



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)

Program	Agency	Funding Authorization	Timeline
Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment	NTIA	\$42.5 billion	State funding allocations announced by June 30, 2023
Energy Improvement in Remote or Rural Areas	Dept. of Energy	\$1 billion	Full applications due June 28, 2023
Water and wastewater infrastructure (multiple programs)	EPA	\$+50 billion	Multiple
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	Dept. of Transportation	\$4 billion	TBD

CHIPS And Science Act

Program	Agency	Funding Authorization	Timeline
Rural STEM activities	NSF	\$100 million	Multiple
Recompete Pilot Program	EDA	\$1 billion	Comment period closed March 27, 2023; funding notice to follow
Regional Innovation Engines	NSF	\$6.5 billion	Awards announced throughout the year
Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs	EDA	\$10 billion	Late April/early May Phase 1 application window

Inflation Reduction Act

Program	Agency	Funding Authorization	Timeline
Environmental & Climate Justice Block Grants	EPA	\$3 billion	Comment period closed April 10, 2023; funding notice to follow
Rural Energy for America Program	USDA	\$2 billion	Applications open until June 30, 2023
Assistance for Rural Electric Cooperatives	USDA	\$9.7 billion	TBD
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program	Dept. of Transportation	\$10 million	TBD

Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022

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Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program	EPA	\$3 billion	Comment period closed April 10, 2023; funding notice to follow
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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)