



## Community Planning and Capacity Building Recovery Support Function April 2024 Bulletin

### Funding Opportunities

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#### [DOT Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant Program](#)

The US Department of Transportation (DOT) is accepting applications for approximately \$5.1 billion for transportation projects across three programs:

The Mega program invests in large, complex projects that are difficult to fund by other means and are likely to generate national or regional economic, mobility, or safety benefits. Eligible projects include highway, bridge, freight, port, passenger rail, and public transportation projects of national or regional significance.

The Infrastructure program awards competitive grants to multimodal freight and highway projects of national or regional significance to improve the safety, accessibility, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas. Eligible projects will improve safety, generate economic benefits, reduce congestion, enhance resiliency, and hold the greatest promise to eliminate supply chain bottlenecks and improve critical freight movements.

The Rural program is dedicated specifically to projects in rural areas. Eligible projects for Rural grants include highway, bridge, and tunnel projects that help improve freight, safety, and provide or increase access to agricultural, commercial, energy, or transportation facilities that support the economy of a rural area.

- Applications for all three programs are due May 6, 2024.

#### [FEMA Planning for Dam Emergencies Collaborative Technical Assistance Program](#)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is offering a Collaborative Technical Assistance series to help communities at risk of dam-related flooding to better understand their risk landscape and the potential consequences of dam-related emergencies. Participants will engage in a facilitated planning process with community stakeholders to build relationships, develop plans, and collaborate with whole community partners to achieve the goal of increased preparedness to dam-related hazards. Potential stakeholders include local, state, and federal emergency managers; dam owners and operators; private sector representatives; community planners; nonprofit partners; and other individuals and organizations facing dam-related emergencies.

- Applications are due May 17, 2024.

### [HUD Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants](#)

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grants support the development of a comprehensive plan to revitalize severely distressed public housing and/or HUD-assisted housing and the surrounding neighborhood. Using these grant funds, communities will undertake certain activities that lead to the creation of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization strategy, or Transformation Plan. The Transformation Plan will become the guiding document to carryout subsequent implementation of the plan to achieve the program's three core goals: Housing, People and Neighborhood - redevelop the target housing while simultaneously directing the transformation of the surrounding neighborhood and positive outcomes for families.

- Applications are due June 10, 2024.

### [DOD Defense Community Infrastructure Program](#)

The Department of Defense (DOD) Defense Community Infrastructure Program is designed to address deficiencies in community infrastructure, supportive of a military installation, to enhance military value, cadet training at covered educational institutions, installation resilience, and military family quality of life. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, and entities who partner with a state or local government.

- Proposals are due June 17, 2024.

## **Events**

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### [Listos California Rooted. Resilient. Ready 2024 Statewide Community Partner Convening](#)

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications (OCPSC) are partnering to host a first-of-its-kind joint convening, Rooted. Resilient. Ready. 2024 Statewide Community Partner Convening April 24-26, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., PST, in Sacramento. This convening brings together trusted messengers from across the state to share success stories, deepen our connections and access emerging resources. Cal OES, through Listos California, and OCPSC also see this three-day program as an opportunity to gather critical feedback from communities to incorporate into campaign design and strategy for the year to come.

Day 1: Listos California- Emergency Preparedness

Day 2: Ready Representatives – Trusted Messenger Skills Building

Day 3: OCPSC Trusted Messengers – Regional Collective-Action Planning

## **Webinars**

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### [PhilanthropyCA Knowing Your Community: Finding Data and Describing Needs](#)

PhilanthropyCA will host a virtual grant writing webinar to take an in-depth look at how to describe community needs, a step that is often required to complete a grant proposal. Participants will learn how to put that knowledge into a grant narrative in ways that funders will find persuasive, including finding and using different kinds of data.

- The webinar will take place April 11, 2024, from 10:00-11:30 a.m., PST.

#### [CDP How to Proactively Fund the Heat Crisis](#)

The Center for Disaster Philanthropy (CDP) will moderate a discussion between panelists from the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), American Meteorological Society, and Adrienne-Arsht Rockefeller Foundation about the links between climate change and heat, how philanthropy can help address heat's impacts, and heat's inequitable impacts.

- The webinar will take place April 11, 2024, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., PST.

#### [ICMA Leveraging Brownfield Funding and Resource Roadmapping](#)

Join the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) and Kansas State University (KSU) for a webinar to learn more about how you can use a "Resource Roadmapping" approach to leverage grants and other funding resources to transform your brownfields and revitalize your community. The webinar will focus on how to align your priority funding needs with the best funding sources, and how to use the new technical assistance programs being deployed by the federal government, states, and philanthropies.

- The webinar will take place April 12, 2024, from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., PST.

#### [NIST Building a Strong Community Investment Plan](#)

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) CHIPS Program Office will host a webinar focused on "Building A Strong Community Investment Plan" as a resource for applicants responding to the CHIPS funding opportunities. This webinar will focus on community investment strategies and the tools and resources available in support of applicants working to develop community investment plans.

- The webinar will take place April 16, 2024, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., PST.

#### [ICMA Elevating Excellence: Effective Community Engagement](#)

The ICMA will host a webinar to explore indispensable strategies for navigating communication "potholes" and creating effective conversations with the community. Join seasoned experts as they share real-world insights and practical techniques honed through experience. From fostering meaningful relationships to leveraging technology for enhanced community engagement, this webinar will equip you with the tools needed to elevate your administrative prowess and leave a lasting impact on the communities you serve.

- The webinar will take place April 17, 2024, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., PST.

#### [FEMA Financial Resilience Before, During and After Disasters](#)

In celebration of 2024 National Financial Resilience Month, FEMA's Voluntary Agency Liaisons and the DHS Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships will host a webinar to underscore the critical role of private-public partnerships in building financial resilience before, during and after disasters. Topics will include: increasing resiliency and access to financial institutions in communities before, during and after disasters; increasing access to evidence-based financial capability programs that are culturally appropriate; and

building financial resiliency in Craven County, North Carolina, as a pilot initiative for increasing resiliency for communities before, during and after a disaster.

- The webinar will take place April 17, 2024, from 11:00-12:30 p.m., PST.

#### [SEDE Statewide Planning Grant Resiliency](#)

The State Economic Development Executives Network (SEDE) will host a webinar for Economic Development Administration Statewide Planning Grant recipients focused on projects related to economic recovery and resiliency. Virginia will share how they used the grant to help build economic resiliency in underserved areas via entrepreneurship ecosystems. The Federated States of Micronesia will share how the funds were used to address an ongoing health crisis.

- The webinar will take place April 18, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., PST.

#### [HUD Community Disaster Preparedness Webinar Series](#)

This webinar series supports Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grantees, stakeholders, and partners to more efficiently address disaster recovery, incorporate community resilience, and process environmental reviews.

- Historic Properties in Flood Zones will take place April 18, 2024, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., PST.
- Extreme Heat and Cold: Creating a More Resilient Community will take place April 23, 2024, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., PST.

#### [RCAC Drought Planning, Response & Recovery: A Closer Look at SB552](#)

Senate Bill 552 mandates new actions be taken by state, county, and small water suppliers to reduce the risk of inadequate water supply during a water shortage event. This Rural Communities Assistance Corporation (RCAC) webinar will identify potential water shortage risks for small water suppliers and rural communities, and explore some of the requirements and resources along the road to improved drought resilience.

- The webinar will take place April 23, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. OR 2:00-4:00 p.m., PST.

#### [DOE National Community Solar Partnership 2023 Annual Update](#)

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Community Solar Partnership (NCSP) will hold its second annual update webinar to share progress on the partnership's activities and impacts. During this webinar, NCSP will discuss how NCSP activities are supporting industry efforts to reach the NCSP target to enable community solar to power the equivalent of 5 million households by 2025, generating \$1 billion in electricity bill savings for subscribers. The team will also discuss ways to get involved in the partnership's projects and activities.

- The webinar will take place April 25, 2024, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., PST.

#### [NASEM Climate Conversations: Environmental Justice](#)

Join the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences for a discussion about reconciling different

understandings of environmental justice, the importance of community engagement in a just transition, and how centering environmental justice can accelerate implementation of climate-friendly policies.

- The webinar will take place April 26, 2024, from 9:30-10:45 a.m., PST.

#### [FEMA April Business & Industry Meeting](#)

This meeting is held to update National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) members, business and industry organizations, and FEMA partners on the initiatives and tools available during all stages of the disaster lifecycle. This month, FEMA will showcase resilience tools for business organizations and communities to utilize when preparing for disaster emergencies and protecting assets throughout the year, with presentations about the Heritage Emergency National Task Force, Climate Risk and Resilience Portal, and Government Emergency Telecommunications Services (GETS) and Wireless Priority Service (WPS).

- The webinar will take place April 30, 2024, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., PST.

#### [SEDE State Strategies for Successful Rural Projects](#)

SEDE will host a webinar about state economic development leaders working with local partners to win and implement impactful rural development projects. Participants will hear from speakers from Vermont and Oregon about strategies for leveraging federal funding opportunities and positioning rural regions for success.

- The webinar will take place May 9, 2024, from 1:00-2:00 p.m., PST.

## **Training**

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#### [PhilanthropyCA Regional Grant Writing Training at Ventura County Community Foundation](#)

Join PhilanthropyCA for an in-person grant writing training that brings together community-based organizations, nonprofits, and Tribes in and around Ventura County to learn about pursuing grant funds to support your organization's vision and values. An emphasis will be building organizational capacity to address climate resilience initiatives. Grant writers of small to mid-size community-based organizations, nonprofits, and Tribes who work in and around Ventura County are invited to attend. Also welcomed are development, planning, and program staff who want to learn about building grants capacity in your organization.

- The training will take place April 16, 2024 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., PST, at the Ventura County Community Foundation facility in Camarillo, CA.

#### [Roles for State, Tribal, and Territorial Governments in the Implementation of Disaster Housing Programs \(MGT-477\)](#)

Hosted at the CalOES Headquarters in Mather, CA, this instructor-led training will provide the learners with information on how state, territory, and tribal governments can plan for and implement disaster housing programs. The course will include an overview of disaster housing task forces, key disaster planning documents (state housing strategy, disaster

housing administrative plan, disaster housing plan), and how to incorporate planning considerations for vulnerable populations.

- The training will take place April 25, 2024, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., PST, at 10370 Peter A McCuen Blvd (building E, 1<sup>st</sup> floor) in Mather, CA.

#### [Natural Disaster Awareness for Community Leaders \(AWR-310\)](#)

This 4-hour, virtual course helps to enhance understanding of natural disasters, risk assessment in the context of disaster management, prevailing emergency management procedures and operations, and the different vulnerability factors that exist within the community. This course also provides community leaders with an understanding of the necessary plans and tools needed in planning for natural disasters and will help them to better understand and identify individuals and groups best equipped to address response and recovery requirements in the case of an actual disaster. Course is available May 20, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is May 20, 2024.

#### [Planning for Disaster Debris Management \(MGT-460\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course is designed to enable participants to identify debris management components and the best planning practices using existing plan examples and case studies. Participants will draft an outline of a debris management plan. The goal of this course is to enable participants to outline a disaster debris management plan and recognize special considerations when planning for debris management after a natural disaster. Course is available June 12-13, 2024, from 12:30-4:30 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is June 12, 2024.

#### [Coastal Hazards Awareness \(AWR-379\)](#)

This 8-hour, virtual course aims to increase the awareness of the hazards facing coastal communities and basic strategies to reduce the risk to those hazards. This course provides training on the basic science of, assessment of, and preparedness for natural hazards and risks that uniquely affect coastal communities. Examples of these hazards are short term events such as high surf, storm surge, and tsunami inundation, or long-term threats from sea level rise and coastal erosion. As an awareness-level course, this course aims to provide participants a general understanding of the risks associated with coastal hazards, introduce methods of assessing that risk, and describe tools to help prepare for, plan for, and reduce those risks to coastal communities. Course is available June 13-14, 2024, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

- Deadline to register is June 13, 2024.

#### [NCDP Web-Based Training](#)

The National Center for Domestic Preparedness (NCDP) at Columbia University web-based courses cover various topics in addition to disaster housing recovery, including economic disaster recovery, pandemic planning, and mass care and sheltering, and (coming soon) climate change and equity. The courses are web-based and self-paced.

## Resources

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### [HCD Neighborhood Change Map](#)

The California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) is excited to announce the release of the final Neighborhood Change Map. The map is intended to inform statewide policy for funding affordable housing. The interactive map overlays key fair housing indicators with transportation access, environmental justice, and other important economic indicators.

### [OPR ResilientCA Adaptation Planning Map](#)

Explore the OPR ResilientCA Adaptation Planning Map to view and download adaptation planning details of cities and counties in California, including links to vulnerability assessments, adaptation plans, general plans, local hazard mitigation plans, and other adaptation or resilience-related plans. The color-coded map categorizes local governments based on planning efforts that reflect key components of climate adaptation planning in California (i.e. vulnerability/risk assessments and adaptation policy development).

### [SGC Regional Conservation and Development Planning Tool](#)

The California Strategic Growth Council's (SGC) Regional Conservation and Development Planning Tool integrates the latest environmental, social, and economic data with analytic and reporting tools to allow users to identify optimal locations for implementing California's conservation, resource management, and development objectives. This tool helps to align regional planning and management activities with State and regional conservation, development, equity, and resilience goals.

### [Cal-Adapt Local Climate Change Snapshot](#)

Climate change effects vary significantly throughout California, mirroring our state's diverse climate, topography, and ecology. The Cal-Adapt Local Climate Change Snapshot is a starting place if you are looking to get a quick sense of climate impacts in your region. The Snapshot provides climate projections for temperature, precipitation, and wildfire.

### [Brookings Institute Report: Analyzing the Opportunities for Rural America in IIJA, CHIPS, and IRA](#)

This new publication reviews all provisions in the Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to catalogue those that are exclusively for rural places; those that stipulate rural preferences; and those that will have disproportionate relevance to rural places, identifying \$464 billion worth of opportunities for rural community and economic development appropriated in the laws.

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