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**Fall 2024 Grant Update from Vernita Tertullien, Economic and Community Development Director – Office of Congressman Jim Himes (CT-04)**

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Hello,

As you settle into the fall season, we wanted to highlight federal grant opportunities that are available to assist our communities in meeting their funding goals.

Included in this update are the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Build to Scale program; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Healthy Communities, Brownfield, and Clean School Bus programs; the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care programs; the Institute of Museum and Library Services' (IMLS) Museums for America, Museums Empowered and Inspire! programs, and many more.

To assist you with planning, we have included a **Coming Soon** section containing anticipated dates for upcoming Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) for the highly sought DOT RAISE, Safe Streets for All, PROTECT, and Port Infrastructure Development Program grants. Lastly, you will also find links to helpful tools and resources from the EPA and DOT.

If you plan to apply for a federal grant and would like to request a letter of support from Congressman Himes, we encourage you to submit a request to us [here](#).

Thank you,

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## U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b> Oct. 28, 2024	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><i>FY24 Build to Scale</i></a>		\$50 million available
		40 awards expected

**Description:** Supports organizations that strengthen entrepreneurial ecosystems to support entrepreneurs as they build and scale technology-driven businesses—and the employees in the new, good jobs they create—to make and deliver new technology products and services.

**Eligible Applicants:**

A state, an Indian Tribe, a city or other political subdivision of a state, and an entity whose application is supported by a state or political subdivision of a state and that is a nonprofit organization, institution of higher education (IHE), public-private partnership, others. See [NOFO](#) for details.

## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><i>Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants for Communities (Political Subdivisions of States and Territories)</i></a>	Dec. 20, 2024	\$58 million available
		30 awards expected

**Description:** This BIL funded program will implement the “building a circular economy for all strategy series,” improve local post-consumer materials management programs, including municipal recycling, and make improvements to local waste management systems. See the [NOFO](#) for more details.

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**Eligible Applicants:** political subdivisions of states and territories, including counties, cities, towns, parishes, and similar units of governments that have executive and legislative functions.

Grant Program:	Deadline:	Available Funding:
<a href="#"><u>2024 Healthy Communities Grant Program</u></a>	Nov. 1, 2024	\$500,000 available 15 awards expected

**Description:** A competitive grant program for EPA New England that funds work with communities to support EPA’s mission to reduce environmental risks, protect and improve human health and improve quality of life. See [NOFO](#) for complete details.

**Eligible Applicants:** State and local governments, public and private nonprofit organizations, federally recognized Indian Tribal governments, and K-12 schools or school districts

Grant Program:	Deadline:	Available Funding:
<a href="#"><u>FY25 Brownfield Assessment Grants (Community-wide Assessment Grants)</u></a>	Nov. 14, 2024	\$46 million available 92 awards expected

**Description:** For communities that are beginning to address their brownfield challenges, as well as for others that have ongoing efforts at site reuse. This funding supports developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, planning, site assessments, site-specific cleanup plans, and more.

**Eligible Applicants:** State, unit of Local Government, including county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, council of governments, and others. See [NOFO](#) for complete list.

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**Grant Program:****Deadline:****Available Funding:**

[FY25 Brownfield Assessment Grants](#)  
[\(Assessment Coalition Grants\)](#)

Nov. 14, 2024

\$35 million available  
29 awards expected

**Description:** To prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. This funding opportunity will award assessment grants to develop inventories of brownfield sites, prioritize sites, conduct community involvement activities, conduct planning, conduct site assessments, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and develop reuse plans.

**Eligible Applicants:** State, county government, regional council, group of general purpose units of local government including county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, and others. See [NOFO](#) for complete list.

**Grant Program:****Deadline:****Available Funding:**

[FY25 Brownfield Cleanup Grants](#)

Nov. 14, 2024

\$100 million available  
30 awards expected

**Description:** Funds cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. An applicant may only submit ONE Cleanup Grant application in the FY25 competition cycle.

**Eligible Applicants:** State, unit of local government including county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, council of governments, and others. See [NOFO](#) for complete list.

**Grant Program:****Deadline:****Available Funding:**

[FY25 EPA Brownfield Revolving Loan](#)  
[Fund Grants](#)

Nov. 14, 2024

\$15 million available  
15 awards expected

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**Description:** Provides funding to capitalize an RLF program. RLF programs provide loans and subgrants to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum.

**Eligible Applicants:** State, unit of local government, including county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, council of governments, and others. See [NOFO](#) for complete list.

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><i>Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program</i></a>	Nov. 21, 2024	\$2 billion available 170 awards expected

**Description:** To fund community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation.

**Eligible Applicants:** A partnership between two community-based nonprofits (CBOs) as defined in NOFO, or (2) a partnership between a CBO and one of the following: a federally recognized Tribe, a local government, or a IHE. See [NOFO](#) for details.

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available funding:</b>
<a href="#"><i>Clean School Bus Rebate Program</i></a>	Jan. 9, 2025	\$965 million

**Description:** A CSB Rebate is a payment from the EPA to an eligible entity to subsidize the purchase of a zero emission (ZE) or clean school bus, eligible infrastructure, and other costs, including workforce training, that meet the requirements described in this [Program Guide](#).

**Eligible Applicants:** Public school districts: local or state governmental entities responsible for providing school bus, or the purchase, lease, license, or contract for service of school buses; a Regional Education Service Agency (RESA); Tribal Applicants, others. See [program guide](#) for more details.

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## U.S. Department Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

**Grant Program:**

**Deadline:**

**Available Funding:**

[\*Continuum of Care \(CoC\) Builds\*](#)

Nov. 21, 2024

\$175 million available

25 awards expected

**Description:** Targets efforts within Continuum of Care (CoC) geographic areas to address and reduce persons experiencing homelessness by adding new units of permanent supportive housing (PSH) through new construction, acquisition, or rehabilitation through one-time CoCB.

**Eligible Applicants:** State, county, city or township, special district, or Native American tribal governments; public or Indian housing authorities, nonprofit organizations. Others. See [NOFO](#) for details.

**Grant Program:**

**Deadline:**

**Available Funding:**

[\*FY 2024 and FY 2025 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants\*](#)

Aug. 29, 2025

\$3.6 billion available

8,500 awards expected

**Description:** To promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness, persons experiencing trauma or a lack of safety related to fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, and youth experiencing homelessness.

**Eligible Applicants:** Native American tribal governments; city, township, special district, and state governments, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, and nonprofits, and others. See [NOFO](#) for complete details.

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<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><u>FY 2024 Family Unification Program Notice of Funding Opportunity</u></a>	Oct. 30, 2024	\$5 million available 10 awards expected

**Description:** To fund enforcement, education, and outreach activities to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices not allowed under the Fair Housing Act (FHA).

**Eligible Applicants:** A Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (QFHO), or a Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (FHO). See [NOFO](#) for complete details.

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><u>Older Adults Home Modification Grant Program</u></a>	Nov. 19, 2024	\$30 million available 15 awards expected

**Description:** To support comprehensive programs that make safety and functional home modification repairs and renovations to meet the needs of low-income seniors. The goal is to enable low-income elderly persons to remain in their homes through low-cost, low barrier, high impact home modifications to reduce risk of falling, improve general safety, increase accessibility, and to improve their functional abilities in their home.

**Eligible Applicants:** Experienced nonprofit organizations, states and local governments, and public housing authorities. See [NOFO](#) for complete details.

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><u>Fair Housing Initiatives Program - Private Enforcement Initiative</u></a>	Nov. 25, 2024	\$9.7 million available 15 awards expected

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**Description:** The Fair Housing Initiatives Program (FHIP) provides funding to eligible non-profits and other fair housing organizations through competitive grants. These grants support enforcement, education, and outreach activities to prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices not allowed under the Fair Housing Act (FHA).

**Eligible Applicants:** (1) a Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (QFHO), and (2) a Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (FHO). See [NOFO](#) for complete details.

Grant Program:	Deadline:	Available Funding:
<a href="#">Fair Housing Initiatives Program</a>	Nov. 19, 2024	\$8.3 million available
<a href="#">Education and Outreach Initiative</a>		61 awards expected

**Description:** Funding to develop, implement, carry out, and coordinate education and outreach programs designed to inform members of the public concerning their rights and obligations under the FHA.

**Eligible Applicants:** (1) a Qualified Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (QFHO), and (2) a Fair Housing Enforcement Organization (FHO). See [NOFO](#) for complete details.

## Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Grant Program:	Deadline:	Available Funding:
<a href="#">Museums for America</a>	Nov. 15, 2024	\$21.7 million available
		122 awards (\$5,000–\$250,000)

**Description:** Supports museums of all sizes and disciplines in strategic, project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational/interpretive programs, digital

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learning resources, professional development, community debate and dialogue, audience-focused studies, and/or collections management, curation, care, and conservation.

**Eligible Applicants:** Unit of State, local or Tribal government, a private, nonprofit organization, and be located in the U.S. or U.S. territories. See the [NOFO](#) for additional requirements.

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><i><b>Museums Empowered: Professional Development Opportunities for Museum Staff</b></i></a>	Nov. 15, 2024	\$4.3 million available  20 awards: \$5,000-\$250,000

**Description:** It supports projects that use the transformative power of professional development and training to generate systemic change within museums of all types and sizes.

**Eligible Applicants:** Unit of State, local or Tribal government, a private, nonprofit organization, and be located in the U.S. or U.S. territories. See the [NOFO](#) for additional requirements.

<b>Grant Program:</b>	<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>Available Funding:</b>
<a href="#"><i><b>Inspire! Grants for Small Museums</b></i></a>	Nov. 15, 2024	\$3 million available  75 awards: \$5,000 - \$75,000

**Description:** Supports small museums in project-based efforts to serve the public through exhibitions, educational programs, digital learning resources, policy development and institutional planning, technology enhancements, and others.

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## Coming Soon

- The DOT has a [running list of anticipated dates](#) for upcoming NOFO's.
  - [Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation \(PROTECT\)](#) -- The next NOFO is expected to be announced in October 2024.
  - [Local and Regional Project Assistance Grants \(RAISE\)](#) -- The FY 2025 NOFO is expected to be released in November 2024
  - [Safe Streets and Roads for All \(SS4A\)](#) -- The FY 2025 NOFO is expected to be released in early 2025, and by statute must be released on or before March 30, 2025.
  - [Port Infrastructure Development Program \(PIDP\)](#) -- next NOFO is expected to be announced in December 2024.

## Tools and Resources

- EPA [Climate Action Funding Resource Guide](#) - Presentations from several federal agencies detailing many funding and financing opportunities that can be leveraged to make climate action plans a reality.
- The DOT's [Discretionary Grants Dashboard](#) provides an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can communities meet their transportation infrastructure needs.
- FHWA updated the [Pedestrian and Bicycle Funding Opportunities Table](#). Updates reflect several new BIL grant programs and new project types such as charging stations for electric bicycles and scooters, public education, and others assistance.

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- To find federal USDOT contacts in the state, locate the State DOT, or connect with regional MPO or local transit agency transportation contacts, click [here](#).
- DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics has launched a new [Transportation Data and Equity Hub](#) containing tools, metrics, and data to analyze transportation access and the impacts of the transportation system on communities.

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