

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

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:

- **June 22, 2026**



Media Projects [[Link](#)]

National Endowment for the Humanities

Description:

- The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Lifelong Learning is accepting applications for the Media Projects program. The purpose of this program is to support the development, production, and distribution of radio programs, podcasts, and documentary films that engage general audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. NEH makes Media Projects awards at two levels: Development and Production.

Who can apply?

- County governments
- City or township governments
- Federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Special district governments
- State governments
- Public and state institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits non-higher education with 501(c)(3)

Deadline:

- **June 25, 2026**

NEA Grants for Arts Projects 2, FY 2027 [[Link](#)]

National Endowment for the Arts

Description:

- Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides project-based funding for organizations in the areas of Arts Education, Challenge America, Dance, Design & Our Town, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Museums, Music, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater & Musical Theater, and Visual and Media Arts.
- Activities funded through Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) enable Americans throughout the nation to experience the arts, foster and celebrate America's artistic heritage and cultural legacy, and benefit from arts education at all stages of life. NEA also supports arts and health programs, including creative arts therapies, that advance the well-being

of people and communities. NEA strongly encourages applications for arts projects that focus on one or more [agency funding priorities](#). Funded activities may include a wide range of arts projects described in the application guidelines. Awards require a 1:1 cost share.

Who can apply?

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

Deadline:

- **July 9, 2026**



FORECASTED: Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP)

[\[Link\]](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description:

- This grant awards funds to eligible national and regional nonprofit organizations and consortia to purchase home sites and develop or improve the infrastructure needed to set the stage for sweat equity and volunteer-based homeownership programs. The SHOP program is a tool to promote the production of affordable housing for low-income persons and families, including first-responders, veterans, and persons with disabilities, while fostering safe, stable neighborhoods in communities nationwide.

Who can apply?

- Public or private nonprofit organizations
- Faith based organizations
- A consortium of public or private nonprofit organizations

***ESTIMATED* Deadline:**

- **June 25, 2026**

Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) [[Link](#)]

Department of the Treasury

Description:

- The Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) grant supports organizations in providing **free** tax counseling and assistance to those aged 60 or older in preparing their federal income tax returns. The TCE grant provides tax counseling assistance at locations throughout the community that are convenient to taxpayers.
- TCE recipients may use grant funds for:
 - Reimbursing volunteers for out-of-pocket expenses including transportation, meals and other expenses incurred by them in providing tax counseling assistance.
 - Salaries, wages, and benefits of personnel that provide administrative or database support.
 - Salaries, wages, and benefits of technical personnel that provide electronic filing support.
 - Organizations that are awarded a grant are responsible for all aspects of operating a TCE grant including, but not limited to, publicity, recruitment, training, site selection and volunteer management.

Who can apply?

- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Deadline:

- **May 31, 2026**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Matching Grant [[Link](#)]

Department of the Treasury

Description:

- The IRS initiative known as the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) grant supports IRS VITA partner organizations operating a VITA program offering free tax preparation service for the underserved taxpayer. Partner organizations, operating a VITA program, help low- to moderate-income individuals, persons with disabilities, the elderly, limited English speakers, Native Americans and military file their taxes each year. The IRS awards a matching funds grant to support these partner organizations that offer free tax preparation services during the tax filing season.

Who can apply?

- County governments
- City or township governments

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

Deadline:

- **May 31, 2026**

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grants [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Agriculture

Description:

- The DLT Program provides financial assistance to enable and improve distance learning and telemedicine services in rural areas. DLT grant funds support the use of telecommunications-enabled information, audio and video equipment, and related advanced technologies by students, teachers, medical professionals, and rural residents. These grants are intended to increase rural access to education, training, and health care resources that are otherwise unavailable or limited in scope.

Who can apply?

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

Deadline:

- **June 30, 2026**



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Opportunity Zone 2.0 [\[Link\]](#)

Washington State Department of Commerce

Description:

- Opportunity Zones (OZs) are federally designated tracts meant to spur investment in undercapitalized communities. The program encourages long-term (five-, seven- and 10-year) private investment in housing and businesses in historically underserved, low-income communities, giving investors tax benefits for investing in real estate projects and operating businesses.

Who can apply?

- Associate Development Organization (ADO)
- Economic Development District
- Other Economic Development Organization
- City or Town Government
- County Government
- Federally Recognized Tribe
- Housing Authority
- Port District
- Public Development Authority (PDA)
- Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF) Administrator

Deadline:

- **May 28, 2026**



ENERGY + ENVIRONMENT

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**

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**

Safe Streets and Roads for All Funding Opportunity [[Link](#)]

Department of Transportation

Description:

- The Safe Streets for All program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. Funds for the fiscal year (FY) 2026 SS4A grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning and demonstration activities, as well as projects and strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets for all users.

Who can apply?

- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Metropolitan planning organization (MPO)
- Political subdivision of a State or territory
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Independent school districts
- Special district governments
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **May 26, 2026**

FY25-26 Railroad Crossing Elimination Grant Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Transportation

Description:

- The Crossings Program funds highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, including but not limited to elimination projects, that improve safety and mobility of people and goods.

Who can apply?

- City or township governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- County governments
- State governments
 - A political subdivision of a State
 - A federally recognized Indian Tribe
 - A unit of local government or a group of local governments
 - A public port authority
 - A metropolitan planning organization

Deadline:

- June 8, 2026

FY25-26 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Grant Program [[Link](#)]

Department of Transportation

Description:

- This program funds projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.

Who can apply?

- City or township governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Private institutions of higher education
- County governments
- 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)
- For profit organizations other than small businesses
- State governments
- Small businesses

Deadline:

- June 22, 2026

Fiscal Year 2024 & 2025 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) [[Link](#)]

Department of Homeland Security

Description:

- The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments for hazard mitigation activities. It does so by recognizing the need to upgrade and modernize the nation's infrastructure against the growing risks to communities and the need for natural hazard risk mitigation activities that promote resilience with respect to natural hazards.

Who can apply?

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

- Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Deadline:

- **July 23, 2026**



FY25 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program [[Link](#)]

Washington State Military Department

Description:

- The goal of the [State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program](#) (SLCGP) is to help states, local governments, rural areas, and territories address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems. The program enables DHS to make targeted cybersecurity investments in state, local and territorial government agencies, thus improving the security of critical infrastructure and resilience of the services that state, local, and territorial governments provide to their communities.

Who can apply?

- Cities and counties
- Tribal government
- K–12 school districts
- Higher education institutions
- Special-purpose districts
- State agencies

Deadline:

- **June 12, 2026**

FY 2026 Community Safety Grant (CSG) [[Link](#)]

Department of Transportation

Description:

- Community Safety Grants provide funding to nonprofit organizations whose mission includes activities to enhance the capability of communities to prepare for and respond to hazmat accidents and incidents. Types of activities include training for state and local enforcement personnel enforcing requirements for safe HAZMAT transportation. Deliverables/expected outcomes: Improve accident readiness in the communities.

Who can apply?

- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private 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

Deadline:

- **June 19, 2026**

FY 2026 Assistance for Local Emergency Response Training (ALERT) Grant
[\[Link\]](#)

Department of Homeland Security

Description:

- The ALERT grant promotes hazmat response training for volunteer or remote emergency responders. Response activities include the transportation of crude oil, ethanol, and other flammable liquids by rail consistent with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards. The ALERT grant is competitively awarded to non-profit organizations capable of delivering an established curriculum to emergency responders.

Who can apply?

- Private 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
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **June 19, 2026**

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant Program [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Homeland Security

Description:

- The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grant Programs Directorate implements and administers the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grants. SAFER grants provide financial assistance to help fire departments increase frontline firefighters. SAFER offers grants to support activities in two activities:
 - 1. Hiring of Firefighters
 - 2. Recruitment and Retention of Volunteer Firefighters

Who can apply?

- Fire Departments
- National, state, local, or federally recognized tribal organizations representing the interests of volunteer firefighters County governments

- City or township governments
- Others (see text field entitled "Additional Information on Eligibility" for clarification)
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Deadline:

- **June 22, 2026**

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) Program
[\[Link\]](#)

Department of Homeland Security

Description:

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Who can apply?

- Fire Departments
- State Fire Training Academies
- Nonaffiliated Emergency Medical Services
- County governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- City or township governments

Deadline:

- **June 22, 2026**

Fiscal Year 2025 Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) Grant Program [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Homeland Security

Description:

- The purpose of the FP&S Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The FP&S Program offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity").

Who can apply?

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

- Fire Departments
- Private Institutions of Higher Education

Deadline:

- **June 22, 2026**



FORECASTED: Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support [[Link](#)]

Department of Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Description:

- The purpose of the Treatment, Recovery and Workforce Support program is to support individuals in substance use disorder or co-occurring disorder treatment and recovery to live independently and participate in the workforce.

Who can apply?

- Domestic public and private non-profit entities that provide treatment and recovery services for individuals with substance use disorders and partner with one or more local or state stakeholders

Estimated Post Date:

- **May 29, 2026**

FORECASTED: Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers [[Link](#)]

Department of Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Description:

- The purpose of the program is to establish and implement comprehensive treatment and recovery centers that provide a full continuum of evidence-based treatment and recovery services to address the opioid epidemic, substance misuse, and substance use disorders, including alcohol use disorder.

Who can apply?

- Eligibility is statutorily limited to public and private nonprofit entities which provide treatment and other services for individuals with substance use disorders

Estimated Post Date:

- **May 29, 2026**

FORECASTED: Preventing Drug Overdoses: Community Prevention and Response [[Link](#)]

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

- The purpose of this program is to develop and implement a community-wide prevention program of drug overdose deaths by expanding access to FDA-approved opioid overdose reversal medications.

Who can apply?

- Domestic public and private nonprofit entities, including faith-based organizations.

Estimated Post Date:

- **May 29, 2026**

FORECASTED: Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Team Partnerships [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Health and Human Services - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Description:

- The purpose of this program is to establish new, or enhance existing, mobile crisis teams that serve children, youth, and adults experiencing mental health or substance use crises. Its focus is the expansion of behavioral health crisis response capacity and the development of structured partnerships that reduce reliance on law enforcement and emergency departments for behavioral health crises.

Who can apply?

- States
- Political subdivisions of States
- Territories
- Indian tribes
- Tribal organizations

Estimated Post Date:

- **May 29, 2026**



FY 2026 Commercial Driver's License Program Implementation (CDLPI)

[\[Link\]](#)

Department of Transportation

Description:

- The CDLPI program objective is to provide financial assistance to States and other eligible entities to carry out and improve the national CDL program. The national CDL program focuses on the concept that each driver has only one driving record and only

one licensing document, commonly referred to as “One Driver — One License — One Record.” Further, the national CDL program requires States to conduct knowledge and skills testing before issuing a Commercial Learner’s Permit (CLP) and/or CDL; to maintain a complete and accurate driver history record (DHR) for anyone who obtains a CLP and/or CDL; and to impose driver disqualifications, as required by the regulations.

Who can apply?

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

Deadline:

- **June 17, 2026**

FORECASTED: Nursing Workforce Diversity [\[Link\]](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Description:

- The purpose of the Nursing Workforce Diversity (NWD) program is to increase nursing education opportunities for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Who can apply?

- State governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Special district governments
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- County governments
- City or township governments
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Independent school districts
- Other eligible organizations include accredited schools of nursing, nursing centers, academic health centers, and domestic public or private entities, such as state and local

departments of health, faith-based organizations, community-based organizations, tribes, and tribal organizations

Estimated Deadline:

- **June 22, 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/Service members' 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.