Hello,

I hope that are you doing well and have been enjoying the spring so far. Below please see a list of upcoming IIJA and IRA grant deadlines:

- Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPL) Leading Edge. April 30
- Climate Pollution Reduction Grant. May 1.
- INFRA Grants. Mega Grants. Rural Surface Transportation Grants. May 6.
- Innovative Finance and Asset Concessions Grant Program. May 10.
- Upskill Prize for Solar Manufacturing. May 21.
- Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPC) Comprehensive. May 30.

As always please reach out with any specific grant research needs, suggestions, or feedback.

With appreciation,

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Affordable Housing –

Upcoming Deadlines

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPL) Leading Edge. HUD. Federal (IRA). Eligible entities are anyone owns a property that is assisted under one of HUD's forms of assistance contract listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. *Provides funding to Owners aiming to quickly meet ambitious carbon reduction and resilience goals without requiring extensive collaboration with HUD.* **Deadline April 30.**

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRPC) Comprehensive. HUD. Federal (IRA). Eligible entities are anyone owns a property that is assisted under one of HUD's forms of assistance contract listed in the Notice of Funding Opportunity. *Provides funding to initiate recapitalization investments designed from inception around deep retrofits, focused on innovative energy efficiency and greening measures, renewable energy generation, use of structural building materials with lower embodied carbon, and climate resilience investments.* **Deadline May 30.**

Resources

Addressing Homelessness in Rural Communities. HUD & USDA. *A Technical Assistance Guide. Providing supportive housing in rural areas presents a significant challenge – one that is being exacerbated by economic distress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Rural communities struggle to find adequate, affordable rental units as well as access to the services their most vulnerable tenants need. Both U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offer programs that can address the challenge.*

Agriculture –

[Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Classic for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2024]. USDA. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible applicants include *The RCPP promotes the adoption and expansion of conservation strategies to enhance natural resources among farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners. Applicants can apply to one of two funding pools. The Critical Conservation Area (CCA) funding pool supports projects that address identified "priority resource concerns" in one of eight defined geographic areas. The state and multi-state funding pool supports projects within a single state or multi-state region. Eligible activities include land management, rental, easements, and watershed projects. Funding priorities include climate-smart agriculture, urban agriculture, conservation, and environmental justice.* **Deadline July 2.**

Broadband –

Upcoming Deadlines

[State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program]. NTIA. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eliglible entities include States and territories that submitted digital equity plans are eligible to apply for State Capacity grants. Tribal entities (or consortia thereof) may apply for both Digital Equity Planning and Digital Equity Capacity grants. *Digital equity plans promote the availability and affordability of broadband service and devices, accessibility of public resources, digital literacy, and cybersecurity and privacy awareness.* **Deadline May 28 (States), February 7, 2025 (Tribes).**

Rolling Deadlines

[Telecommunications Infrastructure Loans & Loan Guarantees]. USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities include state and local government, Tribes, NPOs including Cooperatives, and for-profit businesses. *This program provides financing for the construction, maintenance, improvement and expansion of telephone service and broadband in rural areas.*

Resources

[BroadbandUSA]. NTIA. Federal Funding. *BroadbandUSA's Federal Funding site connects you to funding opportunities that support broadband planning, digital inclusion, and deployment projects. The site allows you to filter programs by Agency/Department, Eligible Recipients, and/or Program Purpose by using the filter options on the left.*

[Affordable Connectivity Program]. Federal Communications Commission. *The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC benefit program that helps ensure that households can afford the broadband they need for work, school, healthcare and more. The benefit provides a discount of up to $30 per month toward internet service for eligible households and up to $75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to $100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers if they contribute more than $10 and less than $50 toward the purchase price.*

Business/Economic Development –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program](#). USDA. Federal. Eligible entities include Current Rural Utilities Service, electrical or telecommunication borrower; any former RUS borrower; or any nonprofit utility that is eligible. *Provides funding for rural projects through local utility organizations. USDA provides zero-interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas.* **DeadlinesJune 30.**

[Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program](#). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofits, Tribes, Institutions of higher education. *Offers loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations to help microenterprises startup/grow through a Rural Microloan Revolving Fund and provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs*. **Deadline June 30.**

Rolling Deadlines
[Rural Business Investment Program](#). USDA. Federal. Eligible entities for-profits and subsidiaries of an entity. *Provides a Rural Business Investment Company (RBIC) license to newly formed developmental capital organizations to fill the need for business and development capital in rural areas. The program works with for-profit developmental capital funds.*

[Business and Industry Loan Guarantees](#). USDA. Federal. Loan funding. Eligible entities for-profit and nonprofit businesses, cooperatives, Tribes, public bodies, and individuals engaged or proposed to engage in a business. *Loan guarantees to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities.*

[Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance](#). EDA. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities State, local government, nonprofits 501c3 and not, special district governments, Tribes, *The Public Works program provides resources to meet the construction and/or infrastructure design needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive. Supported activities under EDA's EAA program include construction and non-construction such as construction or upgrading of public infrastructure, sectoral partnerships for workforce training, design and engineering, technical assistance, economic recovery strategies, and capitalization or re-capitalization of Revolving Loan Funds.*

[Draper Richland Kaplan](#). Foundation. Eligible applicants nonprofits. *This foundation will invest and help provide support to entrepreneurs for a three-year funding cycle to launch and expand their ventures.*

[Colorado Startup Loan Fund](#). OEDIT. State. Loan funding. Eligible entities small businesses. *Provides loan capital to mission-based lenders to provide loans to Colorado entrepreneurs and small business owners needing capital to start, restart, or restructure a business, and those who are not able to obtain a loan from traditional lenders.*

[Strategic Fund Job Growth Incentive](). OEDIT. Business incentives. Eligible entities include Businesses considering interstate competitive expansion or relocation projects in Colorado. Project-based funding. *Funds for locating or expanding in the state, signing a lease, hiring employees related to this project, making material expenditures for this project.*

Community Development –

Upcoming Deadlines

[Hometown Grants](). T-Mobile. Foundation. Project-based funding. Eligible entities are local government, tribal leaders, or nonprofit community leaders. *The program will fund projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections in small towns (with populations less than 50,000), including town squares, historic buildings, outdoor parks, ball fields, or libraries. Elected leaders, town managers or employees, or nonprofit leaders are eligible to submit project details.* **Deadline: Awards will be made quarterly. Applications will be open on a quarterly basis and the portal will close on the last day of each quarter and reopen for the new quarter on the first of the month.**

Rolling Deadlines

[Community Facilities Direct Loan & Grant Program](). USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities. *This program provides affordable funding to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. An essential community facility is defined as a facility that provides an essential service to the local community for the orderly development of the community in a primarily rural area, and does not include private, commercial, or business undertakings. Detailed list of essential community facilities included in link.*

[Disaster Supplemental Grant](). Economic Development Administration. Federal. Project-based. *Grants for areas in a Presidentially declared disaster region may be eligible for highly flexible grants to use building up a strong and modern workforce. EDA's role in disaster recovery is to facilitate the timely and effective delivery of federal economic development assistance to support long-term community economic recovery planning and project implementation, redevelopment and resiliency.*

[Local Match Program (Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act)](). DOLA. State. Federal match based funding. Eligible entities, local government, special districts, and Tribes. *The General Assembly passed Senate Bill 22-215 (creating Colorado Revised Statute 24-75-232), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund, which allocates approximately $80 million in state General Funds for local match support for state agencies and local governments for the non-federal match requirements included in the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).*

[*Thriving Communities Technical Assistance*](). HUD. Federal. Eligible entities are those that are eligible under specific grants. *Technical assistance funding. The program will help local governments ensure housing needs are considered as part of their larger infrastructure investment plans, while also supporting equitable development in disadvantaged communities. Investments to revitalize communities, ensure equitable access to resources, create economic*

opportunities for residents and businesses, and improve housing availability, affordability, and quality.

Resources
[DOLA Local Community Funding Guide](#). Created by DOLA. *This tool can help local communities in Colorado track potential upcoming funding opportunities. Very user friendly, easy to break down by funding category, program, award type, agency, etc.*

Education –
Rolling Deadlines
[Thriving Children](#). W.K. Kellogg Foundation. Foundation. General operating and project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofit organizations. *The foundation supports in three primary areas: Thriving Children: We support a healthy start and quality learning experiences for all children. Working Families: We invest in efforts to help families obtain stable, high-quality jobs. Equitable Communities: We want all communities to be vibrant, engaged and equitable.*

Emergency Management & Security –
Rolling Deadlines
[Community Disaster Loan Program](#). FEMA. Federal. General operating support. Local governments. *The Community Disaster Loan Program provides funding for local governments to operate their essential community services after substantial revenue loss caused by a disaster.*

Energy & Environment –
Upcoming Deadlines
[Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants](#). USDA. Federal (IIJA). Project-based. Eligible entities agricultural producers and small business. *Guaranteed loans and grant financing to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements.* **Deadlines June 30, and September 30.**

[Climate Pollution Reduction Grant.](#) Federal. EPA (IRA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities States, local government, Tribes. *EPA has announced two competitions for CPRG implementation grants – a general competition for applications from states, municipalities, tribes, tribal consortia, and territories, and a competition only for tribes, tribal consortia, and territories. These competitions are open to entities that received planning grants to develop Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAPs) under [phase 1 of the CPRG program](#), as well as entities that did not directly receive a planning grant that are applying for funds to implement measures included in an applicable PCAP. Eligible applicants may only apply for funding to implement measures contained in an applicable PCAP.* **Deadline May 1.**

[Upskill Prize for Solar Manufacturing](#). DOE. Federal (IIJA). Competition-based funding. Eligible entities private for-profit or nonprofit organizations, non-federal government entities, and academic institutions. Teams must be led by either a U.S.-based PV manufacturer or a U.S.-

based training organization. *The American-Made Upskill Prize for the Solar Manufacturing Workforce (Upskill Prize) is a multi-million-dollar competition designed to accelerate the expansion of the U.S. solar manufacturing workforce and equip workers with the skills necessary to revitalize the domestic solar module manufacturing supply chain. This prize addresses critical workforce needs at various stages of the U.S. solar photovoltaics (PV) module supply chain.* **Deadline May 21.**

[Renew America's Schools Prize to Cooperative Agreement](). DOE. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities include schools, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations. *During Phase 1, competitors will build teams and curate lists of at least 10 schools and school facilities that demonstrate compelling need and eligibility for investment. Phase 1 winners will earn a cash prize of $300,000 and move on to Phases 2 and 3, during which they will enter into and execute Cooperative Agreements with DOE.* **Deadline June 13.**

[Community Change Grants](). EPA. Federal (IRA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, Tribe, higher education institute. *Environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input.* **Deadline November 21.**

Transportation/Infrastructure –
Upcoming Deadlines
[INFRA Grants](). [Mega Grants](). [Rural Surface Transportation Grants](). DOT Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities include States metro planning organization, local government, special districts, Tribes. *The Department is combining three major discretionary grant programs and two fiscal years of funding into one Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant. The opportunity contains three grant programs: the National Infrastructure Project Assistance grants program (Mega), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects grants program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural). The funding opportunities are awarded on a competitive basis for surface transportation infrastructure projects – including highway and bridge, intercity passenger rail, railway-highway grade crossing or separation, wildlife crossing, public transportation, marine highway, and freight projects, or groups of such projects – with significant national or regional impact, or to improve and expand the surface transportation infrastructure in rural areas.* **Deadline May 6.**

[Innovative Finance and Asset Concessions Grant Program](). DOT. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities State, local governments, Tribes, special districts. *A competitive basis to assist eligible public entities in facilitating and evaluating public-private partnerships and exploring opportunities for innovative financing and delivery for eligible transportation infrastructure projects, including highway, transit, passenger rail, certain freight facilities, certain port projects, rural infrastructure projects, airports, and transit-oriented development projects.* **Deadline May 10.**

[Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program](). Federal Highway Administration. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local or regional governmental organizations, multicounty special districts, States, Tribes. Includes planning and design grants as well as construction grants. *Projects will help improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of active transportation networks and communities; improve connectivity between active transportation modes and public transportation; enhance the resiliency of on- and off-road active transportation infrastructure and help protect the environment; and improve quality of life in disadvantaged communities through the delivery of connected active transportation networks and expanded mobility opportunities.* **Deadline June 17.**

Rolling Deadlines
[Revitalizing Main Streets: Opportunity 2 - Small Multimodal & Economic Resiliency Grant Program](). CDOT. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities local governments, business improvement districts, council of governments, university or college. *CDOT seeks to award grants to fund projects that improve safety for pedestrians, bicycle riders, transit users, seniors and people living with disabilities along urban arterials or main street corridors, connecting multimodal access to encourage downtown economic vitality. [Applications]() may be submitted at any time to [cdotmainstreets@state.co.us](). Applications will be reviewed every month. Deadline for review will be the last Wednesday of the month.*

Resources
[Department of Transportation Navigator](). DOT. *Helps communities navigate the best ways to apply for grants, and plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services. Provides an overview of grant programs under the Resources for [Grant Seekers tab]().*

[Toolkit to track federal infrastructure funding](). Created by the CO Economic Recovery Office. *This tool can help local communities in Colorado track potential upcoming funding opportunities.*

Water –
[WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects For Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025](). Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities nonprofits with 501c3 status, State, local government, special districts, Tribes. *The objective of this NOFO is to invite States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on small-scale on-the-ground projects that seek to conserve, better manage, or otherwise make more efficient use of water supplies. Proposed projects that are supported by an existing water management and conservation plan, System Optimization Review, or other planning effort led by the applicant are prioritized.* **Deadline July 9.**

[Tribal Domestic Water Supply Projects](). BOR. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities include Tribes. *This program supports federally recognized Tribes and Tribal organizations in the planning, design, and construction of domestic water infrastructure. Eligible projects include new domestic water supply infrastructure, improvements to existing infrastructure and facilities, extension of existing infrastructure and facilities to reach*

underserved service areas, and other projects that assess and address urgent water-related needs, among others. **Deadline August 24.**

WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase 1. Bureau of Reclamation. Federal (IIJA). Project-based funding. Eligible entities local government, special districts, nonprofit organizations, Tribes. *Applicants must meet specific criteria based on their group type. New Watershed Group applicants must lead the development of a new watershed group, demonstrate impact on water quality/quantity, and advocate for sustainable water use. See NOFO for more information.* **Deadline September 3.**

Rolling Deadlines
Federal Technical Assistance Grants for Federal Projects. Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Local Capacity Grants and CWCB Technical Assistance Grants. Eligible entities local government, mutual ditch companies, nonprofits. *As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, a total of $5 million in federal funding has been allocated for technical assistance grants that will enable eligible entities to work with the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) contractors or to hire contractors to expand their capacity and expertise, in pursuit of federal funding opportunities that directly support the Colorado Water Plan objectives. The allowable uses of this grant funding are broad in scope, to allow for the wide range of federal opportunities available.*

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants in Colorado. USDA. Federal. Eligible entities local government, nonprofits, Tribes. *Emergency-based funding. This program helps eligible communities prepare, or recover from, an emergency that threatens the availability of safe, reliable drinking water. Water transmission line grants up to $150,000 to construct waterline extensions, repair breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, and address related maintenance necessary to replenish the water supply. Water source grants up to $1,000,000 for the construction of new wells, reservoirs, transmission lines, treatment plants, and/or other sources of water (water source up to and including the treatment plant).*

Watershed Restoration Grants. Colorado Water Conservation Board. State. Project-based funding. Eligible entities, special districts, Tribes, mutual ditch companies, nonprofits. *The Program will focus on the development of Wildfire Ready Watershed action plans and implementation of projects designed to mitigate post wildfire impacts. Applications will be accepted for capacity building, planning, engineering, and implementation to address the susceptibility of values at risk to post wildfire hazards.*

Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program. USDA. Federal. Project-based funding. Eligible entities, private nonprofits, Tribes. *This program provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. Funds may be used to finance the acquisition, construction, or improvement of drinking water sourcing, treatment, storage, and distribution; sewer collection, transmission, treatment, and disposal; solid waste collection, disposal, and closure; storm water collection, transmission, and disposal.*

Resources

[Colorado Water Funding Opportunity Navigator](#). DNR. *This database is intended to serve as a tool for people and organizations across Colorado to navigate all available funding opportunities for water projects in a single place.*