Getting Federal Dollars to Rural Places

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Barriers to access federal funds

▷ Constraints on community and local government capacity
▷ Limited access to expertise, technical assistance
▷ Lack of experience w/federal funding and applications
▷ Limited resources for funding match requirements & consultants/staffing
▷ Outreach and community engagement necessary for inclusive practices
▷ Challenges of coordination, partnerships, and collaboration
## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

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<td>Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment</td>
<td>NTIA</td>
<td>$42.5 billion</td>
<td>State funding allocations announced by June 30, 2023</td>
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<td>Energy Improvement in Remote or Rural Areas</td>
<td>Dept. of Energy</td>
<td>$1 billion</td>
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<td>Water and wastewater infrastructure (multiple programs)</td>
<td>EPA</td>
<td>$+50 billion</td>
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<td>Formula Grants for Rural Areas</td>
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### CHIPS And Science Act

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<td>$100 million</td>
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<td>Regional Innovation Engines</td>
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<td>Late April/early May Phase 1 application window</td>
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Opportunities for Philanthropic Support

▷ Matching funds
▷ Investments in staff and organizational development to support community capacity
▷ Support for grant-writing, engineering, planning, and other technical expertise
▷ Information sharing and/or trainings
▷ Cohort or peer support networks
▷ Facilitating community engagement processes
▷ Bridge to other resources (state government, regional or national philanthropy)
Additional Resources

Frameworks

- Community Development Philanthropy (Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group)
- Pathways to Securing Rural Federal Funding (Ford Family Foundation)
- The Path to Sustained, Impactful Rural Philanthropy (TLL Temple Foundation)
  - How Might Philanthropy Leverage or Complement the American Rescue Plan Act in North Carolina? (NC Governors Office)
- How Philanthropy Can Help Connect Rural Communities to Federal Infrastructure Funds (TLL Temple Foundation)

Emerging Technical Assistance Models

- 10,000 Communities (Milken Institute)
- Local Infrastructure Hub (Bloomberg Philanthropies)
- Catalyze Registry (America Achieves and What Works Plus Collaborative)
- Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (EPA)