



**Federal & State Grant Funding Opportunities**  
**Available Through**  
**May 2026**

**\$2.04 Billion to Improve Rail Travel for American Families with the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program**

This program provides funding for projects that improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of intercity passenger and freight rail.

The Department will support projects that:

- reduce congestion
- jumpstart ridership growth on passenger railroads.
- improve regional railroad infrastructure.
- develop safety programs to prevent trespassing and reduce injuries and fatalities.

**Applicants are encouraged to submit eligible projects as soon as possible but must do so by 11:59pm EST on Monday, June 22, 2026.**

**FY 2025-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity Railroad Crossing Elimination (Crossing Safety) Program**

The Crossing Safety Program intends to fund highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects, including but not limited to elimination projects, that improve safety and mobility of people and goods. Such projects will improve American rail infrastructure to enhance rail safety, improve the health and safety of communities, eliminate highway-rail and pathway rail grade crossings that are frequently blocked by trains, or reduce the impacts that freight movement and railroad operations may have on underserved communities.

FRA expects outcomes of selected projects to include:

- **Safety:** Reduce highway-rail grade crossing incidents, trespass incidents and train accidents.
- **Improvement of Mobility of People and Goods:** Eliminate highway-rail and pathway rail grade crossings that are frequently blocked by trains to enhance rail safety and reduce the impacts that freight movement and railroad operations may have on underserved communities.

**Applicants are encouraged to submit eligible projects as soon as possible but must do so by 11:59pm EST on Monday, June 8, 2026.**

## Research & Development

### [CHIPS Incentives Program – Facilities for Semiconductor Materials and Manufacturing Equipment](#)

The CHIPS Incentives Program aims to catalyze long-term economically sustainable growth in the domestic semiconductor industry in support of U.S. economic and national security. This is the second Notice of Funding Opportunity under this program and seeks applications for projects for the construction, expansion, or modernization of commercial facilities for semiconductor materials and manufacturing equipment.

**Deadline: November 1, 2026**

## Agriculture, Water, Environment & Energy

### [WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects](#)

Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and other entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply and hydropower reliability.

**Deadline: May 13, 2026**

### [Regional Food System Partnership Fiscal Year 2026](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), requests applications for the 2026 Fiscal Year (FY) Regional Food System Partnerships (RFSP) grant program. RFSP purpose is to support partnerships that connect public and private resources to plan and develop local and regional food systems. RFSP is part of the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP) umbrella program. AMS welcomes applications that meet LAMP goals (see section 3.1) to support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer marketing, local and regional food markets and enterprises, and value-added agricultural products.

**Deadline: June 5, 2026**

### [Local Food Promotion Program Fiscal Year 2026](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), requests applications for the 2026 fiscal year (FY) Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). LFPP's purpose is to support the development, coordination, and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises that engage as intermediaries in indirect producer-to-consumer marketing to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

**Deadline: June 5, 2026**

### [Farmers Market Promotion Program Fiscal Year 2026](#)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), requests applications for the 2026 fiscal year (FY) Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). FMPP's purpose is to support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct producer-to-consumer markets to increase access to and availability of locally and regionally produced agricultural products.

**Deadline: June 5, 2026**

### Fiscal Year 2024 Flood Mitigation Assistance

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant program makes federal funds available to states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribal governments, and local governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) in participating communities. FMA funds a variety of flood mitigation activities that are designed to reduce flood risk to policyholders to reduce the NFIP's financial exposure.

**Deadline: August 6, 2026**

### Speed to Power through Accelerated Reconductoring and other Key Advanced Transmission Technology Upgrades (SPARK)

SPARK is an opportunity to meet load demand growth and resource adequacy, and to address critical national, interregional, and regional needs. OE achieves these goals by stimulating investment in power system infrastructure and building partnerships between states, local governments, tribes, and power system operators to enhance reliability and affordability of the electric grid. Projects submitted under this NOFO must demonstrate measurable improvements in electric grid capacity and system value (usefulness), combining physical capacity gains, which include solutions such as reconductoring or other infrastructure upgrades with operational efficiency and/or flexibility from other Advanced Transmission Technologies (ATTs). Applications must show how these complementary technologies expand transfer capability, strengthen reliability and resource Basic Information adequacy, and reduce consumer cost impact while utilizing existing rights of way. DOE will prioritize projects that can be implemented quickly to deliver durable physical upgrades and dynamic operational gains that together increase the value, performance, security, resilience, affordability, and reliability of the nation's electric grid.

**Deadline: May 20, 2026**

### FY2026 - Historic Preservation Fund- Annual State Historic Preservation Office Grants

This funding program supports the operation of State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) in the 50 states, 5 territories, 3 Freely Associated States, and District of Columbia within allowable program areas as described in the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 300101 et seq). Where relevant, staff and projects must comply with the appropriate Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation. The purposes of this program are to provide matching grants to States for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic properties by such means as: survey, planning, technical assistance, physical preservation, Federal tax incentives available for historic properties, nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, distribution of funding to Certified Local Governments, and to assist Federal, State, and Local Government agencies, nonprofit organizations and private individuals in carrying out historic preservation activities.

**Deadline: June 30, 2026**

## **Military & Veterans**

### [Grants for Adaptive Sports Programs for Disabled Veterans and Disabled Members of the Armed Forces](#)

The VA NVSPSE Program announces the availability of up to \$16,000,000 (subject to the availability of Federal funds) for the VA Adaptive Sports Grant Program. VA will award grants to qualifying organizations to plan, develop, manage, and implement programs to provide adaptive sports, training, and other opportunities for Veterans and members of the Armed Forces with disabilities.

**Deadline: May 13, 2026**

### [Announcement of Stand Down Grants](#)

The U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS) supports local Stand Down events that assist veterans experiencing homelessness by providing a wide range of employment, social, and health services.

**Deadline: September 30, 2026.**

## **Department of Justice**

### [OJJDP FY25 Youth Gang Prevention and Intervention Program](#)

This program supports the implementation of intervention and suppression strategies to reduce youth gang crime and violence and promote public safety. These strategies will help to prevent youth from joining gangs, discontinue involvement in gangs, and prevent and reduce additional youth gang violence.

**Deadline: May 21, 2026**

## **Health & Human Services**

### [Child Care Access Means Parents in School \(CCAMPIS\) 2026](#)

The CCAMPIS Program supports the participation of low-income parents in postsecondary education by providing campus-based childcare services. The program makes competitive grants for a period of 4 years to institutions of higher education, with a priority for childcare programs that (1) leverage significant local or institutional resources and (2) utilize a sliding fee scale. Institutions may use the funding to establish or support a campus-based childcare program primarily serving the needs of students from low-income backgrounds enrolled at the institution. Grants may also be used to provide before- and after-class and other student support services to the extent necessary to enable low-income students enrolled at the institution of higher education to pursue postsecondary education.

**Deadline: May 26, 2026**

## Arts & Humanities

### Media Projects

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Lifelong Learning is accepting applications for the Media Projects program. The purpose of this program is to support the development, production, and distribution of radio programs, podcasts, and documentary films that engage general audiences with humanities ideas in creative and appealing ways. NEH makes Media Projects awards at two levels: Development and Production.

**Deadline: June 25, 2026**

### NEA Grants for Arts Projects 2, FY 2027

Grants for Arts Projects (GAP) provides project-based funding for organizations in the areas of Arts Education, Challenge America, Dance, Design & Our Town, Folk & Traditional Arts, Literary Arts, Local Arts Agencies, Museums, Music, Opera, Presenting & Multidisciplinary Works, Theater & Musical Theater, and Visual and Media Arts. Funded activities may include a wide range of arts projects described in the application guidelines. Awards require a 1:1 cost share. We welcome applications from first-time and returning applicants; from organizations serving rural, urban, suburban, and tribal communities of all sizes; and from organizations with a range of operating budgets.

**Deadline: July 9, 2026**

## Other Helpful Resources & Grant Opportunities

### CDBG Application Workshop

The Application Workshop for the 2026 Community Development Block Grant funded competitive Public Infrastructure and Housing Rehabilitation grants will be held virtually on Thursday, May 7, at 1:00 p.m. All grant administrators (it is assumed the administrator is writing the grant) must attend. Other interested parties are welcome. Attendance will be recorded. If your community is interested in applying for these grant opportunities, please send an email to [ceo.ocd@illinois.gov](mailto:ceo.ocd@illinois.gov) and request an invitation to the webinar.

Guidebooks for both programs can be found on the DCEO website at:

<https://dceo.illinois.gov/communitydevelopment.html>. Please remember that Sections I, II and IX are applicable to both programs. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) will be posted at

<https://dceo.illinois.gov/aboutdceo/grantopportunities.html>. Applications for the Public Infrastructure and Housing Rehabilitation grants are due by 5:00 pm, Thursday, August 27, 2026.

**If you should have any questions or to register, please reach out to [ceo.ocd@illinois.gov](mailto:ceo.ocd@illinois.gov)**

## Introducing the New CEJA Website

DCEO is pleased to announce the launch of its new [Climate and Equitable Jobs Act \(CEJA\) website](#). This updated site is the result of a year-long effort to refine content and tools to better serve the needs of communities across Illinois. It emphasizes clear program information, opportunities for engagement, and improved access to resources, including the CEJA Map.

Key features of the new website include:

- Clearer information organized by audience and stakeholder type
- Updated eligibility requirements for potential program participants
- Updated contact information for CEJA and FEJA grantees
- The CEJA Map and additional supporting resources

We invite you to visit the website to learn more about CEJA and how Illinois is advancing clean energy, workforce development, and equity in communities across the state. If you have questions about or suggestions for future website updates, please contact us at [CEO.CEJA@Illinois.gov](mailto:CEO.CEJA@Illinois.gov).

## CEJA Capacity Grant

The Workforce Policy Lab, in collaboration with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO), is excited to introduce the CEJA Capacity Grant Program—a bold new initiative to strengthen a more inclusive and resilient clean energy future for Illinois. Launching in 2026, this program will provide current and prospective DCEO CEJA grantees and sub-grantees with robust capacity-building support, along with grant awards starting at \$100,000. This direct investment will empower 501(c)(3) organizations across the state to scale clean energy workforce development, expand contractor opportunities, and drive equitable economic growth in communities statewide.

Visit the program [website](#) to explore program details and stay informed about opportunities and updates. Share the interest form found on the program website with your network so they can be the first to hear about the CEJA Capacity Grant when the opportunity goes live.

## Illinois EPA Unsewered Communities Planning Grants

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Acting Director James Jennings announced a new funding opportunity to assist communities where there are currently no wastewater collection and/or treatment facilities. Illinois EPA is making \$1 million available for grants through the Unsewered Communities Planning Grant Program, which will assist small and disadvantaged communities in developing a project plan that identifies a solution to wastewater collection and treatment needs. A Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) has been posted to the [Illinois EPA website](#).

The Unsewered Communities Planning Grant Program (UCPGP) provides grant funding to develop a plan that will address problems associated with the collection and treatment of wastewater in an unsewered community. Ultimately, this information can be used in an application for a project that would be funded by the Illinois Unsewered Communities Construction Grant Program. Funding for the UCPGP is made possible by utilizing a portion of Illinois EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Program Loan Support funds generated from loan repayments. Applicants that qualify can receive funding up to \$30,000, and Illinois EPA expects to fund up to 50 grants.

## Illinois DCEO Provides Help with Seeking Federal Funds!

### Federal Grant Support Program – Round 2

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's (DCEO)'s Federal Grant Support Program Round 2 is open and will make \$16.9 million available to Illinois-based proposals seeking competitive federal grants. This match program will encourage more applicants to apply for federal grant opportunities, provide critical assistance to meet the minimum match eligibility requirements, increase the competitiveness of applications, and provide the State of Illinois with an opportunity to make a firm commitment and demonstration of support for projects that are well aligned with the State's economic development goals and priorities. For more information about the program, including links to the NOFO and application, visit [this link](#).

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