



Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function June 2024 Bulletin

Funding Opportunities

[T-Mobile and Main Street America Hometown Grant Application](#)

T-Mobile Hometown Grants is a \$25 million, five-year initiative to support the people and organizations who help small towns across America thrive and grow. Hometown Grants are given every quarter to up to 25 small towns. Apply for funding to support a community project of your choice, like revitalizing or repurposing a historic structure, creating a downtown asset or destination, or improving a space where friends and neighbors gather. Projects that add to a sense of place or could lead to further investment are of particular interest.

- Applications due to Main Street America by June 30, 2024

[USDOT Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation](#)

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation program was established to provide grants to eligible public sector agencies to conduct demonstration projects focused on advanced smart community technologies and systems to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Stage 1 (up to \$2,000,000 dollars and 18 months) grants are open for any eligible entity to apply. Recipients of Stage 1 grants will be eligible to expand their projects through Stage 2 grants (up to \$15,000,000 and 36 months). Applicants must have received a Stage 1 grant to apply to Stage 2.

- Stage 1 applications are due to USDOT by July 12, 2024.

[FEMA FY 2024 Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program](#)

The FEMA Regional Catastrophic Preparedness Grant Program provides funding to close known capability gaps, encourage innovative regional solutions to issues related to catastrophic incidents, and build on existing regional preparedness efforts. The purpose of the grant is to build regional capacity to manage catastrophic incidents by improving and expanding collaboration for catastrophic incident preparedness. The grant is open to the State of California and the 100 most populous Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

- Applications are due to FEMA by July 25, 2024.

[NEA Our Town Grant](#)

Our Town is the National Endowment for the Arts' (NEA) creative placemaking grants program. Through project-based funding, the program supports activities that integrate arts, culture, and design into local efforts that strengthen communities over the long term. Our Town projects engage a wide range of local stakeholders in efforts to advance local economic, physical, and/or social outcomes in communities. Competitive projects are responsive to unique local conditions, develop meaningful and substantive engagement in communities, center equity, advance artful lives, and lay the groundwork for long-term systems change.

- Applications are due to NEA by August 1, 2024.

[NEH Climate Smart Humanities Organizations](#)

As energy costs rise and natural disasters become more frequent, humanities organizations - such as museums, libraries, archives, historic sites, and colleges and universities - face an enormous task: to anticipate operational, physical, and financial impacts of climate-related events on their institutions, while also reducing their own impact on the environment. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Climate Smart Humanities Organizations grant supports these efforts by offering federal matching funds for comprehensive organizational assessments that lead to strategic climate action and adaptation plans. Through the Climate Smart program, your humanities organization can undertake activities such as energy audits, risk assessments, and meetings with consultants. The resulting climate smart plan helps you establish goals and prioritize actions that reduce your organization's impacts on the environment through mitigation and vulnerability from extreme events through adaptation. Awards in this program are made with federal matching funds and require fundraising of third-party, non-federal gifts at a ratio of one to one.

- Applications are due to NEH by September 18, 2024.

Webinars

[FEMA Building Resilient Small Businesses During Extreme Climate Events](#)

The Building Resilient Small Businesses During Extreme Climate Events session is a part of the ongoing Small Business Disaster Preparedness Series aimed at sharing critical information and resources for small businesses to successfully navigate disaster recovery situations and build resiliency before, during, and after disasters. This session will include information about new climate and disaster challenges and how small businesses can effectively prepare for and respond to extreme weather events. Additionally, speakers from NOAA, FEMA and SBA will discuss

opportunities for small businesses involved in extreme climate resilience research and solutions.

- The webinar will take place on June 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[PPIC Replenishing Groundwater in the San Joaquin Valley](#)

Groundwater recharge has emerged as an important way to replenish the San Joaquin Valley's dwindling aquifers, particularly under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Last year, the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) asked dozens of urban and agricultural water managers to tell us how recharge was going. How much progress has been made, and what's needed next? Join PPIC for a presentation of findings and a panel discussion with Madera County, Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, California Department of Water Resources, and McConnell Farms.

- The webinar will take place on June 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[Esri Geospatial Risk Assessments to Empower Fire Departments](#)

State Fire Marshals' offices are uniquely positioned to impact state and local public safety through operational excellence, education, prevention, and regulation. Using a geospatial approach can concentrate risk reduction efforts on where they will make the biggest impact. In this webinar, we will focus on empowering state and local agencies to better leverage geospatial systems to identify risk, prioritize resources, and help with hazard mitigation. Specifically, this session will cover Esri's suite of tools and applications, including ArcGIS Solutions for the fire service, that can equip fire agencies with resources to best protect their communities.

- The webinar will take place on June 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[HUD Our Places of Impact: Facilitating Consensus in Communities](#)

The goal of the HUD Our Places of Impact Community of Practice is to provide a virtual collaborative experience for community development stakeholders from across the country to exchange knowledge and practices between experts and practitioners in community development around the themes of collective impact for community-led initiatives. This event gives participants an opportunity to discuss and reflect on strategies for managing difficult conversations and allows participants to meet one another during a short networking session.

- The webinar will take place June 12, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[CNRA California Climate Adaptation Strategy Public Workshops](#)

The California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) will host two public workshops to inform the draft California Climate Adaptation Strategy. The 2024 draft builds on the evolved approach of the 2021 California Climate Adaptation Strategy. Specifically, the 2021 Strategy and this 2024 draft outline the state's key climate resilience priorities, includes specific and measurable actions, and serves as a framework for collective efforts across sectors and regions in California. The 2024 draft is open for public comment through July 12.

- The workshops will take place on June 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., PST.

[CDP How does Losing Insurance Options Affect Disaster Philanthropy?](#)

Insurance is an incredibly helpful resource for families after a disaster, but not everyone can afford it. Many mortgage brokers and banks require insurance to approve home loans. Increasingly, insurance companies cannot keep up with the impact of multiple climate crises, leaving many homeowners facing substantial increases or turning to state-run insurance plans. At this webinar, the Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) will discuss the link between the climate crisis and insurance-related housing unaffordability, how the insurance crisis affects individuals, especially in disaster-prone states, and ideas to assist homeowners and renters and understand the role of funders in helping to implement them.

- The webinar will take place June 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[CalOES Interagency Recovery Coordination Webinar](#)

The CalOES Community Planning and Capacity Building (CPCB) Recovery Support Function will host a capacity-building webinar for local jurisdictions about technical assistance available from federal and regional organizations. This webinar is free and open to emergency managers, planners, resilience officers, and any other city, county, or regional staff interested in resilience planning. Speakers representing the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), City of Bishop, and Eastern Sierra Council of Governments will present about actions that your jurisdiction can take now to prepare for disaster recovery.

- The webinar will take place June 20, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., PST.

[USDOT Advancing Climate Change Research and Technology](#)

Since 1999, the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Climate Change Center has led policy, research, and action across the agency to address the nation's most pressing challenges on climate change and transportation. Learn from

leading experts about how USDOT is advancing innovative research and technologies to address the urgent challenges posed by the climate crisis.

- The webinar will take place on June 18, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[ILG Grant Readiness 101: Preparing to Submit Competitive Applications for State and Federal Funding](#)

With unprecedented federal funding in 2024 and constantly shifting state and federal funding priorities, local government agencies struggle to track, assess, and apply for grant programs. This challenge is especially difficult for agencies with limited staff capacity, where just one agency staff member is responsible for grant applications. Hosted by the Institute for Local Government (ILG), this webinar will teach participants to assess the competitive viability and readiness of planning, infrastructure, and programmatic projects. Participants will take away strategies on assessing the agency's readiness to apply, conducting community engagement for grant applications, working across departments, and much more.

- The webinar will take place July 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., PST.

Training

[CalOSBA Outsmart Disaster: Preparedness for Small Business](#)

Outsmart Disaster is a statewide campaign led by the California Office of the Small Business Advocate (CalOSBA) to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies. Outsmart Disaster provides California businesses and nonprofits with the training and resources needed to prepare for and recover from all types of business interruptions. The CalOSBA Business Resiliency team offers live training on the third Wednesday of each month.

- The next training will take place June 19, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[Philanthropy CA In-Person Grant Writing Regional Training Sessions](#)

Philanthropy CA will host three in-person grant writing training events this summer. Each day-long event includes: a curriculum of grant writing and organizational capacity building; an opportunity to network for climate/disaster preparedness, and to envision community collaborations; lunch and refreshments; and Spanish live interpretation and bilingual curriculum/materials. The target audience includes grant writers of small to mid-size community-based organizations, nonprofits, and Tribes, as well as development, planning, and program staff who want to build organizational grants capacity.

- June 12 – Inland Empire/Riverside

- July 25 – Sacramento
- August 15 – North Coast/Redding

[Philanthropy CA Grant Writing Series Recordings](#)

To launch the Climate Capacity Building project, Philanthropy CA held a series of five webinars to present an in-depth look at grant writing and grants capacity building in organizations. The webinars are now available for review on the Climate Capacity website, including: budgeting, and planning for collaboration; program evaluation and logic models; program plan and funder searches; organizational capability and needs assessment; and project launch, foundations of grant writing, and analyzing a funding opportunity. Visit the Climate Capacity website to view each of these webinars in English or Spanish, and to download all slides and materials.

[Business Continuity Planning \(MGT-381\)](#)

This 8-hour, in-person training prepares small and large businesses to effectively plan for emergencies of all types. Developed by the NorthWest Arkansas Community College's Institute of Corporate and Public Safety in partnership with Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Tyson Foods, Inc., and J.B. Hunt Transport Services, Inc., as well as with public sector first responders. This course strives to teach executive-level managers and small business owners how to develop a comprehensive and effective business continuity program from start to finish. The course will take place on July 9, 2024, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., PST, at 3901 Alamo Street, Simi Valley, CA 93063.

- Deadline to register is June 25, 2024.

[Continuity of Operations Planning for Rural Communities \(MGT-416\)](#)

This 8-hour course, delivered in two 4-hour Zoom sessions, is designed to help government officials and emergency responders from rural communities in the development of plans that will ensure the continuity of essential government functions across a spectrum of emergencies. History demonstrates that disasters and emergencies often interrupt, degrade, or destroy the local government's ability to perform essential functions. This is especially true in rural communities where resources are typically limited under the best of circumstances. These jurisdictions must develop plans that address succession planning, redundant communications, and alternate site needs for their communities to face increasingly frequent threats. This course will expose participants to the benefits of developing continuity of government plans for rural communities with special focus on succession planning, the delegation of authority, redundant communications, and alternate facilities. The course is available July 11-12, 2024.

- Deadline to register is July 4, 2024.

[Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management \(AWR-347\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course helps emergency services and the community better prepare for the climate adaptations necessary and systems vulnerabilities that may occur from hazard impacts. Participants will be able to describe the principles of climate adaptation planning for emergency management and existing first response processes and will be able to discuss the impact of weather on critical infrastructure and key resources while explaining the concurrent effects of climate change on those impacts. Participants will also gain an understanding of how to identify and apply adaptation strategies to address local emergency services sector vulnerabilities. The goal of this course is to prepare the community and the emergency services sector for the climate adaptations and systems vulnerabilities that might occur from hazard impacts and to enhance awareness to future climate hazards and impacts that the emergency services sector may face. The course is available July 29-30, 2024.

- Deadline to register is July 29, 2024.

[Community Planning for Disaster Recovery \(AWR-356\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course provides facilitated discussions on key concepts for disaster recovery planning, including the benefits of pre-disaster planning, key elements, and the plan development process. This course will prepare participants to initiate disaster recovery plans and participate in the long-term recovery planning process in their own communities through the review of case studies and existing disaster recovery plans. The goal of this course is to prepare participants to evaluate and develop disaster recovery plans in the context of the Whole Community approach to planning. The course is available August 7-8, 2024.

- Deadline to register is August 7, 2024.

[FHWA Fundamentals of Community Impact Assessment](#)

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) added a new four-hour online *Fundamentals of Community Impact Assessment* course to the National Highway Institute free training catalog that explores the iterative process of evaluating the effects of a transportation action on a community and its quality of life. The process focuses on meaningful public involvement, dynamic community characterization, quantitative and qualitative data collection, and analysis to shape transportation decisions and monitor benefits and burdens. The information collected from the process can inform decisions concerning transportation planning, project alternatives, design, and implementation. This approach places

a particular emphasis on understanding the needs of and addressing impacts on underserved communities.

Resources

[Listos California Extreme Heat Preparedness](#)

In June, temperatures are forecast to spike to dangerous levels, bringing a multi-day heatwave to communities across California. Large parts of the state could experience triple-digit temperatures, with some areas exceeding 110 degrees by midweek. The Listos California resource hub contains an extreme heat social media toolkit and extreme heat safety tips in 12 languages.

- Find cooling centers in your county on the [Cal OES News site](#).
- Learn more about extreme heat at www.heat.gov.

[CAL FIRE Ready for Wildfire](#)

In preparation for the fire year, CAL FIRE updated the Ready for Wildfire website. This one-stop-shop for California residents provides advice and guidance on home hardening and defensible space, what to pack for evacuation, returning home after a wildfire, and how to prevent wildfires from campfires and fireworks.

[HUD Natural Hazards Map](#)

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released a map that integrates information from Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA's) National Risk Index (NRI) and the HUD Build for the Future Funding Navigator. Explore the map to see more information about your community's risk ratings for 18 natural hazards and to view a pre-filtered list of funding opportunities that can build resilience to hazards your community faces.

[HUD Extreme Heat Quick Guide](#)

The HUD Extreme Heat Quick Guide provides guidance to evaluate a community's vulnerability to extreme heat events, plan for extreme heat events, and implement mitigation strategies to enhance resilience. This quick guide can be found on the new Extreme Heat page on the HUD Exchange, a centralized library of technical assistance guidance, resources, and tools related to extreme heat. Explore the links on this page to learn about extreme heat and the risks it may present to local communities, plan for extreme heat events, and identify actions that can be taken to mitigate the impacts of extreme heat.

[PolicyLink Justice40 Implementation Guide for State and Local Governments](#)

PolicyLink, in partnership with the Emerald Cities Collaborative and in consultation with state and local agencies and policymakers, developed a Justice40 Implementation Guide for State and Local Governments. The guide aims to help state and local-level administrators optimize federal investments to benefit underserved communities in alignment with the Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that at least 40 percent of overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities.

[ILG Local Climate Action Library](#)

ILG's Sustainability Best Practices Framework has been updated, enhanced, and transformed into a new searchable database called the Local Climate Action Library. This new tool allows agencies to search the latest policies, practices, and programs being implemented by local governments in California in ten areas of sustainability including energy efficiency, waste reduction, green building, land use, transportation, and more! This resource also highlights programs that enhance resilience, climate equity, environmental stewardship, and economic stability.



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