
INVESTING IN AMERICA

State Directed Technical Assistance Resources

A list of state and local resources to help communities access infrastructure and clean energy funding

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Introduction

President Biden's Investing in America agenda unlocks billions of dollars in opportunity for states, territories, Tribes, and local governments to make a once-in-a-generation investment in infrastructure, clean energy and climate resilience.

Over 90% of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)'s historic funding will be deployed by non-federal partners. And the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) provides state, local, Tribal, territorial and non-governmental partners significant new funding for clean energy, climate mitigation and resilience, agriculture, and conservation-related investments through both grant funding and tax credits.

In the past, too many communities have lacked the resources to apply for and deploy transformative federal funding opportunities. The Biden-Harris Administration's goal is to help state, local, Tribal and territorial governments and other nongovernmental partners navigate, access, and deploy these record resources to build a better America. While there are many programs across the federal government dedicated to technical assistance, navigating the vast landscape of programs and resources can be challenging for communities. To ease this burden, the Biden Administration is committed to closing access gaps and making these opportunities transparent and available through a comprehensive new [technical assistance guide](#).

Governors, Mayors, state, and local leaders all across this country are also committed to closing these gaps and ensuring that their communities are able to access this historic federal funding. That's why we've seen unprecedented funding and leadership at the state and local level for technical assistance programs. To date, over 15 states have over 35 dedicated technical assistance programs.

Additionally, over 15 states have over \$2 billion in non-federal match funding. Those states include: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming.

This guide provides information about the growing number of state programs designed to aid communities in winning funding under BIL and IRA.

Technical assistance can mean different things to different people. For the purposes of this document, we are defining technical assistance as programs, processes, and resources that

provide targeted support to a community, region, organization, or other beneficiary to help them access and deploy federal funding to deliver results.

As you go through this guide, it is a good opportunity to think more generally about how you and your community can use funding from BIL and IRA – not to mention the hundreds of other federal financial assistance programs – to take on some of your toughest challenges and create opportunity and prosperity for all of your residents.

Your measure of success shouldn't be the number of applications submitted or even the amount of funding received for your community. Instead, you and your community should focus on how those investments are helping your community and its residents.

Here are some basic steps to help define your approach:

- Build a team in your community to plan for, win funding for and implement critical investments.
- Focus on collaboration across the public, non-profit and civic sectors in your community.
- Across your team and among your partners, clearly define roles to ensure coordination.
- Think about how best to target your efforts to address issues of equity in your community.
- Make sure that you fully understand – and are prepared to execute on – responsibilities and obligations related to federal financial assistance such as environmental reviews and compliance.

The good news is that much of the technical assistance detailed in this guide and the federal [technical assistance guide](#) is designed to help you and your community with each of the steps to this approach.

This technical assistance guide is one tool we are deploying to help make it easier for communities across the country to navigate, access, and deploy infrastructure, climate resilience and clean energy funding. This technical assistance guide builds on the [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook](#) and the [Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook](#) to highlight mechanisms that help communities navigate programs and resources from the Investing in America agenda.

Let's get started.

California	
Program Name	Strategic Growth Council – Regional Climate Collaboratives (RCC)
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Project Delivery, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, Direct TA by State Staff or State Funded Entities, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	<p>The Regional Climate Collaborative (RCC) Program is a grant program that provides resources to advance climate change mitigation, adaptation, and resilience within under-resourced communities. The program funds cross-sector partners to form a Collaborative and conduct various capacity building activities, such as partnership development, project and plan development, data collection, education and training, and the creation of technical assistance hubs to pursue climate investments.</p> <p>The program is intended to support under-resourced communities to develop the necessary capacities, relationships, plans, and projects in order to effectively pursue and implement state and federal funding to address climate mitigation, adaptation, and resilience. The program seeks to close readiness gaps in communities and establish an ongoing strategy to access necessary funding on an ongoing basis by localizing technical assistance and capacity building strategies.</p>
Eligible Participants	Public agency, Non-Governmental Organization, Tribal Government, Business
Status	Round 1 was awarded to six collaboratives . Round 2 Notice of Funding Availability is live . California anticipates 4-6 new collaboratives.
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$20 million over two rounds. \$500,000 - \$1.75 million / award
How to get in touch	Contact California.

California	
<i>Program Name</i>	North Coast Offshore Wind (OSW) Community Benefit and Mitigation Network
<i>Category of TA</i>	Planning and Project Development, Project Delivery, Application for Funding
<i>Type of TA Provided</i>	Educational and Information
<i>Description</i>	Technical assistance and capacity includes community engagement, organizing and power building, education, technical support, policy advocacy, legal counsel, and industry benefits negotiation around the OSW energy industry. The Network has defined practices, policies, and community benefit priorities essential for safe, healthy and mutually beneficial development of the OSW industry in the Humboldt region. These priorities were developed for inclusion in OSW licensing processes and decisions, policy advocacy efforts, as well as Community Benefit Agreements to be negotiated with individual OSW, port, and transmission infrastructure developers.
<i>Eligible Participants</i>	Humboldt County based entities (Labor, Community based organizations, local and small businesses, education institutions, environmental organizations), Tribal Nations in lands spanning Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, Local government
<i>Status</i>	Active and ongoing
<i>Application Requirement</i>	Participation is by invitation
<i>Budget</i>	Under development. Estimated Resources: \$1-4 million
<i>How to get in touch</i>	Contact California.

California	
Program Name	Offshore Wind Industry – Community Planning
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Project Delivery, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, Direct TA by State Staff or State Funded Entities, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	In collaboration with county and local governments and affiliated agencies and organizations, the Redwood Region Climate and Community Resilience Hub (CORE Hub) is scoping technical support for integrated planning, design, and policy development to ensure the industries related to Offshore Wind in the Pacific are <i>aligned with sustainable, equitable, and community-led principles for climate mitigation, adaptation, and environmental and economic justice.</i> While in initial scoping stages, the philanthropic-public partnership is envisioned to include: Support for an County Government Climate Resilience Lead, Participation in Community Benefits Processes and Priorities, and Technical, Legal, and Planning Support.
Eligible Participants	County and local governments
Status	Program is in development
Application Requirement	No but limited eligibility
Budget	Under development. Estimated Resources: \$2-5 million
How to get in touch	Contact California.

Colorado	
Program Name	Local Match Program
Category of TA	Non-Federal Match
Type of TA Provided	Non-Federal Match
Description	The Colorado legislature passed and Governor Polis signed SB22-215 and SB23-283 to create the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund. The law allows some of the funds to be used by local governments and Tribes for the non-federal match requirements included in BIL and the IRA. From this bill, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) in collaboration with the Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) and the Governor's Office, have created the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Local Match grant program (LOMA) to be used for local governments and Tribes to support their non-federal match requirement when they are applying directly to the federal government for a BIL or IRA Program. The Department of Local Government (DOLA) is administering the application process for local governments.
Eligible Participants	Local governments, Tribal governments, Special districts
Status	Available until expended
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$10 million
How to get in touch	Contact Colorado.

Colorado	
Program Name	IIJA/IRA Technical Assistance and Grant Writing Support
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	The Colorado legislature passed and Governor Polis signed SB22-215 and SB23-283 to create the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund. The law allows some of the funds to be used for grant writing support and project planning in order to assist state agencies, local governments, and the two federally recognized Tribes located in Colorado in obtaining BIL and IRA funds. Colorado issued an RFP to hire one or more consultants to be on-call for grant writing and technical assistance for project planning (e.g. site assessments, permitting, cost estimating, design assistance, stakeholder engagement). Local governments and Tribes may request this assistance through an application process.
Eligible Participants	State agencies, Local governments, Tribes
Status	Launching September 2023
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$2 million
How to get in touch	Contact Colorado.

Colorado	
Program Name	State Matching Funds
Category of TA	Non-Federal Match
Type of TA Provided	Non-Federal Match
Description	The Colorado legislature passed and Governor Polis signed SB22-215 and SB23-283 to create the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Cash Fund to be used to meet non-federal matching funds requirements for BIL- or IRA-funded projects. Approximately \$140 million was appropriated for the purpose of providing match funding for state agency applications for transportation projects; water, environmental and resilience projects; and power, grid and broadband projects. The Cash Funds may only be utilized if the federal funds are awarded. Agencies receiving the Cash Fund awards are required to monitor the usage of the funds and report back to the Governor's Office. The Governor's Office is required to report to the legislature quarterly on the use of the funds.
Eligible Participants	State agencies
Status	Available until expended
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$140 million
How to get in touch	Contact Colorado.

Colorado	
Program Name	Regional Grant Navigators
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Project Delivery, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Federal Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	Capacity has been a longstanding issue impacting many of Colorado's communities for years. To help meet this need, the State of Colorado allocated \$1.4 million through Senate Bill 22-215 for 14 Regional Grant Navigator (RGN) positions at each of the Councils of Government across the state. The RGN position was established with the goal of providing capacity support to Colorado local governments, special districts and federally recognized tribes seeking BIL and IRA funding opportunities through grant navigation, writing and review, technical support, resource sharing and regional collaboration support. In its first year, the RGNs successfully connected local governments, special districts and tribes with relevant grants, resulting in increased resources and capacity for vital community projects. Their roles have been to develop a thorough understanding of the grant funding opportunities in BIL and IRA, and to assist municipalities, counties, special districts and federally recognized tribes with connecting to funding opportunities from these acts.
Eligible Participants	Local Governments, Regional Transportation organizations, Tribal Governments, Special Districts
Status	Ongoing
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$1.4 million
How to get in touch	Contact Colorado.

Connecticut	
Program Name	Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Grant Writers
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	CCM is the state's largest, nonpartisan organization of municipal leaders, representing towns and cities of all sizes from all corners of the state, with 168 member municipalities. CCM introduced a new Grant Writing and Administration Consulting Services. Grant writing services has traditionally been an area of need for Connecticut municipalities when pursing federal grant opportunities. CCM submitted an RFQ to solicit potential consultants to provide grant writing and administration services to municipalities. CCM selected two new consultants to provide grant preparation, writing, and administration services to CCM members.
Eligible Participants	Municipalities
Status	Active
Application Requirement	No
How to get in touch	Contact Connecticut here or here .

Delaware	
Program Name	Grant Assistance Program at University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration
Category of TA	Application for Funding, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The Grant Assistance Program (GAP) at the University of Delaware is a state-funded initiative created by Governor John Carney to provide free technical grant assistance to local governments for BIL programs and other competitive and formula grant opportunities. While GAP works with all local governments in Delaware, outreach and support are especially focused on local governments that typically lack the resources and capacity to compete for large-scale infrastructure funding opportunities, including rural or underserved communities. The GAP provides local governments with a wide array of services to address capacity challenges, such as, an online funding opportunities portal, a curated list of grant-related resources, training sessions, and workshops. The program also supports local governments through virtual open-office hours and direct appointments. Direct technical support may vary based on the needs of respective local governments. Pre-application assistance includes project identification, prioritization, and development. Application-based assistance ranges from grant research and writing to cost-benefit analysis and proofreading. Finally, GAP provides post-award assistance, such as project implementation support, grant management, and reporting.
Eligible Participants	Local governments
Status	Started July 2022, funded until June 2027
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$1.77 million of state funding over 5 years
How to get in touch	Learn more here . Contact Delaware .

Illinois	
Program Name	Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Federal Grant Support Program
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding, Project Delivery, Non-Federal Match
Type of TA Provided	State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities, Non-Federal Match
Description	The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity's Federal Grant Support Program will make up to \$15 million available to Illinois-based businesses and organizations seeking competitive federal grants. The Department may provide a grant up to \$2,000,000 that entails up to a 1:1 match of the applicant's cash contribution towards the project. This matching grant program is intended to encourage more Illinois-based 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.
Eligible Participants	Business, Non-Governmental Organizations, Local governments
Status	No specific due date on applications, but the expected period of performance is July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	Up to \$15 million
How to get in touch	Contact Illinois.

Kentucky	
Program Name	Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program
Category of TA	Non-Federal Match, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Non-Federal Match, Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	Prompted by President Biden's Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, and the identification of several regions of Kentucky as a "priority community," legislation in the 2023 Kentucky legislative session created the GRANT Program. The purpose of the GRANT Program is to help local governments and nonprofit entities in Kentucky apply for and match available federal funding from the Inflation Reduction Act, the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, CHIPS and Science Act, American Rescue Plan Act, and grant programs from 11 federal agencies and the Appalachian Regional Commission that are identifying opportunities for Kentucky through a clearinghouse sponsored by the Interagency Working Group.
Eligible Participants	State agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations engaged in public benefit improvements to priority communities.
Status	Funds are available until expended. Application is posted with overview and instructions online .
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$2 million
How to get in touch	For more information, contact the Department of Local Government at 502-573-2382 or the local Area Development District.

Louisiana	
Program Name	Louisiana Infrastructure Technical Assistance Corporation
Category of TA	Non-Federal Match, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Non-Federal Match, Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The State and Governor's Office worked with the Louisiana Municipal Association and Police Jury Association to deliver technical assistance and non-federal match support to local governments via a newly created joint non-profit, the Louisiana Infrastructure Technical Assistance Corporation (LITACorp). The state legislature appropriated \$25 million in state funds, but LITACorp can receive and is seeking funds from other sources. LITACorp is currently operating a Technical Assistance Program, and plans to launch a Matching Funds Grant Program in Fall of 2023.
Eligible Participants	Local governments
Status	TA program is active; Non-federal Match program forthcoming in Fall of 2023.
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$25 million
How to get in touch	More information here . Contact Louisiana.

Maine	
Program Name	Maine Department of Transportation Regional Planners
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information
Description	Maine DOT has created a BIL website to help interested parties learn more about opportunities to access Maine DOT programs, planning capacity and expertise. As a conduit for infrastructure funds, Maine DOT leadership is encouraging municipalities interested in developing projects to contact their regional planner at Maine DOT. Increasing municipal engagement through the planners will ensure projects are ready for funding and decrease unintentional competition for funds at the Federal level. To take full advantage of these opportunities, Maine DOT aims to coordinate and possibly partner with other eligible applicants on applications. Maine offers planning partnership programs like the Village Partnership Initiative to scope projects for future discretionary grant opportunities.
Eligible Participants	Any Maine municipality and Tribal government may reach out to their Regional Planner to discuss potential projects for development within Maine DOT programs.
Status	Active and ongoing.
Application Requirement	No
How to get in touch	Contact Maine.

Maine	
Program Name	Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Additional capacity to assist disadvantaged communities
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	Added funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is providing additional capacity at the program to assist disadvantaged communities with accessing the multiple funding sources available for drinking water improvements. Maine is conducting proactive outreach to disadvantaged community water systems, adding capacity for communities, and setting up loan principal forgiveness.
Eligible Participants	Public water system that serves a community and can demonstrate that its year-round residential water consumers have a median household income (MHI) of \$58,924 per year or less or when the ratio of average annual water bill to median household income is 0.8 or greater
Status	SRFs are awarded annually.
Application Requirement	Yes
How to get in touch	Contact Maine.

Maine	
Program Name	Maine Connectivity Authority Regional & Tribal Broadband Partners Program
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	
Description	The Regional & Tribal Broadband Partners Program will help deploy, sustain, and maximize the benefits of broadband infrastructure investment in all state regions. Each partner will build and lead digital inclusion efforts in their region and Tribe while also providing support for community and regional-scale broadband infrastructure solutions and investments. Regional & Tribal Broadband Partners will receive funding and support provided by the MCA in partnership with the Maine Broadband Coalition (MBC) and National Digital Equity Center (NDEC). This program will coordinate group meetings of Regional Broadband Partners, meeting individually with Regional Partners and/or attend meetings in each region, and provide general broadband and digital equity education and support for community driven broadband programs.
Eligible Participants	Non-Governmental Organizations, Tribal governments, Planning commissions, Economic development agencies or organizations, Councils of government, Schools, Libraries
Status	Open and active
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$3 million
How to get in touch	Contact Maine.

Maine	
Program Name	Clean Energy Partnership
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	Maine's Clean Energy Partnership (CEP) was established to advance Maine's clean energy, climate, economic development, and workforce goals – including Governor Janet Mills' goal of more than doubling Maine's clean energy and energy efficiency jobs by 2030. The goal of the Clean Energy Partnership is to prepare and expand Maine's clean energy workforce as well as support innovation of clean tech products and services. Supported by the Maine Jobs and Recovery Plan, the Clean Energy Partnership convenes leading experts to promote collaboration to address emerging needs, build new and expand existing supply chains, and support opportunities for Maine in these fast-growing fields. This public-private partnership will play a critical role in Maine's economic recovery and growth through grants to develop new curricula, provide technical training and experiential learning, deploy new job placement services, and other activities related to workforce development and training.
Eligible Participants	Clean energy employers, Educational institutions, Industry associations, Nonprofit organizations
Status	Active
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$6.5 million (\$4 million for Workforce Development + \$2.5 million for Innovation)
How to get in touch	Contact Maine.

Maine	
Program Name	Community Resilience Partnership
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The Community Resilience Partnership provides grants and direct support to municipal and Tribal governments and unorganized territories in Maine to help them address local priorities for reducing carbon emissions, transitioning to clean energy, and becoming more resilient to climate change effects such as extreme weather, flooding, rising sea levels, public health impacts, and more. In addition to direct grants to communities, the Community Resilience Partnership also awards grants to service providers to help communities identify climate priorities and enroll in the Community Resilience Partnership. Since the program was announced in 2021 by Governor Janet Mills, 175 cities, towns and Tribal governments in Maine have chosen to participate in the Community Resilience Partnership either as individual communities or through regional coalitions.
Eligible Participants	All municipal and Tribal governments and unorganized territories in Maine are eligible to enroll in the Partnership, either individually or as part of a regional group
Status	Available until expended.
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$3 million annually
How to get in touch	Contact Maine.

Massachusetts	
Program Name	District Local Technical Assistance Program (DLTA)
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	Massachusetts distributes DLTA funding to each of the Commonwealth's 13 regional planning agencies, which are local organizations that pool the resources of cities and towns within a region to meet challenges involving water, sewer, housing, transportation, economic development, and other issues that cross municipal borders. DLTA funds contribute to these pooled resources to enable municipalities to take on federal funding applications and other projects they may not have the staff capacity to address on their own. These funds are critical for financing long-term municipal planning so that cities and towns are able to put together grant applications for shovel ready projects when competitive federal opportunities are available.
Eligible Participants	Distributed to municipal governments through Regional Planning Agencies.
Status	Open and active for FY23
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$3 million in FY23
How to get in touch	Contact Massachusetts.

Michigan	
Program Name	Technical Assistance Center
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding, Federal Compliance
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The Michigan Infrastructure Office Technical Assistance Center allows eligible recipients to receive support for BIL funding application in two ways: (1) directly through a master contract administered by the Michigan Infrastructure Office; (2) through their Metropolitan Planning Organizations, Regional Planning Agencies, or Economic Development Districts (MPO/RPA) to access certain pre-qualified contracts, expenses of which are eligible for reimbursement. The type of support eligible entities will receive are project planning support, application support, compliance support. Through the Make it in Michigan Competitiveness Fund, technical assistance is also available for IRA and CHIPS funding applications.
Eligible Participants	Local governments, Regional Transportation Organizations, Tribal governments, Transit agencies, and other entities eligible for BIL grants
Status	Active until expended.
Application Requirement	in some cases (e.g. when the recipient is a subgrantee of a Regional Planning Organization)
Budget	\$25 million for Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, including available non-federal match and up to \$10 million for technical assistance related to the Make it in Michigan Competitiveness Fund.
How to get in touch	Contact Michigan .

Minnesota	
Program Name	MN State Competitiveness Fund: Local Grant Development Assistance Program
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	<p>The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources is developing a competitive grant funding opportunity for grant development to assist eligible entities to prepare grant applications for federal funds.</p> <p>This will be a two-part program to ensure the state's economy is strong and growing by increasing the competitiveness across Minnesota in accessing federal funding by providing grant development assistance statewide. Technical and grant writing assistance may include, but is not limited to the following: Financial Needs Analysis, Grant Funding Research and Innovative Collaboration, and Grant Application Development.</p>
Eligible Participants	Regional development commissions, the West Central Initiative Foundation, Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association, Minnesota Rural Electric Association, consumer-owned utilities (Co-Ops), Tribal governments, and any entity the State determines eligible located in areas not served by RDC or a regional development commission.
Status	Fully funded and in development, to be fully launched by January 2024.
Budget	\$12 million
Application Requirement	Yes
How to get in touch	Contact Minnesota.

Minnesota	
Program Name	Local Government Technical Assistance Program
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	The Local Government Technical Assistance Program focuses on: Needs and Opportunity Assessment Services, Project Development and Contracting Process Selection Education Services, Energy Project Study Provider Selection Services, Energy Project Financing Services, Energy Project Performance Period Review Services. Minnesota continues to provide assistance through its Energy Savings Partnership (ESP), a municipal lease program available to cities, counties, public schools, and regional government agencies offered by the Saint Paul Port Authority with initial Minnesota Department of Commerce support.
Eligible Participants	Local governments, Regional public entities such as Regional Development Offices.
Status	Under way as an ongoing, mature set of programs
Budget	In addition to budgeted personnel amounting to 10 FTEs distributed across multiple State and Federal fund categories, \$545,000 in project funding through SEP-BIL and Exxon funding supports contracts and services.
Application Requirement	Yes
How to get in touch	Contact Minnesota.

Minnesota	
Program Name	MnDOT - Tribal Affairs Grant Coordinator
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	This position serves as the primary principal for the management of intergovernmental issues in BIL grants within MnDOT, Tribal Nations of Minnesota and Federal agencies. This position supports contracts on tribal priority project, prioritization, grant writing, application preparation with Tribal partners in Minnesota, and advises agency personnel and key positions across multiple agencies on the BIL grant opportunities. The position serves as the coordinator for MnDOT on BIL grants opportunities with Tribal nations and oversees consultant deliverables. This position develops strategies for the agency to use when reviewing, evaluating, approving, and applying for infrastructure projects that address equity within Indian Country or Tribal nations. The position also provides leadership on Tribal BIL partnerships at district level to agency leadership, Office grant programs, and support staff across the agency.
Eligible Participants	Tribal Partners
Status	Active and ongoing
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$800,000
How to get in touch	Contact Minnesota.

Minnesota	
Program Name	Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Technical Assistance
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allowed for 2% of the annual CWSRF capitalization grant to be used to hire staff or a nonprofit organization to provide technical assistance to small, rural, & tribal publicly owned treatment works to evaluate wastewater treatment system solutions, improve NPDES compliance, and apply and obtain state infrastructure funding to implement wastewater improvements. Minnesota is planning on hiring 2 technical staff within the MPCA and hire 1 nonprofit organization to provide this technical assistance throughout the state. The type of technical assistance provided will be asset management, NPDES permit compliance, and support to apply for state infrastructure funding
Eligible Participants	Small, Rural, and Tribal publicly owned treatment work with a population of 10,000
Status	Currently in hiring process
Application Requirement	Yes
How to get in touch	Contact Minnesota.

Minnesota	
<i>Program Name</i>	Federal Transportation Grants Technical Assistance
<i>Category of TA</i>	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
<i>Type of TA Provided</i>	Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
<i>Description</i>	State grant funds are available for local agencies and Tribes that seek to submit an application for a federal discretionary grant for a transportation related purpose. The goal of this program is to provide capacity and assist eligible entities with grant writing, analysis, data collection, technical review, legal interpretations necessary to complete an application, planning, pre-engineering, and application finalization. No more than one grant per year can be issued to local agencies. MnDOT is currently developing a process for solicitation, submission of requests for technical assistance, screening requests, and award of technical assistance grants.
<i>Eligible Participants</i>	Local governments, Tribal governments
<i>Status</i>	Funding available until expended. Minnesota anticipates publishing an on-line application by the end of September 2023.
<i>Application Requirement</i>	Yes
<i>Budget</i>	Overall budget is \$2 million in state general funds, with maximum state grant amount of \$30,000
<i>How to get in touch</i>	Contact Minnesota.

New York	
Program Name	Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Program Representatives
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities, Federal Compliance
Description	The State of New York, through the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee (GTSC), has allocated funds for eight GTSC program representative positions to provide regional coverage throughout the state. Their roles are to develop a thorough understanding of the traffic safety grant funding opportunities within the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and to connect with municipalities, law enforcement groups, state and local agencies, and not-for-profit entities throughout the state to assist with applying for appropriate funding opportunities. Grant funded opportunities span a variety of specialties from education and enforcement of traffic safety-related issues such as speeding and impaired driving to occupant protection. These are funded through approved grant applications reviewed by GTSC program representatives. Many potential grantees are unfamiliar with the federal grant process and will request assistance in understanding whether their specific projects or programs align with mandatory requirements. GTSC program representatives will also aid approved grantees by providing guidance or assistance in the coordination and completion of their approved deliverables.
Eligible Participants	State and local agencies, including law enforcement, municipalities, not-for-profit traffic safety entities
Status	Active and ongoing
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	Approximately \$1.1 million (federally funded)
How to get in touch	Contact New York

New York	
Program Name	Regional Clean Energy Hubs Program
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities, Federal Compliance
Description	NYSERDA will develop 12 Regional Clean Energy Hubs across the state (3 in NYC, 1 in each of the other economic development regions across the state) which will work to position underserved or disadvantaged communities to participate in and benefit from the clean energy transition. Regional Clean Energy Hubs are a team of trusted, knowledgeable, community-based organizations in and from the respective regions of the State. They have experience with clean energy, energy efficiency, workforce and economic development, education, health, and housing. Hubs help and provide information to individuals, small businesses, and affordable housing owners about the benefits of the clean energy economy, ways to reduce energy use and costs, and how to make more informed energy decisions. This could include delivery of federal funding and resources.
Eligible Participants	Individuals, Small businesses, Affordable housing owners
Status	In progress
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$52 million (state funded)
How to get in touch	Full list of Clean Energy Hubs is available here .

New York	
Program Name	Clean Energy Communities Technical Assistance Services
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	The Clean Energy Communities Program has a network of regional Clean Energy Communities Coordinators that provide one-on-one technical assistance to local governments. The Coordinators' primary objective is to assist municipalities in completing NYSERDA-selected high-impact clean energy actions in order for communities to earn the Clean Energy Community designation and unlock grant funding for clean energy projects. Clean energy actions include but are not limited to implementing a community choice aggregation (CCA) program, implementing solar-friendly permitting processes, purchasing an electric vehicle, or launching a community campaign to encourage residents to sign up for solar or to electrify their homes and businesses.
Eligible Participants	Local governments
Status	In progress
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$14 million (state funded)
How to get in touch	Full list of Clean Energy Communities Coordinators is available here .

New York	
Program Name	Water Infrastructure Community Assistance Teams (CATs)
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities, Federal Compliance
Description	The CATs initiative works with small, rural, and disadvantaged communities to help them access water infrastructure funding. By holding roundtables, program presentations, direct one-on-one consultations, and ongoing support involving all stakeholders, CATs aims to increase the number of applications for financial assistance and projects completed. EFC and partner agencies hold monthly office hours where municipalities can join and ask any questions they may have about their specific projects or community infrastructure needs.
Eligible Participants	Local governments, Tribal governments
Status	Active. EFC currently has a meeting request form available online which provides municipalities with a mechanism to request meetings to discuss their specific needs.
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$13.5 million (federally funded)
How to get in touch	EFC has created a Program Guide outlining the potential funding programs available at each partner agency. Contact New York.

New York	
Program Name	Climate Smart Communities Coordinators
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	The Climate Smart Communities Coordinators Program aims to provide technical support and guidance to local governments that help develop their capacity to play a leadership role in community initiatives that reduce GHG emissions, adapt to the effects of climate change, and thrive in the new green economy. The coordinators do this in a way that generates excitement in communities about building a better future, respects the unique nature of place, supports continuous learning, connects local governments to available resources, and fosters strong, mutually beneficial relationships with local, regional, and state partners. In this way, local governments in New York State are inspired to help reverse climate change and improve the quality of life in their communities on an ongoing basis. The Climate Smart Communities Coordinators Program is administered by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and funded through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund .
Eligible Participants	Local and county governments, Tribal governments
Status	Active.
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$2 million per year (state funded)
How to get in touch	More information about the coordinators is here .

Pennsylvania	
Program Name	Shared Energy Manager (SEM) Program
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The Shared Energy Manager (SEM) program was designed to assist local governments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with on-the-ground, practical support from a professional energy manager contracted by the DEP Energy Programs Office to conduct energy assessments, renewable energy studies, and other services to implement elements of their climate action plans. The program thus far has focused primarily on utility bill reviews, data collection and analysis, and audits of energy assets including overseeing implementation of energy conservation measures as funding allowed for participating local governments. For the 2023-2027 period, the SEM program will be expanded (through funding from BIL) to assist local governments more effectively with reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and energy management. Local governments with large environmental justice neighborhoods, energy transition communities, or other Disadvantaged Communities (DACs), regardless of whether they have developed a climate action or sustainability plan, will be able to request assistance with utility bill reviews, data collection and analysis, and audits of energy assets including municipally owned facilities such as office buildings, water or wastewater treatment plants, street lighting and traffic lights or vehicle fleets.
Eligible Participants	Municipalities, counties, and regional planning organizations, councils of governments, and school districts.
Status	Open until funds are expended.
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$3.5 million over 4 years
How to get in touch	Contact Pennsylvania.

Rhode Island	
Program Name	CompeteRI
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	The Governor's office and the Partnership for Rhode Island (the "Partnership") created a public-private partnership called CompeteRI. The purpose of CompeteRI is for the Partnership to provide capacity and technical support to state agencies, municipalities, educational institutions and nonprofits as they apply for BIL funding. The majority of the support is in the form of grant writers and consultants with whom the Partnership contracts and deploys to the entity that needs help writing and preparing the grant. For example, the Partnership contracted with a DEI and community outreach consultant and a grant writer to help the Department of Commerce with its Mega and Infra grant applications.
Eligible Participants	State agencies, Municipalities, Educational institutions, and Nonprofits
Status	Active and ongoing
Budget	The Partnership has committed over \$500,000 to date and intends on further supporting this initiative.
Application Requirement	No
How to get in touch	More information is here .

Wisconsin	
Program Name	BIL Task Force and Grant Writing Support
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The Task Force has a dedicated website at the Office of Rural Prosperity and WI Department of Transportation to navigate state and federal BIL opportunities. The Task Force hosts Interagency presentations and Q &A sessions on BIL funding at the WEDC Summit and the League of Municipalities conference. Through this work, a grant writing pilot was established. WEDC engaged Northwest Regional Planning Commission to facilitate a relationship with the University of Wisconsin System to pair students with communities looking for grant writing support for BIL programs funded through various federal or state agencies.
Eligible Participants	Local governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, Tribal governments
Status	Available until funds are expended.
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$100,000 to fund grant writing pilot
How to get in touch	Contact Wisconsin.

Wisconsin	
Program Name	Drinking Water & Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF)
Category of TA	Application for Funding, Project Delivery
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, Direct TA Provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources DNR's Environmental Loans Program prepares Intended Use Plans (IUP's) annually, following US EPA requirements. In an effort to further raise awareness of the program and additional BIL funds, the program conducted three informational webinars via Zoom during the public comment periods. The webinars were recorded and posted on the program's website (below).</p> <p>Environmental Loans staff provide application support such as guidance and clarifications of funding requirements to local governments on an ongoing basis. Additionally, the State of Wisconsin has allocated funds from BIL for two stormwater technical assistance positions to aid local governments in identifying stormwater needs to address water quality. The two positions have similar functions, however one position also assists local governments through the permitting process. Staff conduct outreach directly to communities at their request. Staff also conduct targeted outreach to communities with an identified need such as stormwater discharges to an impaired water body or an exceptional or outstanding resource water body. Special efforts have been made to directly target small, rural communities that have not previously received a clean water loan.</p>
Eligible Participants	Local governments, utility districts
Status	The SRF program is an existing, ongoing program. Annual capitalization grants are received from EPA. Additional BIL funding is also being provided for five years to supplement the base capitalization grants.
Application Requirement	Yes, municipalities must apply to receive SRF funding for implementation projects. Applications are not needed to receive technical assistance.
How to get in touch	<p>More information here.</p> <p>Contact Wisconsin.</p>

Wisconsin	
Program Name	Carbon Reduction Program
Category of TA	Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) supported WisDOT's evaluation of project applications submitted by local municipalities for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) in 2022. Specifically, DNR estimated the carbon emissions reduction potential for over 100 separate transportation-related project applications ranging from electric vehicle purchases to street lighting replacement.
Eligible Participants	Local governments and municipalities
Status	Available until funds are expended.
Application Requirement	Yes
How to get in touch	Contact Wisconsin.

Wisconsin	
Program Name	Clean School Bus Program
Category of TA	Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
Description	The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) assisted eligible school districts and Tribal organizations with participating in U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean School Bus Program. Many rural and low-income districts identified as priority by EPA face staffing shortages and were unfamiliar with federal grant processes. The DNR did targeted outreach to 'priority districts' identified by EPA to share information on the funding opportunity and provide application assistance as needed. Additionally, DNR facilitated communication between eligible applicants and EPA Region 5 Clean School Bus Program staff.
Eligible Participants	Tribal organizations, local government entities, school districts
Status	Grants have been awarded for initial funding cycle. The 2023 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) closed on August 22, 2023.
Application Requirement	Yes
How to get in touch	Contact Wisconsin.

Wisconsin	
Agency	REVAMP: Rebuilding Economic Vitality After a Major Pandemic
Category of TA	Planning and Project Development, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	Educational and Information, Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities, State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	REVAMP was developed in the Office of Rural Prosperity at WEDC in Fall 2020 to support economic recovery post-pandemic for rural communities and small businesses. REVAMP provides strategic planning support, project consulting, state and federal resource navigation, and grant proposal guidance to 20 rural Tribal communities in Wisconsin. REVAMP has also participated in working groups to align state and federal efforts around the Rural Partners Network (RPN) led by the USDA.
Eligible Participants	Local governments, Non-Governmental Organizations, Tribal governments
Status	Sunsetting in September 2023
Application Requirement	No
Budget	\$400,000 to fund staff positions and benefits over 24 months
How to get in touch	Contact Wisconsin.

Wisconsin	
Program Name	Community Wildfire Defense Grants
Category of TA	Planning and Project Delivery, Application for Funding
Type of TA Provided	State Funding for TA Provided by Internal Staff or External Entities
Description	The DNR Division of Forestry has a designated contact person for the CWDG program to assist partners through the application process for the Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG). This position helps with two primary project types for which the grant provides funding: The development and revising of Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP), and the implementation of projects described in a CWPP that is less than ten years old.
Eligible Participants	Local governments representing communities located in an area with a risk of wildfires, Tribal governments, Non-Governmental organizations, State Forestry Divisions, Alaska Native Corporations.
Status	Available until funds are expended.
Application Requirement	Yes
Budget	\$250,000 to create or update a CWPP; \$10 million for a project identified in a CWPP
How to get in touch	Contact Wisconsin.

Wisconsin	
<i>Program Name</i>	BEAD Technical Assistance
<i>Category of TA</i>	Planning and Project Development
<i>Type of TA Provided</i>	Educational and Information
<i>Description</i>	The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin has sub-awarded BEAD planning funds to UW-Extension to develop a technical assistance program consisting of targeted workshops, advising, and toolkits to improve local capacity to plan and apply for BEAD subgrants. Efforts will engage local leaders and cultivate expertise in broadband planning, including leadership training and provision of a toolkit for communities to develop local broadband plans. The outcome of this activity will be improved capacity for local leaders to facilitate broadband planning, ensuring expeditious allocation of funding that aligns with the vision and needs of local communities.
<i>Eligible Participants</i>	Local governments, Regional transportation organizations, Tribal governments
<i>Status</i>	Available until funds are expended.
<i>Application Requirement</i>	No
<i>Budget</i>	\$450,000
<i>How to get in touch</i>	Learn more here . Contact Wisconsin.

Wisconsin	
<i>Program Name</i>	State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Business Technical Assistance Programs
<i>Category of TA</i>	Federal Compliance, Project Delivery
<i>Type of TA Provided</i>	Educational and Information, Direct TA provided by State Staff or State Funded Entities
<i>Description</i>	As a component of several initiatives funded through the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, Wisconsin has created programs to help small businesses and nonprofits meet federal and state funding compliance obligations, learn best practices, and receive training and consultation.
<i>Eligible Participants</i>	Small Businesses, Non-Governmental organizations, Local governments, Tribal governments
<i>Status</i>	Available until funds are expended.
<i>Application Requirement</i>	Yes
<i>How to get in touch</i>	Contact Wisconsin.