# Investing in America's Heartland

SAVE THE DATE Millions of dollars in funding and grants are available for lowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska communities.
Please join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 for your state's webinar to learn more about the historic funding available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act.

There are current and approaching funding opportunities that we'll help you prepare to access.

Please join us to learn how you can take full advantage of the fun available through these pieces of legislation.

All events begin at 1:00 p.m. CDT.

To register, please select the appropriate hyperlink below

Missouri -- April 4 (click here for registration & webinar)

Kansas -- April 5 (click here for registration & webinar)

Iowa -- April 11 (click here for registration & webinar)

Nebraska -- April 12 (click here for registration & webinar) --

For more details on funding opportunities, visit us online at:

https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/epa-funding-announcements-bipartisan-infrastructure-law-and-inflation



# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**EPA Water Division** 

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): A Historic Investment in Water-adds billions to traditional federal funding

\$20+ billion for safe drinking water

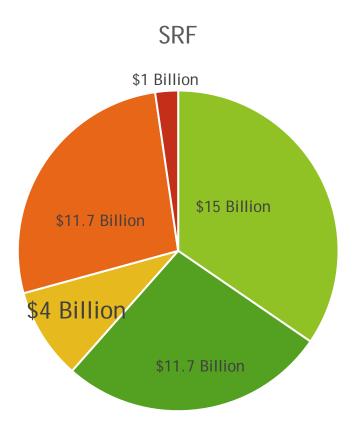
\$15 billion in dedicated funding to replace lead pipes

\$12+ billion to ensure clean water for communities

\$1.8 billion to protect regional waters

\$135 million for additional water improvements

# State Revolving Funds - Clean Water & Drinking Water



- Lead Service Line Replacement through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
- Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (DW SRF)
- Addressing Emerging Contaminants through the Drinking Water SRF
- Clean Water State Revolving Funds (CW SRF)
- Addressing Emerging Contaminants (CW SRF)

# Lead Service Line DWSRF BIL Funding

## BIL Lead Service Line- \$15 Billion

- Additional DWSRF funding is provided for "lead service line replacement projects and associated activities directly connected with identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines."
- State match fully waived
- 49% of funds are required to be used as an additional subsidy



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# Overview of Inflation Reduction Act

- ► EPA will improve the lives of millions of Americans by:
  - Reducing pollution in neighborhoods
  - Accelerating environmental justice efforts
  - Tackling our biggest climate challenges

# Overview of Programs

- \$41.5 billion in appropriated funds, supporting 24 new and existing programs, including:
- \$27 billion to capitalize existing and new green banks and fund state and local government investment in distributed energy and other clean technologies
- ▶ \$5 billion for Climate Pollution Reduction Grants
- \$3 billion in Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants
- > \$3 billion in Grants to Reduce Air Pollution at Ports
- \$1.55 billion for the Methane Emissions Reduction Program
- \$1 billion for Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles



https://www.epa.gov/inflationreduction-act/epa-fundingannouncements-bipartisaninfrastructure-law-and-inflation

Inflation Reduction Act

#### EPA Funding Announcements from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act

Below is an overview of current and upcoming funding opportunities from the <u>Bipartisan Infrastructure Law</u> and the <u>Inflation Reduction Act</u>. We encourage you to check this page frequently as updates will be posted regularly. Competition opening dates represent our current best projections. They are provided for planning purposes but subject to further revision.

The table below includes abridged overview of funding opportunities. Refer to the White House Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook 2 and the White House Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook 2 for complete program descriptions, funding amounts, period of availability, eligible recipients, etc.

Funding amounts and deadlines are tentative and subject to change.

#### Information is current as of March 1, 2023

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Law 🔻	Opportunity	Funding (\$) and Type	Eligible Applicants	Opening Date	Closing Date	Summary		
Inflation Reduction Act	Funding to Address Air Pollution through Community Air Pollution Monitoring Projects (Sec. 60105) <sup>1</sup>	\$30 million  Grant competition	Community-based nonprofit organizations, state and local governments, and Tribal governments.	132 projects funded in Nov. 2022 with \$30M from IRA and \$20M from other funds	Varies	Funds to invest in a range of activities that will increase monitoring in and by communities.		
Inflation Reduction Act	Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem- Solving Cooperative	\$30 million Grant Competition	Community-based nonprofits and/or partnership of community-based nonprofits are eligible to apply.	January 2023	April 10, 2023	Provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and public health issues within an effected community. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to help		



Clean School Bus Programs: Shelly Reimer

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# **Summary:** Future Funding Opportunities that could be related to school buses

- ► EPA is planning to open a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act National Grant Program and a Clean School Bus Grant Program application period soon.
- ▶ Possible Clean School Bus Rebate Program beginning in the fall of 2023.

#### **NOTIFICATIONS**

Don't miss any updates - sign up for email notifications at: epa.gov/cleanschoolbus and https://www.epa.gov/dera/national

## **Quick Overview - Grant vs Rebate**

#### **Grant Program**

- Grants: mechanism the government uses to provide money to entities in support of their programs.
- ► The Clean School Bus grants will be competitive with a two-year project period.
- The grants are intended to replace more than 25 buses per application.

#### Rebate Program

- Rebates: noncompetitive direct awards to applications.
- Simplified 1-2 page applications and selected by a lottery.
- The funding level of the Clean School Bus rebates are significantly higher.
- The applicant can apply for the replacement of up to 25 buses.

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# **EPA Clean Diesel Programs** School Bus Replacements

- Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)
  - National DERA Grants
  - DERA School Bus Rebate Program
- Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
  - Heavy-Duty Vehicles ProgramAdditional DERA funding

  - Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Clean School Bus (CSB) Program
  - **CSB Rebates**
  - **CSB Grants**





# Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)– National Grant Program

- 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity for a 2-year competitive grant.
- ► Eligible Applicants:
  - Regional, state, local agencies with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, including school districts, municipalities, counties, metropolitan/regional planning organizations, and nonprofits.
- ► Eligible Projects:
  - School buses
  - Class 5-8 Heavy Duty highway vehicles
  - Locomotive and marine engines
  - Nonroad engines/equipment



## Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

- ► EPA funding includes:
  - ▶ \$1B for Class 6-7 Heavy Duty zeroemission vehicles
  - ► \$60M addition Diesel Emission Reductions Act programs
  - ▶ \$50M to improve school air quality

## In Conclusion

- Many new opportunities related to the Inflation Reduction Grants and the Bipartisan Infrastructure law.
- ► EPA is planning to open a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act National Grant Program and a Clean School Bus Grant Program application period soon.
- Possible Clean School Bus Rebate Program beginning in the fall of 2023.

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## **OVERVIEW:**

## EPA's Environmental Justice Grant Programs

- ► History and Definition of Environmental Justice
- Types of EJ Funding & General Award Dates
- Example of EJ Grant Projects



## Summary of EPA EJ "Grants" (FY22-23)

#### Timeline and general details of latest EJ funding opportunities:

#### 1. EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program (TC TAC) \*NEW

- RFA deadline date: Closed November 1, 2022. Recipients to be announced early Spring 2023.
- \$100 Million for ~10 centers (colleges/universities, nonprofits, intertribal consortia)

#### 2. <u>EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Program (EJCPS)</u>

- RFA closing date: April 14, 2023
- \$30 Million (~60 awards) of up to \$500K each (nonprofits)

#### 3. Government to Government Cooperative Agreement Program (G2G)

- RFA closing date: April 14, 2023
- \$60 \$70 Million (60+ awards) of up to \$1M each (states, local governments, tribes, territories)

#### 4. EJ Thriving Communities Grant Making (TCGM) Program \*NEW

- RFA closing date: May 31, 2023
- \$500+ Million for ~11 pass-thru funders (colleges/universities, nonprofits, intertribal consortia)



# 1. EJ THRIVING COMMUNITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTERS (TCTACS) - 66.309

#### Background/Purpose:

- TCTAC Centers will provide technical assistance, training, and capacitybuilding support to underserved communities throughout each EPA region.
- Grantee Type(s): Colleges/Universities; Large Nonprofits; Intertribal Consortia

## Competition Complete

#### Source of Grant Funding & Number of Awards (cooperative agreements):

- 10+ TCTAC awards at \$10 million each; 5-year Project Period
- Incrementally funded (first increment will cover first 1-2 years of project period)

#### • Timing:

- Selections will be announced in April.
- Awards made by end of May-early June.



# 2. EJ COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS (EJCPS) - 66.306

#### Background/Purpose:

- Cooperative agreement grants to CBOs. Expansion of EPA's traditional community grant program with larger awards to pilot implementation activities through communitycentered collaborative partnerships.
- Grantee Type(s): Community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs)

#### • Source of Grant Funding & Number of Awards (cooperative agreements):

- 100% Inflation Reduction Act funds
- \$30 million total; fully-funded at time of award (3-year project period)
- 50 awards of \$500,000
- 33 awards of \$150,000

#### • <u>Timing</u>

- Selections: by August/September 2023
- Smaller awards made by November 2023; larger awards made by December 2023

Competition Closes April 14, 2023



#### 3. EJ GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT GRANTS (EJG2G) - 66.312

#### Background/Purpose:

- Cooperative agreement grants to government agencies partnering with CBOs. Expansion of EPA's traditional EJ government grant program with larger awards to gov. agencies partnering with communities to develop plans, projects, and pilot implementation activities
- Grantee Type(s): States, Local govt., Tribal Governments, US Territories & Freely Assoc.

  States

#### Source of Grant Funding & Number of Awards (cooperative agreements):

- Mix of Inflation Reduction Act funds and baseline (\$40M IRA and \$30M baseline)
- \$70 million total at \$1M per award; fully-funded at time of award (3-year project period)
- 4 Set-asides/funding tracks used to apportion funding w/ different government agency types

#### Timing

- Selections by August/September 2023
- Awards made by December 2023

Closes on April 14, 2023



#### IMPLEMENTATION ACTIVITIES ALLOWED!

For both **EJ CPS and EJ G2G**: "Consistent with section 138(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act, applications submitted **must address one of the following five broad categories**:

- community-led air and other **pollution monitoring, prevention**, and **remediation**, and **investments** in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure and workforce development that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants;
- mitigating climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events;
- 3. climate resiliency and adaptation;
- 4. reducing indoor toxics and indoor air pollution; or
- facilitating engagement of marginalized communities in Local, State and Federal public processes, such as advisory groups, workshops, and rulemakings"



# 4. EJ THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANTMAKING PROGRAM (EJ TCGM) - 66.615

#### Background/Purpose:

- Fund up to 11 pass-through funders (i.e., Grantmakers) nationwide to provide subgrants to community-based nonprofits and similar entities for assessment, planning, and project development work. This model will allow EPA to provide thousands of subgrants nationwide in the next 3 years.
- Grantee Type(s): Colleges/Universities; Large Nonprofits; Tribal Govt./Organizations

Closes on May 31, 2023

- Source of Grant Funding & Number of Awards (cooperative agreements):
  - Inflation Reduction Act Funds (primarily)
  - \$550 million total; \$50 million per Award
- Timing
  - Due May 31, 2023 and awards made by November/December 2023



#### **EXAMPLES OF REGION 7 EJ GRANT ACTIVITIES**





## Thank you. Keep in touch!

For up-to-date information on national Environmental Justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a blank email to: <a href="mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov">join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov</a>. Follow us on Twitter: <a href="mailto:gepa-ej@lists.epa.gov">gepa-ej@lists.epa.gov</a>.

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EPA Region 7, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, Communities Section



# Overview of the Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program

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https://www.epa.gov/brownfields
https://www.epa.gov/land-revitalization

# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: A \$1.5 Billion Historic Investment In Brownfields and Land Revitalization

**EPA Supports Community Efforts to Revitalize Brownfields** 

 Increases funding for both grants and technical assistance to help with:

- planning, assessment, clean up, and reuse of brownfield sites, and
- brownfields job training for those most impacted by the brownfields
- Increases funding to establishing and enhancing state and tribal response programs that ensure cleanups are protective of human health and the environment.



Brownfields Redevelopment Process

- Identify Properties
- Assess Environmental Conditions
  - Phase I assessment
    - Site visit, interviews, records search
  - Phase II assessment
    - Site sampling
- ☐ Clean up
- Sustainably Redevelop
- \* Example: City of Council Bluffs, IA







## How We Can Help...

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#### **EPA COMPETITIVE GRANTS**

- Assessment & Area-Wide Planning
- Cleanup
- Multi-Purpose
- Revolving Loan Fund
- Environmental Workforce
   Development & Job Training

EPA ONE-ON-ONE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT LAND REVITALIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

TARGETED BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENTS

REGION 7
REDEVELOPMENT
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(RNT)

#### OTHER EPA TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- National Brownfields Conference
- Workshops/Webinars
- Publications
- On-line Tools/Templates
- EPA Contract Support

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM EPA GRANTEES

- ➤ Groundwork USA
- ➤ Council of Development Finance Agencies
- University of Louisville
- Association of State & Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials
- Hazardous Materials Training & Research Institute
- > International City/County Management Assoc.
- > Tribal Technical Assistance
- Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities:
  - New Jersey Institute of Technology
  - Kansas State University
  - Center for Creative Land Recycling

#### TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAMS

- Assessments and Small Cleanups
- Small Community Assistance Grants

#### TYPES OF BROWNFIELD NATIONAL GRANT COMPETITIONS

TYPES OF BROWNFIELD NATIONAL GRANT COMPETITIONS									
Grant Type	Multi-Purpose (Assessment & Cleanup)	Assessment	Cleanup	Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)	Job-Training				
Frequency	Annual*	Annual	Annual	Varies	Annual*				
Eligible Applicants	Government, C Limited Liability Cor are 501(c)(3) no	Same + Job-Training							
			+Nonprofit organizations not organized primarily for profit (e.g., 501(c)(6) organizations)		Organizations, Community Colleges, Universities				
Amount of Funding Available (Up to \$)*	\$800,000	\$500,000 for individual applicants; \$1,000,000 for coalitions; \$2,000,000 for States and Tribes	\$500,000, \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 for one or more brownfield (applicant must own property)	\$1,000,000; Supplemental Funds Available Annually	\$500,000				
Common Eligible Grant Activities	All Assessment and Cleanup Grant Activities	Inventory, characterize and assess brownfields; community engagement and visioning; area-wide/ redevelopment planning; cleanup planning	Cleanup planning; community engagement; cleanup; reuse and redevelopment planning	Capitalize a RLF program; provide loans and subawards to carry out brownfield cleanup activities	Recruit, train, and place unemployed and under- employed brownfield community residents; training includes various aspects of hazardous and solid waste management, as well as variety of other environmental				

\*Frequency and funding increased as a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law



# Brownfield Job Training Grants

- Train unemployed and underemployed residents of communities impacted by environmental issues for livable wage jobs (avg \$15.75)
- Unique for each applicant each grantees curriculum determined by local labor market study and partners.
- Example:

City of Springfield, MO's "Green for Greene" Brownfield Job Training Program

- √ Enrolled: 194 participants
- √ Graduated: 174 (including 18 March 2023 graduates)
- √ Placed: 113 green jobs; 7 other jobs, 10 continued education

https://www.springfieldmo.gov/3427/Green-for-Greene



## TARGETED BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT (TBA)

EPA provides EPA contractors to conduct environmental assessments and cleanup planning at no cost to communities, units of government and non-profits.

- Services include Phase I/Phase II site assessment and cleanup planning
- ➤ Applications accepted year-round. Online applications now accepted!!
- > Address properties state programs may not (size, liability, etc)
- A great way for new communities to get involved in brownfields!



# LAND REVITALIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Direct and free (pre-paid) technical assistance from EPA contractors brownfield projects

➤ Community visioning and engagement, site design, market studies, project financial planning, climate resiliency and renewable energy

➤ Project proposals accepted year-round with assistance from EPA project managers

**Example:** 

Former Auto Zone property in Dellwood, Missouri



## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAMS

State Brownfields Programs Provide FREE
Assistance to Communities for Assessment and some States also Help with Small Cleanups

- ► State Voluntary Cleanup Programs Ensure Brownfield Cleanups Result In Properties Safe For Reuse
- ➤ States/Tribes collaborate with small communities, Indian tribes, rural areas, or disadvantaged areas to request **Small Technical Assistance Grants** to "addon" their EPA grants.
- Example: City of Kimball, Nebraska





## Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities (TAB): Kansas State University

- Provides services are <u>free</u> to communities and tribes.
- Is an <u>independent advisor</u> and resource for community revitalization efforts.
- Brings university educational and technical resources as well as industry/consulting experience to communities affected by environmental issues at brownfield sites.
- Tailors assistance to the specific needs of a community/tribe and is usually coordinated through the city, tribal or non-profit brownfields project manager.

Examples of TAB Service that can be provided upon request:

- Technical presentations, workshops and seminars on brownfields-related topics
- Strategic planning and redevelopment visioning workshops
- Economic feasibility and sustainability analysis
- Identification of potential funding sources
- Assistance with environmental justice issues
- Guidance in finding and contracting with environmental firms
- Independent review and summary of technical documents
- Community outreach liaison service between you, state or federal agencies, or other entities
- Assistance with sustainability education and planning
- Assistance with soil analyses for community gardens placed on brownfields



#### THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

## Actions to take advantage of these historic resource investments.

- ✓ Help EPA define communities with Brownfield sites
- ✓ Identify complex Brownfield sites which may need larger grants offered through grants funded with infrastructure bill funds
- ✓ Apply for grant funding and use EPA, State, and/or TAB staff to help you navigate that process
- ✓ Use direct technical assistance for property assessments and planning and bring new partners into the Brownfields program
- ✓ Sign-up for the EPA Brownfields Listserve





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## EPA Region 7 Brownfields and Land Revitalization Contacts

as of March 2023

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# USDA Rural Development Community Programs Overview

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#### USDA Rural Development's Mission

- ► USDA Rural Development is the lead Federal agency helping rural communities improve the economy and quality of life in rural America.
- We have more than 40 programs to support rural America, offering loans, grants, and loan guarantees to build infrastructure, expand access to electric and telecommunications utilities, and support business growth, healthcare, education, housing, and other community essentials.
  - Business Programs
  - Community Programs
  - ► Housing Programs
  - ▶ Utilities Programs

# Community Facilities (CF) Direct Loan & Grant Program

#### CF - Program Purpose

Provides affordable funding to develop essential community services or facilities in rural areas.

- Does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings.
- ► Funds can be used to purchase, construct, and/or improve essential community facilities, to purchase equipment, and to pay related project expenses. Examples include healthcare facilities, public facilities, public safety, educational services, and local food systems. "We can help build a community from the ground up."

#### CF - Eligible Project Examples

#### Health Care

Hospital/Medical Clinic/Dental Clinic

Medical Equipment

Nursing Home/Assisted Living

## Public Safety

Fire Station/Fire and Rescue Equipment

**Ambulance** 

Police Equipment

#### Public Service

Storm Siren/Shelter

Library/Museum

Schools/Cafeteria

## Public Facilities

Courthouses

Street Improvements

Community Centers

## Community Support

Childcare centers

Fairgrounds

Food Pantry/Farmers Market

#### CF - Who is Eligible?

- ► Eligible borrowers include:
  - ► Public bodies
    - NOTE: Due to Missouri statute, loans cannot be made to public bodies, unless the security is revenue/general obligation bonds.
  - ► Community-based non-profit corporations
    - All loans made to a non-profit will require a review of organizational paperwork.

#### CF - Eligibility

- Rural areas including cities, villages, townships, towns and counties with no more than 20,000 residents at the facility location.
- ► Facility must serve primarily rural residents
- Project must have community support
- Applicant must have the legal authority to authorize the project, operate and maintain the facility
- Applicant is unable to obtain financing through commercial credit at reasonable rates and terms
- ► No commercial activities included in project

#### CF - What kinds of funding are available?

Low-interest direct loans

Grants

A combination of the two above

► The loan guarantee program. These may be combined with commercial financing to finance one project if all eligibility and feasibility requirements are met.

#### **CF - Direct Loans**

- ► There is no maximum dollar amount
  - Amount of loan determined by the amount needed to meet the applicant's needs, repayment ability, and funds available
- ► Loan term Maximum 40 years or life of security, whichever is less
- Type of security Land, building, equipment, revenue, taxes, bonds, etc.
- No pre-payment penalties
- Fixed interest rate
  - Currently at 3.75%
  - ► Rates change quarterly—check with your servicing office for current rates

#### CF - Grants

- Grant assistance is very limited and is based on the median household income (MHI) of the area to be served by the facility, and the population of the facility location.
- Grant funding may be used to supplement a loan or other funding sources
- Grant-only projects are allowed
- Provided to projects based on financial need
- Applicant must be unable to finance the proposed project without the grant assistance.

#### CF - Grants, cont.

► Grants cannot exceed 75% of the project.

► Grant is based upon the MHI of the service area and population of the facility location:

МНІ	< \$27,262	< \$31,806	< \$36,350	< \$40,894
Population	< 5,000	< 12,000	< 20,000	< 20,000
Grant	Max. 75%	Max. 55%	Max. 35%	Max. 15%

### Water & Environmental Programs

Improve infrastructure

Support public health and safety or

Promote economic development



#### **PURPOSE**

Provide financing for water, sanitary sewerage, solid waste disposal and storm wastewater facilities for rural residents.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

- ► Public bodies such as municipalities (cities, towns, and villages)
- Counties
- Special purpose districts (water district and sewer districts)
- Nonprofit corporations
- Must be a feasible project

#### POPULATION LIMIT

- ► City or town with a population of 10,000 or less.
- ▶ Priority to communities of less than 5,500.

#### WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Construct, enlarge, extend or improve water or waste disposal facilities
- Pay fees necessary for the project development such as legal and engineering
- ▶ Pay for costs of land acquisition, rights of way, permits
- Purchase necessary equipment
- ▶ Pay for environmental reports

#### **LOAN TERMS**

- ▶ Missouri Statutes limit the term of public body revenue bonds to 35 years.
- Not for Profit corporations may borrow on terms up to 40 years.

#### **INTEREST RATES**

- ▶ The agency has three interest rate levels: Poverty, Intermediate, and Market.
- The type of rate applicable to your project is dependent on the Median Household Income (MHI) of the service area.
- Poverty rate is appropriate if the MHI is below the poverty line of \$30,000 or is below 80% of the State Non-Metropolitan MHI (SNMHI) AND is in violation of a health or sanitary standard.

	In	terest Rates FY 202	22	
	10/1/22 to 12/31/22	1/1/23 to 3/31/23	4/1/23 to 6/30/23	7/1/23 to 9/30/23
Poverty	2.125% (40.80) *	2.250% (41.59) *	2.250% (41.59) *	
Intermediate	2.750% (44.86) *	3.000% (46.54) *	3.000% (46.54)*	
Market	3.500% (50.00) *	3.750% (51.78) *	3.750% (51.78) *	
* Amortization Factor is indicated in ( ) for 35 years				

#### **SECURITY**

- Water and wastewater disposal loans to public bodies are normally secured by revenue bonds.
- General Obligation bonds can be taken, if the test for credit requirement can be met.
- ► Loans to nonprofit corporations are secured by a promissory note and real estate deed of trust.

#### WILL I GET A GRANT??????

- ► Grants are considered only after a determination is made on the maximum amount of loan the applicant can afford and still have reasonable user rates.
- ▶ Reasonable user rates are considered to be at least 2% of the MHI per user per month.
- ► Must remember that grant funding is considered \*gap\* financing, after all other available funds have been considered. Such as applicant contribution, RD Loan and perhaps any other partner agencies such as Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) or MO Department of Natural Resources (MoDNR).

#### **HOW DO I START?**

- ► Contact your Project Engineer or put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and ask for a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a professional engineer.
- ► Invite them to your community and prepare a plan not just an immediate plan; a 2-year, 5-year, 10-year plan.
- ► Take steps to get to know your system and if it works.
- ► Learn if it is making you money or costing you money.
- ► Involve the entire Board of Directors or City Council they own it! It is not the job of the operator to "fix" it - SURPRISE!!
- Raise rates to keep things in line, so you don't pass the burden on to someone else.

#### Questions?

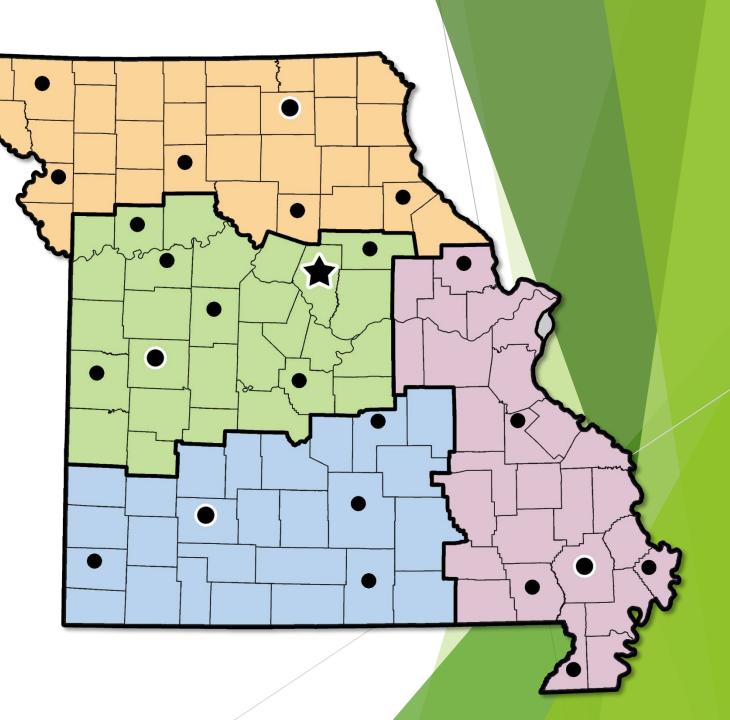
Missouri Rural Development Offices

4 Areas

4 Area Offices

20 Sub-Area Offices

1 State Office in Columbia



Assistance under USDA Rural Development programs is available to applicants in areas designated as "rural." Under law, the definition of "rural area" is different for each program.

http://www.rd.usda.gov/mo

http://twitter.com/RD\_Missouri



## Climate Change and Health Equity

CDR Kimberly Davids



## Origins of the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE)

#### E.O. 14008 - "Tackling the Climate Crisis"

- →HHS mandates (Section 222(d))
  - Office of Climate Change and Health Equity
  - Interagency Working Group to Decrease Risk of Climate Change to Children, the Elderly, People with Disabilities, and the Vulnerable
  - Biennial Health Care System Readiness Advisory Council



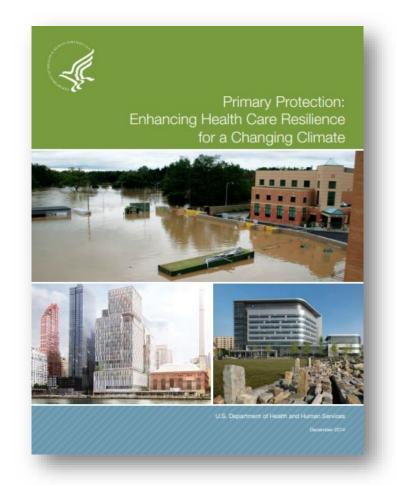
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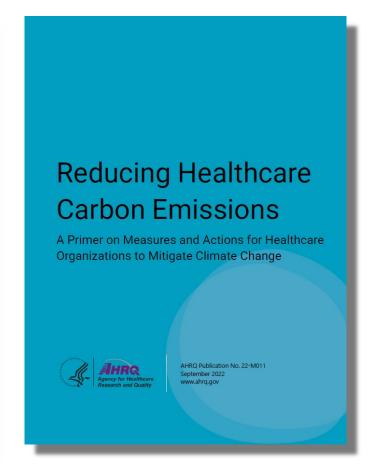
- 1. Reduce organizational emissions by 50% by 2030 and achieve net-zero by 2050, publicly accounting for progress on this goal.
- 2. Designate an executive-level lead for work on reducing emissions and conduct an inventory of Scope 3 (supply chain) emissions by the end of 2024.
- 3. Develop and release a climate resilience plan for continuous operations by the end of 2023, anticipating the needs of groups at disproportionate risk of climate-related harm.

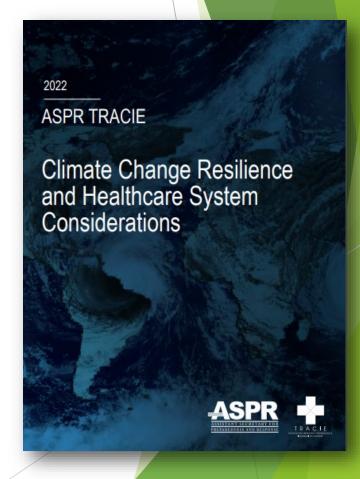


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# Resources for Emissions Reduction and Resilience









#### Thank you!

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# Bipartisan Infrastructure Law & Inflation Reduction Act Funding Opportunities

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#### Agenda



- HUD's Major Funding Opportunities
  - ► Technical Assistance Fund
  - ► Weatherization Assistance Program
  - ► Tribal Communities Investment
  - ► Affordable Connectivity Program
  - ► Lead Hazard Mitigation
  - Multifamily Investment
  - ► Community Planning & Development



#### **Funding Synopsis**



Thriving Communities Technical Assistance - Facilitates the planning and development of transportation and community revitalization activities and provides tools to ensure that under-resourced communities can access the historic funding.

#### **HUD Exchange Thriving Communities TA**

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes partnered with the Department of Energy to mitigate health and safety hazards in WAP-eligible homes of low-income families.

**Tribal Communities** - The Indian Health Services program to build the infrastructure necessary to ensure a safe supply of drinking water, reliable sewage systems, and solid waste disposal facilities.



#### **Funding Synopsis (cont.)**



#### Affordable Connectivity Program - getinternet.gov

The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program, enables states to competitively award subgrants to community anchor institutions, including public housing authorities.



#### Lead Hazard Mitigation - <u>click here to see additional information</u>

HUD to make meaningful progress on our commitment to eliminate lead hazards in federally assisted housing, including tribal housing.

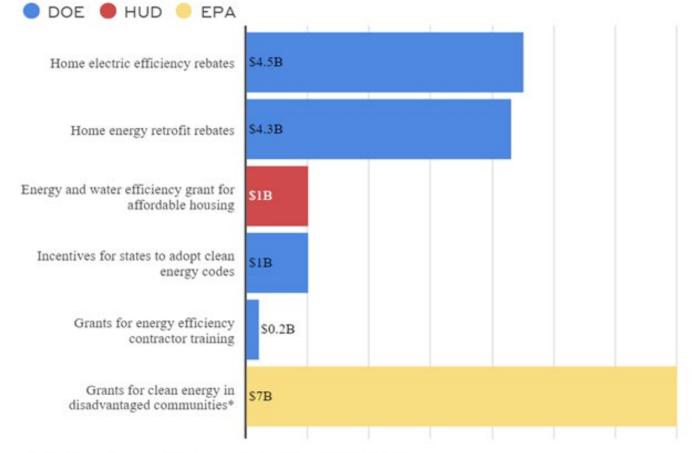


#### **Funding Synopsis (cont.)**



#### Housing-Related Grant Spending in the Inflation Reduction Act

Investment Multifamily Housing to
implement the Green and
Resilient Retrofit Program, as
well as to support
benchmarking of water and
energy use in Multifamily
assisted housing properties.



Total housing-related grant funding: \$18 billion



# Office of Community Planning & Development



#### **HOME Investment Partnerships Program**

Nature of Program - HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to states and localities that communities use - often in partnership with local nonprofit groups - to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people.



HOME is the largest federal block grant to state & local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households.



FY2022 Formula Allocations CPD - Home		
Kansas	\$7,040,310.00	
Nebraska	\$4,665,261.00	
Missouri	\$13,770,380.00	
Iowa	\$9,152,173.00	

- Entitlement cities of at least 50,000 or more
- Gounties of at least 200,000 or more



#### **Thank You**



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