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#### Webinars

#### [National Continuous Improvement Guidance - NCIG - CIP/CITAP - Preparedness Toolkit \(fema.gov\)](#)

- FEMA published the ["National Continuous Improvement Guidance."](#) This guidance provides an approach to conduct consistent and rigorous continuous improvement activities before, during and after real-world incidents. The guidance is intended for the whole community, including state, local, Tribal and territorial partners; nongovernmental organizations; the private sector and other organizations with emergency management functions.
- FEMA will host a series of 60-minute webinar sessions to provide an overview of the guidance and discuss revisions based on feedback from the national engagement period held earlier this year. Guest speakers will discuss the importance of continuous improvement in emergency management. Webinar sessions will be offered through mid-December.
  - Webinar 1: [4- 5 p.m. ET on Nov. 17.](#)
  - Webinar 2 – Spanish-speaking session: [11 a.m. – Noon ET on Dec. 2.](#)
  - Webinar 3: [10 – 11 a.m. ET on Dec. 13.](#)

#### [Events | BroadbandUSA \(doc.gov\)](#)

- Wednesday, December 14, 2022 - 3:00 PM
- This webinar will provide a wide overview on permitting as it relates to broadband infrastructure programs. Topics covered will include:
  - State, Local, and Private Permitting
  - Pole Attachments
  - One-Touch Make-Ready (OTMR)
  - Conduit Access | Dig Once Policies
  - NEPA/EHP and BEAD NOFO Requirements

#### [Strategic Economic & Community Development for Stakeholders](#)

- Dec 13, 2:00 pm, EST
- Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) funding is authorized through a Farm Bill provision that supports regional economic and community development planning.



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- SECD supports projects that promote and implement strategic community investment plans. These plans use the unique strengths of rural communities to advance prosperity. USDA Rural Development helps finance these projects to build community prosperity by using community assets, identifying resources, convening partners, and leveraging federal, state, local or private funding.

### [Should I Hire a Grantwriter or Do It Myself? | GrantStation](#)

- Jan 23, 2:00 PM Eastern
- As your grant programs grow, you have an important decision to make: Should you hire an external grantwriter or do the work yourself?
- This isn't always an easy choice. It can be hard to effectively evaluate both the benefits and drawbacks.
- During this free TargetED, Alice Ruhnke will help you weigh each option so your organization can move forward with a decision.

### [Introduction to Finding Grants | Courses | Candid Learning](#)

- February 15, 2023, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm PT
- You will learn the 10 most important things you need to know about finding grants, including:
  - Who funds nonprofits and what are their motivations?
  - What do funders really want to know about the organizations they are interested in funding.
  - How do you identify potential funders and make the first approach?

## RESOURCES

### Helpful Web Links

### [Open For Business Hub | RCAP – Supporting small business entrepreneurs across the country](#)

- One-stop-shop for free on-demand, personalized training, and assistance to help you launch and grow your business.

### [Thriving Communities Program | US Department of Transportation](#)

- Beginning in 2023, the Thriving Communities Program will provide technical assistance, planning, and capacity building support to teams of community partners that may lack the staffing or technical expertise to



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scope, fund, and develop infrastructure projects that advance broader community goals.

- TCP will provide two years of deep-dive assistance to selected communities to help them plan and develop a pipeline of comprehensive transportation, housing, and community revitalization activities.

GovEvents: <https://www.goevents.com/find-events/php>

- Event search by topic (webinars, conferences, etc.).

[Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool \(RAPT\) | FEMA.gov](#)

- The Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool gives everyone access to powerful data and GIS mapping that can help everyone understand their community.
- RAPT includes over 100 preloaded layers including community resilience indicators from peer-reviewed research, the most current census demographic data, infrastructure data, and data on weather, hazards, and risk. RAPT also includes easy to use analysis tools, the ability to add in data from other sources, and print and download functions

[Technical Assistance Request Form | UNC Environmental Finance Center](#)

- The Environmental Finance Center at UNC-CH offers free one on one technical assistance for systems providing drinking water and wastewater services to up to 10,000 people.

[USDA: Investing in Rural Communities Through Strategic Economic & Community Development - video](#)

- Short 3-minute video on the Strategic Economic & Community Development Program

[Internet for All / Fact-Sheet-IFA-Launch.pdf \(internetforall.gov\) / FAQs & Answers \(doc.gov\)](#)

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law brought together Republicans, Democrats, and Independents to better connect the American people through roads, bridges, airports, and the internet.
- The law included a \$65 billion investment to ensure all Americans can access affordable, reliable, and high-speed internet – Internet for All. Reliable, high-speed internet is vital to work, learn, and compete in a 21st century economy



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- The U.S. Department of Commerce's, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is launching the Internet for All initiative that includes three programs funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. NTIA has been tasked to lead this effort by working with states, localities, the private sector, nonprofits, and the American people to build the backbone of America's high-speed internet infrastructure.

### [Emergency Response Plan | Ready.gov](#)

- The actions taken in the initial minutes of an emergency are critical. A prompt warning to employees to evacuate, shelter or lockdown can save lives. A call for help to public emergency services that provides full and accurate information will help the dispatcher send the right responders and equipment. An employee trained to administer first aid or perform CPR can be lifesaving. Action by employees with knowledge of building and process systems can help control a leak and minimize damage to the facility and the environment.

### [Asset Management 101 – Finding Financial Assistance for Infrastructure Upgrades | US EPA](#)

- This training video provides a high-level orientation to the core concepts of asset management, how to prioritize system needs, how to secure funding, what resources are available for small communities, and who to go to for help. The speakers discuss case studies and highlight tools that small communities will find helpful in preparing long term plans and successfully implementing them. Note that the concepts and practices of asset management apply to both wastewater and drinking water systems.

### [Build Resilience & Adapt to Climate Change Impacts for Drinking Water & Wastewater Utilities Part 2 | US EPA](#)

- This training video is about EPA's Creating Resilient Water Utilities initiative provides drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater (water sector) utilities with practical tools, training, and technical assistance needed to increase resilience to climate change threats and impacts. Mitigation measures can protect your utility by reducing damages and service disruptions. In this webinar, EPA provides an overview of the CRWU initiative and its tools and resources. In addition, provides two case studies illustrating wastewater utility climate change adaptation.

### [Home | FCC National Broadband Map](#)

- On November 18, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released the first draft of its new National Broadband Map, a



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comprehensive, location-by-location view of high-speed Internet availability across the nation. The map is a more detailed and precise reflection of the availability of fixed and mobile broadband services in all 3,069 counties, parishes, and boroughs.

### [Digital Inclusion | BroadbandUSA \(doc.gov\)](#)

- Digital inclusion means that individuals have access to robust broadband connections, Internet-enabled devices that meet their needs; and the skills to explore, create and succeed in the digital world.
- BroadbandUSA convenes the Digital Equity Leaders Network (DELN), a group of state and local government leaders working to bridge the digital divide. The DELN meets regularly to share best practices, resources, and strategies.
- Federal funding database
- Federal digital inclusion resources

### [Distressed Cities Program Resources - HUD Exchange](#)

- The library of resources relevant to Distressed Cities Technical Assistance (DCTA) recipients and smaller distressed communities features a wide range of resources, reports, webinars, and funding opportunities useful to small governments, tribal organizations, and non-profits. Check back regularly for new resources and information!