description:**

- This program provides grants to states, federally recognized Tribes, public pre-schools, local educational agencies, and non-profit organizations for the assessment, prevention, control, or abatement of wildfire smoke hazards in community buildings and related activities. These grants are intended to support activities that will reduce indoor exposure to pollutants in wildfire smoke and, in turn, reduce the public health burden of wildfire smoke exposure. This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to improve public health protection against smoke from wildfires by enhancing preparedness in community buildings. The EPA is soliciting applications for projects that support smoke readiness planning, outreach and training for smoke readiness, indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring, deployment of portable air cleaners, identification and preparation of cleaner air spaces or shelters, significant improvements to buildings such as upgrading and repairing heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units or systems and weatherization. Activities may include research, demonstrations, technical assistance, training, education and/or outreach components. Applications must focus on assisting public buildings or buildings that serve the public.

**Who can apply?**

- States (including the District of Columbia and U.S. territories and possessions)
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Public pre-schools
- Local educational agencies
- Public and private non-profit organizations

**Deadline:**

- April 15, 2026

**FORECASTED: Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Planning [\[Link\]](#)**

*Department of Health and Human Services*

**Description:**

- Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP)-Planning supports organizations in rural communities to build the partnerships and foundational capacity needed to develop, implement and sustain a comprehensive system of substance use disorder (SUD) and related services. RCORP's focus is on opioid misuse and its impact on rural America. However, HRSA recognizes that people who misuse opioids often struggle with other substances as well, including alcohol. Individuals struggling with SUD, including opioid use disorder (OUD), need a continuum of mental, behavioral, and related social supports. RCORP-Planning helps address these needs in a comprehensive way. This program is intended for rural communities that may find the logistics or requirements of larger, more complex federal grant programs to be barriers to accessing start-up support. Funding will serve as a critical first step to creating SUD service systems that make care easy to access, strengthen the behavioral health workforce, and have strong community buy-in. It will help prepare communities to provide sustainable prevention, treatment, recovery, and other supportive services that:
  - reduce substance use initiation and misuse,
  - address the mental, behavioral, and psychosocial needs of people who use illicit substances or misuse alcohol, or are in recovery from substance use problems, and
  - reduce disease and death related to substance use problems, including OUD, in high-risk rural communities.

**Who can apply?**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- State governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Small businesses
- For profit organizations other than small businesses

**PROJECTED Deadline:**

- **April 6, 2026**

**FORECASTED: Rural Residency Planning and Development Program [[Link](#)]**

*Department of Health and Human Services*

**Description:**

- The Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) program improves and expands rural health care access. It does this by developing new, accredited, sustainable rural residency programs, including rural track programs (RTPs). Newly created rural physician residency programs increase training and ultimately practice in rural areas to address physician shortages. The RRPD program provides start-up funding to create new rural residency programs in qualifying medical specialties. Long-term sustainability funding must come from viable and stable sources, such as Medicare, Medicaid, and other public or private sources. Qualifying medical specialties are:
  - Family medicine.
  - Internal medicine.
  - Preventive medicine.
  - Psychiatry.
  - General surgery.
  - Obstetrics and gynecology.
- For this notice of funding opportunity (NOFO), rural residency programs:
  - Are accredited physician residency programs.
  - Train residents in clinical training sites that are physically located in a rural area as defined by HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) for greater than 50 percent of their total time in residency.
  - Focus on preparing physicians to practice in rural communities.

**Who can apply?**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- State governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Small businesses
- For profit organizations other than small businesses

**PROJECTED Deadline:**

- **May 15, 2026**

**FORECASTED: Rural Health Network Advancement Program** [\[Link\]](#)

*Department of Health and Human Services*

**Description:**

- The Rural Health Network Advancement Program is a pilot initiative to support networks comprised of independent rural hospitals and clinics in integrated network collaboration. It bridges support to offset small scale structural barriers that make it difficult for rural providers to compete in an increasingly consolidated health care system landscape and is designed to help bring economic efficiencies to small independent rural entities by expanding and enhancing their ability to strengthen operations, preserve existing services, and build new lines of care through integrated network collaboration that preserves local autonomy.

**Who can apply?**

- Public or private, non-profit or for-profit entities
- Faith-based and community-based organizations, tribes and tribal organizations

**PROJECTED Deadline:**

- **June 23, 2026**

**FORECASTED: Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance Program** [\[Link\]](#)

*Department of Health and Human Services*

**Description:**

- This notice announces the opportunity to apply for funding under the Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance Program. The Rural Health Clinic Technical Assistance (RHC TA) Program funds an entity to provide technical assistance (TA) to Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) through targeted support, specialized expertise, and guidance. The purpose of this program is to:
  - Identify key policy, regulatory, programmatic, and clinical issues facing RHCs.
  - Inform RHCs and other rural stakeholders about key RHC issues that affect, or could affect, health care delivery and improve care.
  - Identify and disseminate information on tools, resources, and strategies as possible solutions to challenges faced by RHCs.

**Who can apply?**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- State governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Small businesses
- For profit organizations other than small businesses

**PROJECTED Deadline:**

- **April 17, 2026**

**FORECASTED: Rapid Response Rural Data Analysis and Issue Specific Rural Research Studies [[Link](#)]**

*Department of Health and Human Services*

**Description:**

- This notice announces the opportunity to apply for funding under the Rapid Response Rural Data Analysis and Issue Specific Rural Research Studies Program. This program will fund one entity to provide rural stakeholders with timely access to data analysis on pressing rural health issues. The goal of this award is to fund analysis that furthers understanding on emerging factors that affect rural health to improve health care in rural America.

**Who can apply?**

- City or township governments
- County governments
- State governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Special district governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Small businesses
- For profit organizations other than small businesses

**PROJECTED Deadline:**

- **April 17, 2026**



**Nursing Home Staffing Campaign [[Link](#)]**

*Department of Health and Human Services*

**Description:**

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is committed to improving safety and quality of care in the nation’s nursing homes. Nursing home staffing is a critical factor for improving care for nursing home residents.
- However, some nursing homes struggle to hire enough nursing staff to meet each resident’s needs. Additionally, state survey agencies, which are responsible for inspecting nursing homes for compliance with federal regulations, have also had challenges hiring nurses to conduct these inspections. The Nursing Home Staffing Campaign (NHSC) is aimed at increasing the availability of nurses to work in the nursing home environment, such as in qualifying nursing homes or in an oversight capacity for a state inspection agency.
- This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is focused on helping to recruit registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses or licensed vocational nurses (LPNs) to work in nursing homes by offering financial incentives.

**Who can apply?**

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Private (nonprofit) institutions of higher education
- National associations for nursing schools
- National associations for nurses
- National associations for nursing students
- Nonprofits that have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

- Community and consumer-focused nonprofit groups.
- Small nonprofit businesses
- Faith-based organizations that meet the organizational eligibility requirements are welcome to apply

**Deadline:**

- **March 27, 2026**



**Homeless Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), Incarcerated Veterans' Transition Program (IVTP), and the Homeless Women Veterans' and Homeless Veterans' with Children Reintegration Grant Program [[Link](#)]**

*Department of Labor*

**Description:**

- The intent of Home Veterans' Reintegration Program (HVRP), an employment-focused competitive grant program, aims to support America's veterans in achieving their full employment potential and securing high-quality career outcomes for veterans experiencing and at risk of homelessness. The Department encourages applicants to propose strategies that promote economic prosperity, including appropriate participant support measures to help veterans find meaningful employment and overcome barriers to a successful transition into the workforce.

**Who can apply?**

- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Small businesses
- City or township governments
- County governments
- Private institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- State governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities

**Deadline:**

- **March 17, 2026**

**Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces (Equine Therapy Grants) [[Link](#)]**

*Department of Veterans Affairs*

**Description:**

- VA will award grants to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports, training, and other opportunities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

**Who can apply?**

- Individuals
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- State governments
- Independent school districts
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Special district governments
- County governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- City or township governments

**Deadline:**

- **May 11, 2026**

**Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces (Adaptive Sports Grants) [[Link](#)]**

*Department of Veterans Affairs*

**Description:**

- VA will award grants to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports, training, and other opportunities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

### **Who can apply?**

- Individuals
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- State governments
- Independent school districts
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- Unrestricted (i.e., open to any type of entity above), subject to any clarification in text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility"
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Special district governments
- County governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- City or township governments

### **Deadline:**

- **May 11, 2026**



## **ROSS Rapid Response Program [\[Link\]](#)**

*Department of Housing and Urban Development*

### **Description:**

- The ROSS Rapid Response Program (RRP) awards one-time assistance via a cost-reimbursable grant for service coordination and limited direct services for residents of HUD-assisted housing. The RRP utilizes a simplified application process to promote local leadership and flexibility in addressing urgent social needs caused by unanticipated emergencies. Examples of these emergencies can include but are not limited to:

- Natural disasters (e.g., wildfires or hurricanes)
- Public health crises (e.g., gun violence, community-level contamination or environmental hazards)
- Economic disruptions (e.g., closure of a major employment center that employs residents at the target site)

**Who can apply?**

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

**Deadline:**

- **January 25, 2027**



**Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) [[Link](#)]**

*Environmental Protection Agency*

**Description:**

- The WIFIA program aims to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental credit assistance for regionally and nationally significant projects. The WIFIA program has an active pipeline of pending applications for projects that will result in billions of dollars in water infrastructure investment and thousands of jobs. EPA accepts requests for WIFIA financing on an ongoing basis.

**Who can apply?**

- Corporations, partnerships, and joint ventures, and trusts
- State governments
- Local governments
- Tribal government
- Consortium of Tribal governments

**Deadline:**

- **Rolling**

**Home Improvements/Structural Alterations (HISA) [[Link](#)]**

*Department of Veterans Affairs*

### **Description:**

- This benefit provides medically necessary improvements and structural alterations to Veterans/Servicemembers' primary residence for the following purposes:
  - Allowing entrance to or exit from the primary residence
  - Use of essential lavatory and sanitary facilities (e.g. roll in showers)
  - Allowing accessibility to kitchen or bathroom sinks or counters (e.g. lowering counters/sinks)
  - Improving entrance paths or driveways in immediate area of the home to facilitate access to the home through construction of permanent ramping
  - Improving plumbing or electrical systems made necessary due to installation of home medical equipment

### **Who can apply?**

- Service Members with:
  - A prescription written or approved by a VA physician which includes
    - (a) The beneficiary's name, address and telephone number
    - (b) A description of the prescribed project, including the area of the home to be improved or structurally altered; type of modification and all alternatives to the modifications; and items requiring installation
    - (c) The diagnosis and medical justification for the prescribed improvement or structural alteration. The medical justification should demonstrate the project's clinical appropriateness, that is, the beneficiary's clinical needs should support the type of home improvement or structural alterations being prescribed

### **Deadline:**

- **Rolling**

## **OTHER RESOURCES**

- [DOT Competitive Grant Funding Matrix](#): Look through program descriptions on the chart to identify programs for which you have relevant projects
- [Grants.gov](#): Searchable by many different criteria, this is the most complete list of federal grant opportunities and is updated frequently. Grant.gov also has a [Grants Learning Center](#).
- [Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Exchange](#): OCED has a number of funding opportunities for clean energy projects through the IRA and BIL. The page is similar to the DOT funding matrix with grant info.

- **Department of Labor Grants**: DOL has been working to publish their new and upcoming grant programs which aim to connect, protect, train, support, and empower workers and job seekers.
- **Better Grants Better Service**: USDA seeks to simplify the navigation and completion of their grant programs. They are making changes that will ameliorate grant applications, as well as improve customer service experiences.