

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.



AGRICULTURE + NUTRITION

Value-Added Producer Grant [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Agriculture

Description:

- The objective of this grant program is to assist viable Agricultural Producers, Agricultural Producer Groups, Farmer and Rancher Cooperatives, and Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Businesses in starting or expanding value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of Value-Added Agricultural Products. Grants will be awarded competitively for either planning or working capital projects directly related to the processing and/or marketing of value-added products. Generating new products, creating and expanding marketing opportunities, and increasing producer income are the end goals of the program. All proposals must demonstrate economic viability and sustainability to compete for funding.

Who can apply?

- Agricultural Producers
- Agricultural Producer Groups
- Farmer or Rancher Cooperatives
- Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Business

Deadline:

- **April 22, 2026**

FORECASTED: Maternal Produce Prescription Program (MP3) [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

- The Maternal Produce Prescription Program (MP3) will provide grants to develop and implement community-based produce prescription programs and related nutrition

education for maternal populations at risk of poor health outcomes due to nutrition insecurity and other health-related factors.

Who can apply?

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

Estimated Deadline:

- **May 15, 2026**



Region 10 Fiscal Year 2025 Wetland Program Development Grants [\[Link\]](#)
Environmental Protection Agency

Description:

- Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs) assist state, Tribal, territory (Insular Areas), local government agencies, and interstate or intertribal entities in developing or refining state, Tribal, territory or local programs that protect, manage and restore wetlands. The goals of the EPA's wetland program include increasing the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition. In pursuing these goals, the EPA seeks to develop the capacity of all levels of government to develop and/or refine effective, comprehensive programs for wetland protection and management. This is done using the Core Elements of a Wetlands Program, the Wetlands Program Core Elements Framework and for states and Tribes the development of Wetland Program Plans (WPP).

Who can apply?

- Indian Tribes

- State and local governments
- Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)
- Interstate Agencies
- Intertribal consortia

Deadline:

- **April 10, 2026**

WaterSMART Drought Response Program [\[Link\]](#)

Department of the Interior

Description:

- The WaterSMART Drought Response Program NOFO invites eligible applicants to submit proposals for projects designed to improve drought resilience by developing effective water management strategies and drought contingency plans. Funding under the Drought Response Program supports a range of initiatives including infrastructure improvements for increased water storage and distribution capabilities, water source diversification, decision-making tools for water management, and comprehensive planning to prepare for and respond to drought conditions.

Who can apply?

- Category A Applicants:
 - States, Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts
 - State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority
 - Other organizations with water or power delivery authority
- Category B Applicants:
 - Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with, and with the agreement of an entity described in Category A

Deadline:

- **July 28, 2026**

Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects [\[Link\]](#)

Department of the Interior

Description:

- The goal of the WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects NOFO is to invite eligible entities to apply for funding to implement projects that conserve water and enhance water supply reliability in water delivery systems. It encourages the implementation of small-scale projects identified through prior planning efforts, such as canal lining, water delivery automation, flow measurement, and other projects that increase water efficiency.

Who can apply?

- Category A Applicants:
 - States, Tribes, irrigation districts, and water districts

- State, regional, or local authorities, the members of which include one or more organizations with water or power delivery authority
- Other organizations with water or power delivery authority
- Category B Applicants:
 - Nonprofit conservation organizations that are acting in partnership with, and with the agreement of an entity described in Category A

Deadline:

- **June 2, 2026**



2026 Wood Products Infrastructure Assistance Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

Description:

- The USDA Forest Service is announcing funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) to provide financial assistance to facilities that procure and process byproducts (timber and biomass) generated from ecosystem restoration/forest management projects in areas at risk of unnaturally severe wildfire or insect or disease infestation. The intent of this funding is to substantially decrease the cost (increase revenue) of restoration/forest management projects on federal and Tribal lands through targeted facility investment outcomes that increase market opportunities and value of byproducts (timber and biomass) produced from these projects.
- Funding priority for financial assistance is to entities seeking to establish, reopen, retrofit, expand, or improve a sawmill or other wood-processing or energy facility that utilizes byproducts (timber and biomass) generated from projects (i.e. timber sales, stewardship contracts, or stewardship agreements) on federal or Tribal lands identified as at risk for fire, insect, or disease and a high priority for ecological restoration. To be eligible for funding, the project facility must be in close proximity to and procure a substantial quantity (approximately 50%) of raw materials from federal or Tribal lands. Successful applicants will describe how facility investment outcomes will reduce the cost (increase revenue) of ecological restoration/land management projects on Federal or Tribal lands through market opportunities for restoration byproducts (timber and biomass) generated by these projects.

Who can apply?

- For-profit entities
- State and local governments
- Indian tribes
- Not-for-profit organizations

- Higher education institutions
- Special purpose districts (e.g. public utilities districts, fire districts, school districts, conservation districts and ports)

Deadline:

- **April 22, 2026**

2026 Wood Innovations Grant Funding Opportunity [[Link](#)]

Department of Agriculture - Forest Service

Description:

- The USDA Forest Service requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands. The grants and agreements awarded under this announcement will support the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 Pub. L. 115-334 Sec. 8643, Rural Revitalization Technologies 7 U.S.C. Sec. 6601, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Pub. L. 117-58 Div. J Title VI to meet the nationwide challenge of disposing of hazardous fuels and other wood residues from the National Forest System and other U.S. forest lands in a manner that supports wood products and wood energy markets. This Request for Proposals focuses on the following priorities to: 1.) Reduce wildfire risk and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forestlands; 2.) Reduce costs of forest management on all land types; 3.) Promote economic and environmental health of communities.
- The intent of the Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity is to stimulate, expand, and support wood products markets and wood energy markets. Projects can include, but are not limited to:
 - Completing requirements, such as engineering designs, cost analyses, and permitting necessary, in the later stages of commercial construction projects that use wood as a primary building material and in the later stages of wood energy project development to secure financing. Early phase project development proposals will not be competitive.
 - Developing manufacturing capacity, other necessary wood products infrastructure, and markets for wood products that support forest ecosystem restoration.
 - Showcasing quantifiable environmental and economic benefits of using wood as a sustainable building material in an actual commercial building and the projected benefits achieved if replicated across the United States based on commercial construction market trends.
 - Establishing statewide wood utilization teams and statewide wood energy teams. Only proposals from States without an existing (or former) team will be considered.

- Developing a cluster of wood energy projects in a geographic area or specific sector (e.g., prisons, hospitals, universities, manufacturing sector, or industrial sector).
- Overcoming market barriers and stimulating expansion of wood energy in the commercial sector.

Who can apply?

- For-profit entities
- State, local governments
- Indian Tribes
- School districts
- Not-for-profit organizations
- Institutions of higher education
- Special purpose districts (e.g., public utilities districts, fire districts, conservation districts, and ports)

Deadline:

- **April 22, 2026**



BJA FY25 Smart Reentry Demonstration Program [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- This NOFO supports state, local, and Tribal governments to implement comprehensive and collaborative reentry strategies to increase the likelihood of successful reentry for adults leaving prison, jail, or supervision, and establish or expand a program or service (“intervention”) to reduce recidivism.

Who can apply?

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

Deadline:

- **March 19, 2026**

FY25 Strengthening Community Supervision Agency Operations Program [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- This NOFO will support state, local, and tribal community supervision agencies to develop more effective probation and parole programs and improve supervision outcomes by strengthening operations to prevent recidivism and reduce violent crime.

Who can apply?

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

Deadline:

- **March 19 , 2026**

BJA FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- This NOFO supports comprehensive service networks addressing untreated mental illness and substance use at the intersection of mental health, substance use, and justice systems. This program responds to the growing burden of endemic vagrancy, disorderly behavior and public safety threats faced by law enforcement agencies. These agencies are often positioned as first responders to situations better addressed by health and social service systems. Law enforcement and justice agencies nationwide need actionable alternatives that prioritize both public order and appropriate treatment settings for those experiencing mental illness or substance use disorders. Specifically, this initiative provides funding to support activities through four core areas: (1) crisis stabilization centers; (2) treatment services; (3) housing access; and (4) electronic health record (EHR) systems and technology modernization.

Who can apply?

- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- County governments
- Special district governments
- State governments
- City or township governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies are eligible to apply only if they meet two requirements:
 - (1) The applicant is designated by the state mental health authority to provide services as a unit of the state or local government.
 - (2) The applicant provides documentation to support this designation.

Deadline:

- **March 19, 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**

OJJDP FY25 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- This NOFO will provide funding to develop or expand programs in juvenile and adult detention or correctional facilities to respond to the needs of incarcerated parents and their children to reduce the likelihood of antisocial behaviors, future involvement in the juvenile justice system, and recidivism; and support responsible parenting that leads to healthy child development, resiliency, and improved interactions among incarcerated parents and their minor children, family, and community members.

Who can apply?

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

Deadline:

- **March 30, 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**



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
- Federally recognized Tribes
- Public pre-schools
- Local educational agencies
- Public and private non-profit organizations

Deadline:

- **April 15, 2026**

Implementing Zero Suicide in Health Systems [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

- The purpose of this program is to provide resources to healthcare systems for implementing the Zero Suicide framework for adults who are at risk of suicide. Award recipients are expected to implement all seven elements of the Zero Suicide framework: Lead, Train, Identify, Engage, Treat, Transition, and Improve.
- The Zero Suicide model is a comprehensive, multi-setting approach grounded in the belief that suicide deaths within care systems can be preventable. This model is built on foundational principles that emphasize:
 - Suicide prevention by improving access to high-quality, timely services.
 - Taking systematic steps across all levels of care to foster a culture that no longer finds suicide acceptable or inevitable.
 - Adopting and sustaining evidence-based practices that reduce suicide deaths and behaviors when integrated across an entire system of care, anchored in strong, compassionate client-staff interactions

Who can apply?

- Community-based primary care or behavioral health care settings
- Emergency departments
- State mental health agency (or State health agency with mental or behavioral health functions)

- Public health agencies
- Territories of the United States
- Indian Tribes or Tribal organizations (as the terms “Indian tribe” and “tribal organization” are defined in Section 5304 of Title 25)

Deadline:

- **April 20, 2026**

Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

- The purpose of this program is to facilitate the implementation of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) for adults with serious mental illness (SMI). Recipients are expected to implement the AOT program, working with civil courts, community partners, and other entities to support community-based treatment for adults with SMI who meet criteria for AOT.

Who can apply?

- Counties
- Cities
- Mental health systems (including mental health authorities)
- Mental health courts
- Any other entities with authority under the law of the State in which the applicant is located to implement, monitor and oversee assisted outpatient programs

Deadline:

- **April 20, 2026**



Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants (Round 6) [[Link](#)]

Department of Labor - Employment and Training Administration

Description:

- Round 6 of the Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC or SCC6) grants will fund community colleges, with a singular focus on building program and system capacity for implementing and scaling access to short-term training opportunities through Workforce Pell Grants—i.e., promoting industry-driven strategies, worker mobility, and integration with the larger state workforce system (e.g., Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partners) for statewide impact.

Who can apply?

- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **May 20, 2026**

**Veterans Legacy Grants Program [[Link](#)]**

Department of Veterans Affairs

Description:

- The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) is awarding grants up to a maximum of \$400,000 per recipient through the Veterans Legacy Grants Program (VLGP). Grant recipients would provide tools for the public to learn about the histories of Veterans interred in national cemeteries and state, territorial, and Tribal Veterans cemeteries. There is special interest in highlighting the histories of Veterans who have significant connections to their local communities.

Who can apply?

- Private institutions of higher education
- State governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Local educational agency
- Non-profit entity that the Secretary determines has a demonstrated history of community engagement that pertains to the projects described in the relevant NOFO

Deadline:

- **March 27, 2026**

***FORECASTED:* 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

Estimated Deadline:

- **May 11, 2026**

FORECASTED: 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

Estimated Deadline:

- **May 11, 2026**



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.