

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.

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 erin.masterson@mail.house.gov.



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?

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

Deadline:

- **May 11, 2026**

 **HOUSING****Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program for FY2025** [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description:

- The Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) provides competitive grant opportunities to eligible IHBG formula recipients under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to carry out eligible affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Tribal families.

Who can apply?

- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Deadline:

- **January 15, 2026**

 **PUBLIC SAFETY****BJA FY25 Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program**[\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- This NOFO addresses capacity challenges within the Medical Examiner/Coroner (ME/C) system brought on by strict industry caps on the number of autopsies that certified pathologists can perform in a calendar year. This perennial challenge has been exacerbated by extraordinary spikes in opioid-related fatalities and the COVID pandemic. This funding will strengthen the ME/C system by increasing the number of certified forensic pathologists and enhancing the quality of medicolegal death investigations nationwide

Who can apply?

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments

- Special district governments
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American Tribal governments (other than federally recognized)
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (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
- Organizations other than small businesses
- Other units of local government

Deadline:

- **October 06, 2025**

OJJDP FY25 Mentoring for Youth Affected by Opioid and Other Substance use [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- Through this funding opportunity, this NOFO will enhance and expand mentoring services for children and youth affected by opioids and other substance use, as well as their families. Mentoring services may include one-on-one, group, or peer mentoring—or a combination of these approaches. In addition to mentoring services, this NOFO may support supplemental activities that are consistent with the proposed mentoring model and have a clear connection to the mentoring program. Up to 20 percent of the total funds may be allocated for other non-mentoring direct services, such as mental health treatment, substance use treatment, or other supportive services identified and aligned with the project design

Who can apply?

- Educational organizations
- nonprofit organizations
- for-profit organizations
- Native American Tribal organizations (other than federally recognized Tribal governments).

Deadline:

- **October 23, 2025**

OJJDP FY25 Regional Children’s Advocacy Centers Program [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- Through this funding opportunity, OJJDP will support four regional CACs that will deliver coordinated training and technical assistance to improve the investigation and

prosecution of child abuse and neglect and the provision of services to child victims and their families.

Who can apply?

- Educational organizations
- nonprofit organizations
- for-profit organizations
- Native American Tribal organizations (other than federally recognized Tribal governments).

Deadline:

- **October 21, 2025**

BJA FY25 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) – Competitive Grants Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Justice

Description:

- This funding opportunity seeks to support states and units of local government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to solve crimes and protect public safety by maximizing the effective utilization of DNA technology to process DNA samples for entry into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

Who can apply?

- State governments
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Units of local government

Deadline:

- **October 22, 2025**

BJA FY25 DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) – Formula Grants Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Justice

Description:

- Through this funding opportunity, BJA is seeking applications to support states and units of local government with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis to process, and/or to increase the capacity to process, more DNA samples for entry into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The objective is to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or to prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples.

Who can apply?

- State governments

- County governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Units of local government

Deadline:

- **October 22, 2025**



Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grants for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia [\[Link\]](#)

Environmental Protection Agency

Description:

- The Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) grant program will assist local waste management authorities by supporting improvements to local post-consumer materials management, including municipal recycling programs, and assisting local waste management authorities in making improvements to local waste management systems.

Who can apply?

- Indian Tribes
- Intertribal consortia

Deadline:

- **December 12, 2025**

National Fish Passage Program FY25 [\[Link\]](#)

Department of the Interior

Description:

- The National Fish Passage Program (NFPP) provides technical and financial assistance to partners to remove instream barriers and restore aquatic connectivity, improve community safety, and support local economies. Fish passage projects benefit communities by reducing flood risk, improving recreational opportunities, and improving roads while supporting native fish populations and aquatic ecosystems. NFPP project examples include dam removals, culvert replacements, floodplain restoration, and the installation of fishways.

Who can apply?

- City or township governments

- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Individuals
- Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
- Private institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Small businesses
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Special district governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts
- State governments

Deadline:

- **December 31, 2025**



Farm to School Grant Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Agriculture

Description:

- The program objective for the FY 2026 Farm to School Grant Program is to improve access to local foods in eligible CNP sites through comprehensive farm to CNP programming that includes local sourcing and agricultural education efforts. Proposed activities should clearly align with the objective and their associated activities and indicators.

Who can apply?

- County governments
- State governments
- City or township governments
- Independent school districts
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **December 05, 2025**

Rural Health Transformation Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

- The Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program helps State governments to support rural communities across America in improving healthcare access, quality, and outcomes by transforming the healthcare delivery ecosystem. The RHT Program focuses on promoting innovation, strategic partnerships, infrastructure development, and workforce investment. States will help rural communities meet these strategic goals:
 - Promote preventative health and address root causes of diseases
 - Support sustainable access
 - Workforce development
 - Innovative care
 - Tech innovation

Who can apply?

- State governments

Deadline:

- **November 05, 2025**

Forecast: Addressing Determinants of Health Disparities Among Rural Population [[Link](#)]

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) intends to publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to support intervention and etiologic studies in rural communities to address factors that increase, reduce, or prevent disparities in health outcomes among rural populations. Areas of research interest that may be addressed include but are not limited to:

- Studies that utilize the life course continuum to address health disparities in rural populations considering risk factors that differentially impact health.
- Development, adaptation, and/or implementation of community-engaged interventions that improve quality of life, well-being, and health outcomes in rural populations.
- Implementation studies to advance the reach, effectiveness, and sustainability of evidence-based interventions in rural communities.

Who can apply?

- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

- Independent school districts
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- State governments
- Small businesses
- Private institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **November 26, 2025**

Community Health Aide Program: Tribal Planning and Implementation

[\[Link\]](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

- The Community Health Aide Program (CHAP) Tribal Planning and Implementation (TPI) grant empowers Tribes and Tribal Organizations (T/TO) in the contiguous 48 states to plan and implement CHAP by providing regional flexibility, clinical support, tailored healthcare solutions, technological infrastructure, comprehensive training, integration strategies, and addressing social determinants of health.

Who can apply?

- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Deadline:

- **January 01, 2026**

OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Research and Evaluation Initiative [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Justice

Description:

- The purpose of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative is to study approaches to preventing and addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. By studying the efficacy of strategies for serving victims and holding offenders accountable, the R&E Initiative helps communities assess their current programs and adopt proven strategies. The initiative is designed to support researcher-practitioner partnerships and a broad range of research and evaluation methods.

Who can apply?

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

- County governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- State governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- City or township governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **September 23, 2025**



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
 - 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**

EDA FY25 Disaster Supplemental [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Commerce

Description:

- Through this Disaster NOFO, EDA will award investments in regions experiencing severe economic distress or other economic harm resulting from hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters occurring in calendar years 2023 and 2024. EDA's goal under this NOFO is to assist communities recovering from a disaster by realizing opportunities to recover and change the economic trajectory of the community for the better. EDA funding seeks to help communities recover and set them on a path to exceed their previous pre-disaster baseline. EDA seeks projects that are responsive to community needs post-disaster by engaging all aspects of the community, with special focus on private industry partners. Funding will be provided through three pathways:
 - Readiness Path
 - Implementation Path
 - Industry Transformation Path

Who can apply?

- County governments
- Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- City or township governments
- Independent school districts
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **Rolling**

FY 2023 EDA Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Commerce

Description:

- EDA has authority to provide grants to meet the full range of communities' and regions' economic development needs from planning and technical assistance to construction of infrastructure. These grants are designed to support the economic development activities most useful to a community based on its needs and circumstances. EDA funds community or regionally generated ideas and assists communities to advance to the next level of economic development. EDA supports bottom-up strategies that build on regional assets to spur economic growth and resiliency. EDA encourages its grantees

throughout the country to develop initiatives that present new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities.

Who can apply?

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

Deadline:

- **Rolling**

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**

OTHER RESOURCES

- [IRA Guidebook for Tribes](#): The Inflation Reduction Act directs over \$722 million specifically to Tribal and Indigenous communities. The guidebook provides an overview of Tribal specific clean energy, climate mitigation and resilience, and conservation-related tax incentives and investment programs in President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, including who is eligible to apply for funding and for what activities.
- [DOT Competitive Grant Funding Matrix](#): Look through program descriptions on the chart to identify programs for which you have relevant projects
- [BIL Program Guide](#): Search keywords to identify relevant programs which will open throughout the next five years.
- [IRA Program Guide](#): Search keywords to identify relevant programs and tax credits
- [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.