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March 20, 2024

Welcome to the Office of Infrastructure weekly newsletter. If you have items to share, **please email us**. Feel free to forward or **reach out** to be added to our list.

Note: We did not send an Office of Infrastructure weekly email on March 13, 2024.

Alaska Sustainable Energy Conference Agenda

Senator Murkowski's Appropriations and CDS Request Page Deadline is March 22, 2024.

Dept. of Revenue Forecast: Spring 2024

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) Discretionary Grant Deadline Calendar (Updated 3/19/2024)

Upcoming Events:

If you have an infrastructure or workforce development event or website you would like us to share, please **email us**!

NEW Tue-Thur, March 26-26: **Alaska Native Coalition on Employment & Training Conference**, Marriott Anchorage Downtown

Tue, March 26, 2:30 – 4:30 PM: – **Alaska Safety Alliance - FBI Cybersecurity Update and AI Advancements**, Petroleum Club, Anchorage, AK

NEW Tue-Thur, March 26-28, 9 AM – 5 PM: **20th Annual Alaska Tribal Transportation Symposium**, Embassy Suites Hotel, Anchorage, AK

Grant Opportunities:

If you are applying or know of an entity applying for an infrastructure grant, ***please let us know!***

BROADBAND

CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT & RESILIENCE

- **America the Beautiful Challenge, Deadline for Pre-Proposal April 4, 2024; Deadline for Full Proposal July 16, 2024.** Eligible entities: Public, tribal and private lands. Programs funds new voluntary conservation and restoration projects.
- **FEMA – FY24 Safeguarding Tomorrow through Ongoing Risk Mitigation Revolving Loan Fund Program, Deadline April 30, 2024.** Eligible entities: States, Tribes. Program provides loans to finance hazard mitigation projects to reduce risks from natural hazards and disasters.
- **EPA - Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants - General Competition, Deadline April 1, 2024 and Tribes & Territories, Deadline May 1, 2024.** \$4.6 billion in competitive grants to fund state, local, and tribal programs that cut climate pollution and deploy clean energy solutions. ***Look here for opportunities to become a co-applicant soon!***
- **Dept. of Interior Fish & Wildlife Service – Refuge System Enhancement, Deadline May 17, 2024.** Eligible entities: State; Local govts; Tribes; Institutions of higher education and school districts; Public housing authority; Non-profits. Goals are for communities to play a more active role in increasing outdoor recreation opportunities on refuge lands and waters, using partnerships to help Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) infrastructure repair and improvements, and to enhance wildlife habitat. Successful projects will address identified FWS priorities that enhance visitor experience, promote wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation, provide sustainable wildlife habitat, provide career training and mentoring opportunities, and engage the community in opportunities to participate in wildlife-dependent outdoor recreation on FWS lands and waters.
- **Bureau of Land Management – Alaska IIA/IRA Good Neighbor Authority, Deadline May 24, 2024.** Eligible entities: State, Local govts, Tribes and ANCSAs. The Good Neighbor Authority is intended to plan and implement forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration projects, specifically treating insect-and disease-infested trees; reducing hazardous fuels; any other activities to restore or improve forest, rangeland, and watershed health, including fish and wildlife habitat.
- **Dept. Of Interior – National Park Service, Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance, and Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Partnership Challenge Program, Deadline June 12, 2024.** Eligible: States. Grants to Lead and Water Conservation Fund lead agencies and eligible subrecipients for projects that will provide outdoor recreation opportunities to the public.
- **US Dept. of Interior - WaterSMART: Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects for Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024, Deadline September 30, 2024.** Eligible entities: States; Tribes; Boroughs/Municipalities; irrigation, water and wastewater districts and/or delivery authority. All applicants must be located in the Western United States.
- **EPA – Community Change Program, Deadline November 21, 2024.** Eligible entities: Partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBO); or partnership between CBO and one of the following: local government, tribe or institution of higher education. \$2 billion dollars (total) available in Inflation Reduction Act funds for environmental and climate activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate challenges.
- **Dept. Of Interior - National Fish Passage Program: Restoring River, Floodplain, and Coastal Connectivity and Resiliency, FY 24 and FY25, Deadline December 31, 2024.** PLEASE SEE LINK FOR INSTRUCTIONS. Eligible: States, Tribes, Local govts, non-profits, school districts, public housing authorities, special districts, institutions of

- **Dept. of Energy - Distributed Energy Systems Demonstrations Funding Opportunity Announcement, Deadline April 15, 2024.** Eligible entities: Utilities, including Municipal, Cooperative, and Investor-Owned Utilities. Program seek projects that demonstrate that coordinated distributed energy resources can provide reliable grid services. The goal is to build confidence that the design, control, and compensation approaches developed can be readily applied to other portions of the distribution grid and extended to other mixes of DERs, potentially extending the value of this approach to a more diverse set of communities, individuals, and entities as the distribution system continues to change.
- **Department of Energy - Grid Resilience State/Tribal Formula Grant Program (GRID), Deadline: April 17, 2024.** Eligible entities: states and tribes. Program designed to strengthen and modernize power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters, for diverse projects, with priority given to efforts that generate the greatest community benefit providing clean, affordable, and reliable energy.
- **Department of Energy - Grid Resilience and Innovative Partnerships, Deadlines: Full Applications (Topics 1 & 3) April 17, 2024 and (Topic 2) May 22, 2024.** The GRIP program aims to modernize the electric grid and maximize benefits of clean energy transition.
- **Dept. Of Energy - Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRC), Deadline May 8, 2024.** Eligible: Unrestricted. The program encourages both new and renewal applications. Applications from multi-disciplinary teams will propose discovery science and use-inspired basic research that addresses research directions and opportunities identified by a series of workshop and roundtable reports. The focus is on fundamental scientific research and must not propose applied research and technology development activities. Seeking these areas: 1) Transformative manufacturing, 2) Quantum information science (QIS), and 3) Environmental management; and these areas: 1) Co-design of materials and processes to revolutionize microelectronics and/or QIS fabrication, and 2) Environmental management.
- **Dept. of Energy – Tribal Clean Energy Projects, Deadline May 30, 2024.** New funding will help tribal communities deploy clean energy technology, increase energy sovereignty and resiliency, and lower energy costs.
- **Dept. of Energy – Transmission Facilitation Program, Deadline May 31, 2024.** Funding to connect remote and isolated microgrids to existing infrastructure.
- **Dept. of Energy – FY24 Energy & Emissions Intensive Industries, Deadlines June 11, 2024 (full application).** \$83 million available to states for projects improving efficiency and decarbonizing the U.S. industrial sector, leverages resources across DOE applied research offices to invest in fundamental science, research, development, initial pilot-scale demonstrations projects, and technical assistance and workforce development.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Federal Transportation Administration - Low-or No-Emissions (Low-No) Program and Buses and Bus Facilities Program, Deadline April 25, 2024.** Eligible entities: designated FTA recipients, states, tribes, and local governments. Program funds the purchase or lease of zero- and low-emission transit buses, and the acquisition, construction, and lease of supporting facilities. The Buses and Bus Facility Program supports capital projects to “replace, rehabilitate, purchase, or lease buses” and related equipment/facilities. Applicants may apply to one or both programs.
- **Dept. of Transportation – Port Infrastructure Development Program, Deadline April 30, 2024.** Eligible entities: State, Muni/Borough, Tribes. Additional details will be published on or before February 16, 2024, with complete program requirements and application information.
- **US DOT FHWA – 2024 Prioritization Process Pilot Program, Deadline May 1, 2024.** Eligible entities: States and MPOs. Program will support data-driven approaches to planning to develop and implement a publicly accessible, transparent prioritization process for the ranking and selection of projects for inclusion in short-range and long-range transportation plans.
- **US DOT - State Electronic Data Collection (SEDC), Deadline May 1, 2024.** Eligible entities: States. Funding available for states to upgrade and standardize state crash data collection systems to enable electronic data collection, intrastate data sharing, and full

planning, technical assistance, physical preservation, review of Federal undertakings, education, listing in the National Register of Historic Places and Tribal Registers.

- **HUD – Supportive Housing for Elderly, Deadline June 20, 2024.** Eligible entities; Non-profits or mixed-finance limited partnership. Program provides for development of supportive rental housing for Very-Low-Income persons aged 62 years or older and project rental subsidies in the form of a Project Rental Assistance Contract to maintain ongoing affordability.

Awards Announced:

Murkowski Announces Big Wins for Alaska in Six-Bill Appropriations Package

Alaska will receive \$2.6M towards small scale food production

Alaska DOT&PF Announces 2022-2025 CTP & TAP Community Project Awards

FEMA awards \$2.4M to Napakiak as it retreats from Kuskokwim erosion

HUD Invests Over \$9.2 Million in Alaska Tribal Communities

MARAD Announces \$500 Million Funding for Port Infrastructure

Get to Know the Latest Clean Energy Projects Selectees from Remote or Rural Alaska

Federal grant to bring heat pumps to households, solar energy to villages in Northwest Arctic

Alaska Gets \$125 Million for Five Rural Energy Projects

Infrastructure News:

The dangerous combination of aging utility infrastructure and rising wildfire risk

Federal agency says Alaska's coastline has potential for more renewable energy, carbon storage projects

Homer Airport to have multiple closures for repaving

Technology that detects volcanoes and nuclear explosions will listen for avalanches in Juneau

Energy Department Stands By Alaska LNG Export Authorization

The Arctic Energy Office's Ongoing Work Towards DOE's Equity Action Plan

Wealth of the Arctic: Trade, trends, and opportunity at northern latitudes

This company intends to be the first to mine the moon

Dept. of Energy Report - For Sitka, Alaska, and 31 other remote or island communities, the flagship technical assistance program Energy Transitions Initiative Partnership Project (ETIPP) has made a big impact. This program, operated out of the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, has released its **first annual report** detailing the progress of remote and island communities toward their energy resilience goals.

DOE's Arctic Energy Office has a new blog series "DOE's Northern Lights" that includes people sharing their experiences in the Arctic and how that impacts their work at the Department of Energy. First up: **meet William Murray**, a speechwriter for the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management who was born in Nome and raised in Anderson, Alaska.

Helpful Links:

Grants.gov - Search all grants by key word, like 'Renewable Energy' or 'Broadband'

Two Job Opportunities at the Arctic Circle Secretariat

West Susitna Access Project 2024 Field Season and Job Opportunities

Seward to Glenn Connection PEL Study

Alaska: A Land of Majesty and Responsibility

Alaska DNR Land Records

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