



Community Planning and Capacity Building

Recovery Support Function

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Funding Opportunities

[USDOT Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning](#)

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning provides funding to communities to integrate land use and transportation planning in new fixed guideway and core capacity transit project corridors. As required by statute, any comprehensive or site-specific planning funded through the pilot program must examine ways to improve economic development and ridership potential, foster multimodal connectivity and accessibility, improve transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic, engage the private sector, identify infrastructure needs, and enable mixed-use development near transit stations. Applicants and eventual grant recipients under this program must be current Federal Transit Administration grantees.

- Applications are due to USDOT by July 22, 2024.

Webinars

[SBA 101: Programs that Can Assist Housing Residents](#)

This webinar allows housing counselors to hear about how programs and services from the US Small Business Administration (SBA) can assist housing residents. Additionally, participants will hear about a pilot program with SBA and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that works with residents of HUD-funded housing to turn entrepreneurial dreams into reality. This webinar will provide information about SBA grant opportunities for non-profit organizations who have economic development as part of their mission.

- The webinar will take place on July 12, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., PST.

[HHS National Telehealth Conference](#)

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will host a virtual National Telehealth Conference that brings public and private sector leaders together to discuss telehealth best practices. Conference topics include licensing across state lines to increase access to behavioral health care, implications of health policy to inform

telehealth's future, expanding access to services for underserved and low-income communities, exploring health care innovations and future telehealth technologies, and improving health equity through expansion of broadband connectivity and adoption of telehealth.

- The event will take place on July 16, 2024, from 6:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m., PST.

[FEMA Community Preparedness: Integrating the Needs of Children Workshop](#)

FEMA will host an informational webinar to formally launch its Community Preparedness: Integrating the Needs of Children Workshop. The webinar will provide a detailed overview of the workshop, including the goals and target audience, workshop topics and structure, and details on how it can be customized to fit the audience's needs.

- The webinar will take place on July 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[USDOT Using Data to Effectively Tell Your Community's Story](#)

USDOT will host a webinar series to help potential grant applicants effectively tell their community's story in the planning, project development, and/or grant application process. The first webinar will focus on how to identify and describe a project and its goals, identify users of the infrastructure or system, and determine the project's impact area. Participants will receive step-by-step information and recommendations, and presenters will use examples to illustrate each of the concepts. The webinar will conclude with a brief Q&A session.

- The webinar will take place on July 22, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[ICMA Data to Action: How Sugar Land, TX is Leading the Way in Community Engagement](#)

Join Mike Goodrum, city manager, Sugar Land, TX, and Eyal Feder, CEO, Zencity, for an engaging session about the power of actionable insights from community surveys. In this discussion, the International City/County Managers Association (ICMA) will showcase Sugar Land's proactive approach to community engagement. City officials formed a steering committee with representatives from all departments to review the results, develop concrete action items to address residents' concerns, and present them to leadership and the city council.

- The webinar will take place on July 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., PST.

[CCLR Redlining to Greenlining: Restorative Planning and Brownfield Reuse](#)

This webinar by the Center for Creative Land Recycling will review the impacts of redlining on American cities and examine how communities can guide the reuse of brownfields to mitigate past harms, eliminate health risks, unravel systemic racism, and move toward equitable, attractive, and vibrant communities for all.

This session is for anyone looking to understand the “how did we get here” land uses of the past and interested in learning the processes needed to implement restorative planning and reuse initiatives.

- The webinar will take place on July 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[FEMA Office of Business, Industry, and Infrastructure Integration Business and Industry Call](#)

This meeting is held to update National Business Emergency Operations Center members, business and industry organizations, and FEMA partners on the initiatives and tools available during all stages of the disaster lifecycle. Each month features different topics presented by experts from FEMA, other interagency partners, and business and industry organizations. This month, we will focus on securing businesses from natural and cyber threats, to provide business and industry partners with actionable insights for preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

- The webinar will take place on July 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m., PST.

[FEMA Planning for Climate Change](#)

FEMA Region 3 hosts a webinar series for anyone who wants to reduce risk in their community. Climate change is increasing the intensity and frequency of impacts from natural hazards across the globe. Yet, it also creates chances for all of us to work more closely together and integrate planning efforts, locally, regionally, and city and state-wide. Speakers from the Trust for Public Land, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Green Schoolyards America, and City of Richmond will speak about their efforts to scale mitigation initiative to adapt to a rapidly changing climate.

- The webinar will take place on July 24, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., PST.

[The Role of Data in Tribal/Native Economic Development: Evaluating Existing Sources and Tribal/Native Opportunities to Fill Data Gaps](#)

Underlying the challenges that tribes, tribal enterprises, and individual Native business owners face in obtaining grants, loans and other capital is the lack of accurate or even relevant data concerning tribal and Native economies and the conditions within Native lands. This session will center on the need for an evaluation of the local, state, federal, tribal, and other data that does exist to determine whether it is accurate, relevant, and current as well as existing initiatives and opportunities for tribes and Native communities & enterprises to fill data gaps and have their data validated & accepted by lenders, investors, government agencies and philanthropic entities.

- The webinar will take place on July 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[FEMA Adapting to Change: Drawing Lessons from Business Failures, Behavioral Shifts, and the Pitfalls of Complacency](#)

Join the FEMA Region 2 Individual and Community Preparedness Officer and Regional Flood Insurance Liaison for an informative webinar on Adapting to Change. Change can feel slow and almost imperceptible until a significant event occurs, revealing that things are no longer the same. It is important for local leaders and individuals to adopt a proactive stance in mitigating the rising future flood risk before it becomes too late. Perceiving future risk as a distant concern or denying that change is occurring can lead to complacency, inaction, and eventually missed opportunities. Local leaders and individuals can learn that taking action is necessary to ensure they do not miss out on protecting lives and property.

- The webinar will take place on July 31, 2024, at 11:00 a.m., PST.

[IEDC Institutional Partnerships: Anchoring Economic Prosperity in Black & Brown Communities](#)

Known for their long-term community investments, anchor institutions such as hospitals and universities offer development professionals a rare opportunity to cultivate dynamic partnerships that spark positive, transformative change. These institutional coalitions play a crucial role in propelling economic growth by championing and empowering local black- and brown-owned businesses. Delve into the valuable insights and actionable strategies offered in the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) Equity Playbook webinar to discover how to build thriving, sustainable ecosystems that nurture economic prosperity in historically underserved communities.

- The webinar will take place on August 1, 2024, at 11:00 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 July 17, 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.

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

[HUD Updated Floodplain Management, Wetlands, and Flood Insurance Module](#)

The updated Floodplain Management, Wetlands, and Flood Insurance module is now available on the HUD Exchange through the Web-Based Instructional System for Environmental Review (WISER). The WISER self-paced, on-demand training series ensures that recipients and subrecipients understand the various areas to be considered in conducting an environmental review. In the Floodplain Management, Wetlands, and Flood Insurance module, learn more about the laws and authorities governing floodplain management, wetlands, and flood insurance, the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, and the use of existing resources to analyze the impacts of the proposed project on floodplains and wetlands to assess flood risk and determine the mitigation requirements.

[Evacuation Planning Strategies and Solutions \(MGT-461\)](#)

This 8-hour management-level course is designed to provide emergency managers, first responders, transportation professionals, security and safety professionals, and government administrators with the ability to utilize current tools and technologies to institute best practices and strategies to plan for and execute an emergency evacuation. This course discusses the hazard conditions for which an emergency evacuation could be an appropriate protective action and inform participants on resources and methods to help them better prepare for an emergency evacuation. This course will allow participants to explore data, modelling tools, and simulations that assist with the implementation of an emergency evacuation. The course is available August 1-2, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., PST.

[Coastal Hazard and Vulnerability Assessment Tools \(PER-378\)](#)

This 4-hour, virtual course provides training on the available tools for the assessment and planning for natural hazards and vulnerabilities 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. The course will include a guided exercise in which participants will learn to apply these tools in conducting a vulnerability assessment in their coastal communities. This course will build on the first course of the series, *Coastal Hazards Awareness*, by supplementing the awareness knowledge with tools and skills for practical use. The course is available August 6-7, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., PST.

[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. The course is available August 7-8, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., PST.

[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 August 21-22, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., PST.

[NOAA Seven Best Practices for Risk Communication](#)

This online, instructor-led training introduces participants to seven best practices, numerous techniques, and examples for communicating about coastal hazards. We focus on risk communication for coastal hazards planning and preparedness, not crisis communication. Whether beginning a new effort or trying to keep people motivated to better prepare for future hazards, applying risk communication principles will lead to more effective results. Please note that this training focuses on improving risk communication skills for coastal hazards planning and preparedness, not crisis communication. The course is available August 13, 2024, from 12:00-1:30 p.m., PST.

[Climate Literacy for Emergency Managers \(AWR-433\)](#)

This awareness-level, self-paced training course will provide participants with a general overview of climate change and how it relates to emergency management. The course will review the root causes of climate change and will discuss the impacts of climate change on communities. Additionally, risk communications around climate change will be reviewed.

Resources

[California OCPSP HeatReadyCA.com](#)

In response to California's more frequent and severe heat waves, the Governor's Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications (OCPSP) launched Heat Ready CA (HeatReadyCA.com), one of the nation's first statewide multi-ethnic awareness and education campaigns designed to keep Californians safer during extreme heat. Help keep people safer against extreme heat by sharing our campaign assets with your social media network.

- Find cooling centers in your county on the [Cal OES News site](#).
- Get the latest power outage updates on the [PG&E Outage Center](#).

[Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire](#)

The Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW) program works with communities across the United States to reduce wildfire risk through improved land use planning, compelling communication, and applied research. CPAW collaborates with communities to develop site-specific recommendations. All services provided through CPAW are grant-funded and come at no cost to the community. Communities are selected through a competitive grant process and generally receive assistance over the course of one year. Participation in the program is voluntary and must be requested by local governments.

[Cal OES Infrastructure RSF Project Funding Assistance Request](#)

The Cal OES RSF Team is committed to supporting California counties and municipalities by identifying funding opportunities for infrastructure disaster recovery and resiliency. If you have experienced a natural disaster and have unmet infrastructure recovery needs, fill out this form to request grant funding research assistance.

[UCLA Meaningful Action: Evaluating Local Government Plans to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing in California](#)

A 2018 California law requires local governments to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH) in their General Plan's housing element. This paper examines how eight municipalities reacted to this requirement in three areas of their 2021 plans:

the analysis of fair housing issues, proposed fair housing programs, and the location of sites identified for low-income housing development. Our analysis of potential program impact allows us to identify AFFH oversight challenges and make recommendations for AFFH guidelines.

[USDN Seeking Federal Funding: A Guide for Local Governments](#)

The Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) conducted interviews with local government sustainability staff who successfully obtained federal grant awards, local government-facing organizations who helped communities develop their federal funding applications, and federal program managers who lead popular funding opportunities for implementing sustainability projects. These interviews provided local lessons learned, best practices, and the best resources for local governments to leverage when pursuing federal funding.

[NGA Public Health Emergency Playbook](#)

The Public Health Emergency Playbook is a guide designed for Governors and their staff, offering a comprehensive resource to effectively prepare for, manage, and recover from health crises across a range of health emergencies, including natural disasters, infectious disease outbreaks, industrial accidents, and human-caused disasters. It outlines steps Governors can take to enhance preparedness efforts as well as provides a checklist of potential actions for Governors to consider when responding to and recovering from a public health emergency.

[NGA Governors Guide to Public Health Preparedness](#)

Beginning on their first day in office, governors must prepare for emergencies of all types. Along with providing for the public's safety, governors must also think about protecting the public's health. This guide serves as a primer on public health emergency preparedness for governors and their staff. It details current strategies, available resources, and existing partnerships to aid Governors in continuing to strengthen their state or territory's cooperative network for emergency response and provide their states with a safe and healthy future.



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