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## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act Technical Assistance Guide

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) offer states, territories, Tribes, and local governments a unique opportunity to invest billions in infrastructure, clean energy, and climate resilience. The guide presented here outlines federal technical assistance programs that offer comprehensive information to support communities in winning and deploying federal funding for a wide range of purposes, from planning to project management. Use this guide to identify opportunities for federal assistance programs that will help you achieve your district's infrastructure and climate goals.

NOFO	Agency	Description
<a href="#">Thriving Communities Network</a>	DOT	The Thriving Communities Program funds organizations providing technical assistance, planning, and capacity building to support disadvantaged and under-resourced communities so that they can advance transportation projects supporting community-driven economic development and environmental health. Applications for the Thriving Communities National Program Capacity Builder Program and Thriving Communities Regional Pilot Program are due November 28, 2023.
<a href="#">Thriving Communities Network</a>	EPA	The Thriving Communities Network, as part of the EPA's Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, has developed its own grants and technical assistance programs. These programs focus on scale for impact, build community wealth, center power of community, meet areas of greatest need, expand access and participation, and diversify knowledge. In addition, the grant is designed to help underserved, rural, and tribal communities. Applications for the Thriving Communities Network are due November 28, 2023.
<a href="#">Thriving Communities Network</a>	HUD	The Thriving Communities Network at HUD is focused on providing technical assistance to help local governments ensure housing needs are part of local governments' larger infrastructure investment plans. In addition, this program will support equitable development in disadvantaged communities. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.
<a href="#">Electrification &amp; EV Charging</a>	Joint Office of Energy and Transportation	The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation provides states, communities, and tribes with technical assistance on planning and delivery to assist in the building of a national EV charging network. Resources are also provided to create State EV Charging Plans. Funding is ongoing.
<a href="#">Build America Center</a>	University of Maryland via Federal Highway Administration	The Build America Center works to foster new approaches to transportation infrastructure development and delivery through the creation of a knowledge hub. This knowledge hub will work on cutting-edge research, collaborative partnerships, and the development of an academy to deliver innovative education with tailored technical assistance. This is a cooperative agreement through FY 2025.



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<a href="#">Innovative Finance and Asset Concessions Grant Program</a>	DOT	This grant program will assist eligible public entities in facilitating and evaluating public-private partnerships and exploring innovative financing and delivery opportunities for eligible transportation infrastructure projects. The Notice of Funding has not been released yet.
<a href="#">Regional Infrastructure Accelerator Program</a>	DOT	The program provides resources, funding, and expertise for grant recipients to ease project planning, development, and delivery at the local level. While the Department of Transportation solicits applications for membership in the program, loan programs and public-private partnerships are also available. The 2023 accelerators have been chosen, but the program is typically run each year.
<a href="#">Local Technical Assistance Program</a>	Federal Highway Administration in DOT	There are 51 Local Technical Assistance program centers across the United States assisting local transportation agencies with improving roads and bridges through low to no-cost training programs, technology updates, personalized technical assistance, newsletters, and e-learning resources. This is ongoing assistance.
<a href="#">Tribal Technical Assistance Program</a>	Federal Highway Administration in DOT	There are seven Tribal Technical Assistance Program centers, serving as the go-to local resource for the tribal transportation training, technical assistance, and technology transfer needs and opportunities. This is ongoing assistance.
<a href="#">National Center for Applied Transit Technology (N-CATT)</a>	Program of the Federal Transit Administration administered by the Community Transportation Association of America	The N-CATT is focused on expert, technical assistance to transit agencies in rural areas to further develop their transit technologies. In addition, the program is looking for innovations in these areas to develop and support transit services that are cost-effective and efficient. This is ongoing assistance.
<a href="#">Transit Workforce Development Technical Assistance Center (TWC)</a>	A program of the Federal Transit Administration administered by the International Transportation Learning Center	The TWC is assisting public transit agencies' workforce development by conducting technical assistance with and for transit agencies and implementing technical assistance activities through partnerships. The center's aim is to help transit agencies recruit, hire, train, and retain a workforce. This is ongoing assistance.

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<a href="#">Reconnecting Communities Institute</a>	DOT	The institute will provide training and technical assistance to disadvantaged communities. The goal of this program is to build community capacity in transportation planning and seek innovative strategies to reconnect communities that are bifurcated by transportation.  This is ongoing assistance.
<a href="#">Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Successes (ROUTES)</a>	DOT	ROUTES seeks to provide technical assistance to rural communities and tribes with the goal of addressing disparities in rural transportation infrastructure and economic development opportunities. ROUTES engages with rural stakeholders to help rural America.  There are ongoing funding opportunities.
<a href="#">Project Delivery Center of Excellence</a>	DOT	The Project Delivery Center of Excellence is working to support project delivery by accelerating the adoption of proven, risk-based best practices. It will directly support recipients of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funds to deliver transportation infrastructure projects in an efficient manner.  This is ongoing assistance.
<a href="#">Clean School Bus (CSB) Program</a>	EPA	The EPA is partnering with The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (“Joint Office”) and the National Renewable Laboratory to offer clean school bus technical assistance to school districts, including information and tools needed to successfully plan and deploy clean school buses and infrastructure.
<a href="#">Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools</a>	EPA	This technical assistance program addresses air pollution at school through grants and other activities (\$37.5 million) to monitor and reduce the pollution at schools in low-income and disadvantaged communities. The second portion is the technical assistance (\$12.5 million) to assist entities in addressing environmental issues, developing school environmental quality plans, and mitigating ongoing air pollution hazards.  The program is expected to launch in December 2023.
<a href="#">Environmental Climate Justice Technical Assistance Program</a>	EPA	The Environmental and Climate Justice Program was created under the IRA to benefit disadvantaged communities through climate change mitigation projects. This specific technical assistance program assists the applicants and recipients under that program.  The recipients will be announced in Fall 2023.

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<a href="#">Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA)</a>	EPA	<p>The Water Technical Assistance service assists communities in identifying water infrastructure or water quality challenges and developing grant program plans. The program aims to increase access to safe and reliable water services across the United States.</p> <p>This is ongoing assistance that entities must request to utilize.</p>
<a href="#">Brownfields Technical Assistance</a>	EPA	<p>This technical assistance program assists communities and stakeholders in addressing their brownfield sites and increases their understanding and involvement in brownfield cleanup. Multiple regional partners across the United States are helping to provide this support.</p> <p>This ongoing assistance that entities can access.</p>
<a href="#">Reducing Embodied Greenhouse Gas Emissions of Construction Materials and Products</a>	EPA	<p>EPA has established this program to generate grants, direct technical assistance, and label programs helping manufacturers, buyers, real estate developers, and builders. The program is to help these entities report and subsequently lower the levels of embodied carbon and other greenhouse gases associated with the relevant stages of construction materials.</p> <p>The Notice of Funding Opportunity is expected in Fall 2023.</p>
<a href="#">Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs</a>	Energy	<p>The Office of Indian Energy Policy is providing technical assistance to Tribal governments to advance Tribal energy projects. This technical assistance is given at no cost.</p> <p>Applications are required for this ongoing assistance.</p>
<a href="#">Solar Energy Innovation Network (SEIN)</a>	Energy	<p>The goal of the program is to bring together a diverse team to research solutions to real-world challenges related to solar energy adoption.</p> <p>The Application is closed but direct questions can be submitted.</p>
<a href="#">Clean Energy to Communities (C2C)</a>	Energy	<p>The C2C program's goal is to connect local government, electric utilities, and community-based groups with experts at the DOE National Laboratory complex to provide technical support for the deployment of clean energy systems. There are three levels of engagement: in-depth technical partnerships, peer-learning cohorts, and expert matchmaking.</p> <p>The program is currently closed but will reopen.</p>



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<a href="#">Technical Assistance for the Adoption of Building Energy Codes</a>	Energy	<p>Through the Inflation Reduction Act, \$1 billion has been provided to states and local governments to adopt building codes and standards with innovative approaches to decarbonization. This program will provide technical assistance for the states or units of local government with code-making authority to implement these innovative changes.</p> <p>Funds to be available through September 30, 2029.</p>
<a href="#">Building Resilience Infrastructure in Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance</a>	FEMA	<p>The BRIC Direct Technical Assistance program supports lower-capacity communities to apply for grants. It is focused on the local level to address climate change impacts and design holistic approaches for solutions. The program is accessible to new participants seeking technical assistance.</p>
<a href="#">Registered Apprenticeship (RA) Technical Assistance (TA) Centers of Excellence</a>	Department of Labor	<p>The RA TA Centers of Excellence are in partnership with the Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship to provide technical expertise and services on a national scale to key registered apprenticeship programs. Current registered apprenticeship programs can access the technical assistance.</p>
<a href="#">Planning Assistance to States</a>	Army Corps of Engineers	<p>Through the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), states, tribes, local governments, and regional and interstate water resource authorities have access to technical assistance on water resources planning efforts. The program can help with a specific water resources issue or an interrelated set of issues.</p> <p>The requests for assistance can be made to a local USACE District at any time.</p>
<a href="#">USDA Forest Service Community Navigators</a>	USDA	<p>The Community Navigators program works with communities and potential applicants to access the opportunities in the BIL and IRA funding packages. There are four main program goals: forest service BIL and IRA funding, providing guidance on completion of the grant, assisting with the post-application, and training and capacity building to allow communities to conduct this function on their own in the future.</p> <p>For more information, contact your regional Forest Service Office.</p>