

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Technical Assistance Guide A list of federal resources to help communities deliver infrastructure projects.

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President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law unlocks billions of dollars in opportunity for states, territories, Tribes, and local governments to make a once-in-ageneration investment in our nation's infrastructure. Over 90% of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's historic funding will be deployed by non-federal partners. The Biden Administration has put together this technical assistance guide to help make it easier for communities across the country to navigate, access, and deploy infrastructure funding that will build a better America.

In the past, too many communities have lacked the resources to apply for and deliver transformative infrastructure opportunities. 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.

The Biden Administration has identified at least \$700 million in dedicated funding across more than 65 federal technical assistance programs, focused on helping communities apply for and deploy federal infrastructure funding. This guide will help communities navigate programs and resources that can help them deliver transformative infrastructure projects, using the historic funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Specifically, this guide provides a list of over 65 technical assistance resources and programs across the federal government to help communities deliver infrastructure projects. The guide is organized by types infrastructure investments such as transportation, clean energy and power, high-speed internet, water, resilience, and environmental remediation. The guide also highlights a number of "place-based" initiatives focused on specific communities and geographies as well as generally

applicable technical assistance resources. For each of these programs, the guide includes a description of the program, eligible participants, and information on how to get in touch.

What Do We Mean By "Technical Assistance"?

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. Types of technical assistance can vary in level of support. For example, some of these programs offer hands-on and intensive planning and delivery support for communities, while others are more self-directed resources and tools such as webinars and websites. Moreover, technical assistance can focus on different parts of the project lifecycle. For instance, some of the initiatives listed in the guide are focused on helping communities apply for and access federal funding, while others are more focused on helping communities plan, design, and build projects after funding has been secured. This guide aims to pull together the many different technical assistance resources available across the federal government that can help communities deliver transformative infrastructure projects.

If you have questions about the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the technical assistance programs listed in this document, please reach out to <u>infrastructure@who.eop.gov</u> to get in touch.

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Technical Assistance for Transportation Programs

Transportation infrastructure is the lifeblood of any community. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to rebuild our nation's roads and bridges, improve our rail and public transit infrastructure, and reimagine our ports and airports. But, communities need help accessing and deploying this historic funding that will connect communities, improve mobility, and strengthen our economy. Below is a list of federal programs to help communities access and deploy these investments in transportation.

General Transportation Technical Assistance

Department of Transportation Agency Type of TA Provided Access and project delivery (intensive support) **Application Required?** Yes \$12 million for FY2022 Budget **Eligible Participants** States Local governments • Tribal governments **Regional transportation organizations Description** The Build America Bureau Regional Accelerator Program provides resources, funding, and expertise, to help grant recipients with project planning, development, and delivery at the local and regional level. The Department of Transportation solicits applications for membership in its accelerator program that provides technical resources, planning, financing, and development support. In addition, direct financing is available through the loan programs and public-private partnerships. Applicants generally apply with specific projects that require innovative financing strategies. The Bureau last issued a Notice of Funding Opportunity for membership in January for FY2021 funded projects that will be announced this summer. The FY22 appropriations provided \$12 million for an additional Notice of Funding Opportunity to be released later this year. How to get in touch More information is available here.

Build America Bureau Regional Accelerator Program

Thriving Communities Initiative

Agency	Department of Transportation and Department of Housing and Urban Development
Type of TA Provided	Access and delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	\$30 million in FY2022
Eligible Participants	 Local governments and their subdivisions Tribal governments U.S. Territories Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) Transit agencies State governments and their subdivisions
Description	The newly created Thriving Communities Program will provide in-depth, hands-on technical assistance to regions and local communities resulting in accelerated project plans and effective project implementation. The purpose is to advance community-driven, transformative investments in underserved and overburdened communities using a coordinated place-based approach that strengthens local capacity to develop and execute infrastructure projects from cradle-to-grave. USDOT, in partnership with other federal agencies, will work to align federal investments and policies to support local communities in advancing transformative, equitable, and climate-friendly infrastructure projects. These projects will reduce transportation cost-burden, improve housing conditions, enhance connections to health care, education, and food security, and increase access to economic opportunity to help communities thrive. Notice of Funding Opportunity to select technical assistance providers and to select communities for participation will be forthcoming in summer 2022. The Thriving Communities Program is a flagship program proposed to coordinate equity-focused technical assistance offerings provided across DOT to enable disadvantaged

How to get in touch	 communities – particularly those that may be new USDOT grantees – easier, transparent access to the suite of offerings, resources, and best practices to enable their successful access and implementation of federal infrastructure resources. Email ThrivingCommunities@dot.gov, and be on the lookout for a forthcoming website. USDOT plans to launch this initiative by the end of June. Build America Center
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Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$1.2 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 Local governments Tribal governments Regional transportation organizations Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) State governments and political subdivisions Transit agencies, transportation authorities
Description	The Build America Center (BAC) will mobilize the use of innovative financing, funding, project delivery, procurement, and contracting solutions to foster new approaches to transportation infrastructure development and delivery through the creation of a knowledge hub. This knowledge hub will spur innovation with cutting edge research, collaborative partnerships, and the development of an academy to deliver innovative education and training plus tailored technical assistance.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>Build America</u> <u>Center website</u> .
Center for Accelerating Innovation	
Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Primarily delivery support (intensive), but also includes access and application support for select programs.

Application Required?	 Application is required for Accelerated Innovation Deployment – due August 2022 Application required for Accelerating Market Readiness (AMR) – due October 2022 No application required for Every Day Counts No application required for State Transportation Innovation Council
Budget	\$20 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 State governments Local governments Tribal governments Academic Institutions (AMR only) Private Sector (AMR only)
Description	The Center for Accelerating Innovation at USDOT serves as the focal point for internal and external coordination to identify and prioritize innovations for transportation systems. There are several key programs overseen by the Center for Accelerating Innovation. The Every Day Counts (EDC) program is a State-based model for deployment of market-ready but underutilized technologies that make our transportation system adaptable, sustainable, equitable, and safer for all. The Center for Accelerating Innovation also administers other technology deployment programs. The Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration program provides eligible entities funding to pilot and accelerate the implementation and adoption of innovation on highway projects. The Accelerating Market Readiness (AMR) program supports technologies emerging into the transportation industry. Additionally, the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC), facilitates a State-based innovation deployment approach.
How to get in touch	More information is available at the <u>Center for</u> <u>Accelerating Innovation</u> .

Small Business and Workforce Technical Assistance

Center for Transportation Workforce Development

Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	\$9.45 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 Public and Private Institutions of Higher Learning State and Local Educational Entities K-12 Educational institutions State Departments of Transportation
Description	From early education through ongoing professional development, the center provides program support, technical assistance, and workforce development activities in partnership with federal, state, and local agencies; industry organizations; schools, colleges and universities; and other education providers. Workforce programs include the Transportation Education Development and Deployment program (TEDP), Garrett A. Morgan Transportation Technology Education program (GAMTTEP), On the Job Training Supportive Services (OJT/SS), and National Summer Transportation Institutes (NSTI).
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>Center for</u> <u>Transportation Workforce Development Website</u> .
Small Business Transportation Resource Centers	
Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Access support, application support, and delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	\$2 million in FY22

- Eligible Participants
- Small Businesses •
- Small Disadvantaged Businesses Women Owned Businesses •
- •
- Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HubZone) •

	 Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE)
Description	Utilizing partnerships and industry expertise, Small Business Transportation Resource Centers provide business counseling that includes market research, training, certification, and procurement technical assistance. DOT has 12 Small Business Transportation Centers, each serving a region of the country. The Small Business Transportation Centers provide an array of services including business analysis, market research and procurement assistance, general management assistance, business counseling, and it can serve as a liaison between prime contractors and sub-contractors. The Small Business Transportation Centers also assist with identifying access to capital and administering the Bonding Education Program and Women and Girls in Transportation programs. All services are provided free of charge.
How to get in touch	More information is available on <u>the Office of Small and</u> Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) website.

<u>Place-based transportation technical assistance</u>

Local Technical Assistance Program

Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$7.6 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	StatesLocal governmentsRegional transportation organizations
Description	The Department of Transportation supports local and rural road agencies across the United States by providing training, technical assistance, and technology transfer services to help them manage and maintain their

	roadway systems. Across the country, there are 51 Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) centers serving every state, as well as Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. LTAP Centers enable local counties, parishes, townships, cities, and towns to improve their roads and bridges by supplying them with a variety of low- to no- cost training programs, new and existing technology updates, personalized technical assistance, newsletters, and e-learning resources on topics including safety, construction, maintenance, and value capture.
How to get in touch	More information about the program and assistance connecting with the LTAP Centers is available <u>here</u> . For any additional questions or concerns, please email CLAS@dot.gov.

Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success (ROUTES)

Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (self-directed); focused on rural communities.
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	 Local governments Tribal governments Regional transportation organizations State governments Transit agencies
Description	ROUTES provides technical assistance to rural communities, Tribes, and historically disadvantaged communities to ensure that our nation has the safest, most equitable, reliable, and modern transportation system in the world to increase economic strength, improve climate outcomes, and build global competitiveness for the American people. Technical assistance includes the creation of free and user-friendly resources for prospective grant applicants, outreach and information on upcoming funding opportunities, and responses to questions received from rural stakeholders about DOT. ROUTES works to help rural America by

	engaging with rural stakeholders, harmonizing DOT programs, and utilizing a whole-of-government approach to maximize the federal government's investment in rural infrastructure. This ensures that DOT policies and programs are aligned to support the unique infrastructure and mobility challenges of rural communities and increases the capacity of rural communities to plan, fund, and deliver transformative infrastructure and a mobility network that serves all residents.	
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>ROUTES website</u> . The ROUTES team can be contacted at <u>rural@dot.gov</u> .	
Tribal Technical Assistance Program		
Agency	Department of Transportation	
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive support); focus on Tribal governments	
Application Required?	No	
Budget	\$2.1 million in FY22	
Eligible Participants	Tribal governments	
Description	The Department of Transportation is establishing seven physical centers to support Tribal communities in administering transportation programs. Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) Centers will serve as a go-to local resource for Tribal transportation training, technical assistance, and technology transfer needs and opportunities to effectively carry out the TTAP Vision. In the interim, the program offers online programs and remote technical assistance on Safety, Construction Management, Planning, Design, Environment, Construction Management, Contract Administration, Maintenance and Asset Management.	
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> . For any additional questions or concerns, please email <u>CLAS@dot.gov</u> .	

Highway, roads, and bridge focused technical assistance

National Highway Institute

Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$15 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 Federal agencies State governments Local governments Tribal governments Regional transportation organizations Other transportation stakeholders
Description	The National Highway Institute offers Instructor-led training from short, 1-day courses to multi-week sessions for highway industry professionals. The Web- Conference training offers live, online learning taught by remote instructors, eliminating the need to travel. In addition, NHI has a catalog of over 200 Web-based trainings that are available online 24/7. The National Highway Institute is recognized as an accredited training provider by the International Association of Continuing Education and Training (IACET), so participants can earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for NHI training courses. This accredited training may be used by highway industry professionals to maintain State-issued Professional Engineer (PE), or other licenses.
How to get in touch	More information is available at the <u>National Highway</u> <u>Institute website</u> .
	FHWA Resource Center
Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	No

Budget	\$1.8 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 Federal agencies States Local governments Tribal governments Metropolitan planning organizations Other transportation stakeholders
Description	Organized by functional and technical teams, the FHWA Resource Center operates as a national unit with teams and expert specialists staffed in localities throughout the United States. The Resource Center provides technical support and program assistance along with training, and technology delivery to FHWA's Division Offices, State Departments of Transportation, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and other transportation stakeholders.
How to get in touch	More information is available at the <u>FHWA Resource</u> <u>Center website</u> .
EV Charging Focused Technical Assistance	
Joint Office of Energy and Transportation (Electrification & EV Charging)	
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Agency	Department of Transportation, Department of Energy
Type of TA Provided	Delivery Assistance – Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$80.2 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 States Local and regional governments Transit agencies Schools and school districts
Description	The Joint Office of Energy and Transportation provides states with technical assistance on planning and delivery to assist in building a national EV charging network and facilitating zero-emission transit and school buses. The Joint Office provides resources to assist with creating

	State EV Charging Plans, data and tools for implementing plans, and points of contact for additional resources. There will also be a resources for communities applying for grant funding for EV charging and other government entities planning for EV charging deployment. These resources are available on the website, driveelectric.gov .
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here.</u>

Public Transit Focused Technical Assistance

Agency Type of TA Provided	National Transit Institute Department of Transportation Delivery support (self-directed)
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Application Required?	No
Budget	\$6.6 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 Federal agencies State governments Local governments Tribal governments Regional transportation organizations Other transportation stakeholders
Description	The National Transit Institute offers instructor-led training from short, 1-day courses to multi-week sessions for Federal Transit Administration grantees. Courses are provided in-person and online by a wide range of instructors. The mission of the National Transit Institute is to provide training, education, and clearinghouse services in support of public transportation and quality of life in the United States. Courses are offered in advanced technologies, transit project management, multimodal transportation planning, transit program management compliance, and workplace safety.
How to get in touch	More information is available at the <u>National Transit</u> <u>Institute website</u> .

Accessible and Innovative Transit Mobility

Agency	Department of Transportation
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	No
Budget	The FY 2022 allocations for Technical Centers are under review and will be finalized this summer.
Eligible Participants	 Federal agencies State governments Local governments Tribal governments Transit agencies Other transportation stakeholders
Description	The Federal Transit Administration at USDOT supports a range of technical assistance programs that advance innovative and inclusive mobility options for rural and Tribal communities, older adults and people with disabilities, disadvantaged communities, and people with low-incomes or who do not drive whether by choice or necessity. These offerings include the National Center for Applied Transit Technology, the National Aging and Disability Transportation Center, the National Center for Mobility Management, the National Rural Transportation Assistance Program (RTAP), the Mobility Innovation Technical Assistance Center (MI-TAC), and the Public Transportation Safety Plan Technical Assistance Center (PTASP-TAC). Assistance is provided through resource libraries, online learning and peer learning, and in some cases through one-on-one technical assistance and on-site training.
How to get in touch	More information is available at <u>FTA-sponsored</u> <u>technical assistance centers</u> .

Technical Assistance for High-Speed Internet Programs

The Biden Administration recognizes that access to high-speed internet is a necessity for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care and stay connected. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to help ensure that every American has access to reliable and affordable high-speed internet. Large portions of this money will be used to deploy broadband to locations without access to infrastructure that can deliver high speed broadband. Below is a list of federal programs to help communities access and deploy the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's historic investment in high-speed internet.

State Digital Equity Planning and Capacity Grant

Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Access, application, and delivery support (self- directed/intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	The Department of Commerce has \$50 million for the multi-year administration of all of its digital equity grant programs, in which a portion will be used to support technical assistance efforts over the lifecycle of the grant programs.
Eligible Participants	StatesTerritoriesTribal government
Description	The State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program is a \$60 million formula grant program for states and territories to develop digital equity plans. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provides an additional \$1.44 billion through the State Digital Equity Capacity Grants to implement these digital equity plans. Leading up to submission of the initial proposal and throughout the remainder of the process, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will provide support and technical assistance to help ensure that the eligible entity's proposals fully meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the Program.

	This technical assistance will include iterative feedback on draft initial proposals, support with the subgrantee selection process, and any additional help to ensure that the final proposal fully meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the Program. When the final proposals have been approved and eligible entities begin to initiate program activities, NTIA will work closely with the eligible entities to monitor progress, troubleshoot, and provide technical assistance as necessary and appropriate.
	Additional assistance activities will include supporting applicant success, promoting digital equity planning and covered population engagement best practices, complying with grant requirements, and avoidance of waste, fraud, and abuse.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available at <u>InternetForAll.gov</u> .

Broadband Equity Access and Deployment Grant Program

Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Access, application, and delivery support (self- directed/intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	The Department of Commerce has \$837 million for the multi-year administration of the BEAD grant program, in which a portion will be used to support technical assistance efforts over the lifecycle of the grant program.
Eligible Participants	• States and territories
Description	The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program, appropriates \$42.45 billion for states, territories, the District of Columbia (D.C.), and Puerto Rico to utilize for broadband deployment, mapping, and adoption projects. Each state, D.C., and Puerto Rico will receive an initial allocation of \$100 million and \$100 million will be divided equally among the United States Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to support planning efforts including building capacity in

	state broadband offices and outreach and coordination with local communities. States, territories, D.C., and Puerto Rico will submit a 5-year action plan using the initial planning funds. The remaining funding will be distributed based on a formula that considers the number of unserved and high-cost locations in the state, based on the maps to be published by the Federal Communications Commission in 2022. The first priority for funding is for providing broadband to unserved areas (those below 25/3 Mbps), followed by underserved areas (those below 100/20 Mbps), and then serving community anchor institutions (1/1 Gbps).
	Leading up to submission of the Initial Proposal and throughout the remainder of the process, NTIA will provide support and technical assistance on a one-to- many and one-to-one basis to help ensure that the eligible entity's proposals fully meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the program.
	This technical assistance will include iterative feedback on draft Initial Proposals, support with the subgrantee selection process, and any additional help to ensure that the Final Proposal fully meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the program. when the final proposals have been approved and eligible entities begin to initiate program activities, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will work closely with the eligible entities to monitor progress, troubleshoot, and provide technical assistance as necessary and appropriate.
	Additional assistance activities will include supporting applicant success, promoting digital equity planning and covered population engagement best practices, complying with grant requirements, and avoidance of waste, fraud, and abuse.
How to get in touch	More information is available at <u>InternetForAll.gov</u> .
	Middle Mile Grant Program
Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Access support, application support, and/or delivery support (self-directed/intensive)

Application Required?	Yes
Budget	The Department of Commerce has \$19 million for the multi-year administration of the Middle Mile grant program, in which a portion will be used to support technical assistance efforts over the lifecycle of the grant program.
Eligible Participants	 States, Political subdivisions of a State, Tribal governments, Technology companies, electric utilities, Utility cooperatives Public utility districts, Telecommunications companies, Telecommunications cooperatives, NGOs, Regional planning councils Tribal entities Economic development authorities
Description	The Middle Mile Grant Program provides up to \$980 million in funding for the construction, improvement, or acquisition of middle mile infrastructure. The purpose of the grant program is to expand and extend middle mile infrastructure to reduce the cost of connecting areas that are unserved or underserved to the internet backbone. Technical assistance during the pre-application phase will be provided on a one-to-many basis focusing on NOFO understanding and the application process. Post- award, technical assistance will be provided on a one-to- many and one-to-one basis and will focus on grants compliance, project sustainability and project implementation best practices, permitting and rights of way, and avoidance of waste, fraud, and abuse.
How to get in touch	More information is available at <u>InternetForAll.gov</u> .
Digital I	Equity Competitive Grant Program
Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Access support, application support, and/or delivery support (self-directed/intensive)

Budget	DOC has \$50 million for the multi-year administration of the digital equity grant programs, in which a portion will be used to support technical assistance efforts over the lifecycle of the grant program.
Eligible Participants	 A political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a State, Tribes, Alaska Native entities, Native Hawaiian organizations, NGOs Local educational agencies Workforce development programs
Description	The Digital Equity Competitive Grant program is a \$1.25 billion discretionary grant to implement digital equity projects. Technical assistance during the pre-application phase will be provided on a one-to-many basis focusing on NOFO understanding and the application process to help ensure that the Eligible Entity's proposals fully meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the Program.
	This technical assistance will include iterative feedback on draft initial proposals, support with the subgrantee selection process, and any additional help to ensure that the final proposal fully meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the Program. When the final proposals have been approved and eligible entities begin to initiate program activities, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will work closely with the eligible entities to monitor progress, troubleshoot, and provide technical assistance as necessary and appropriate.
	Post-award, technical assistance will be provided on a one-to-many and one-to-one basis and will focus on grants compliance, project sustainability, project implementation best practices, and avoidance of waste, fraud, and abuse.
	Eligible entities are encouraged to utilize resources that will be made available by NTIA or other partner organizations and should reach out to program contacts whenever additional assistance is needed. Achieving

Application Required? Yes

	programmatic goals will require a partnership and ongoing dialogue between NTIA and eligible entities.
How to get in touch	More information is available at <u>InternetForAll.gov</u> .
Tribal Broadband	l Connectivity Program Technical Assistance
Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Application support (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	DOC has \$60M for the multi-year administration of the Tribal Broadband Connectivity grant program, in which a portion will be used to support technical assistance efforts over the lifecycle of the grant program.
Eligible Participants	 Tribal Government Tribal College or University the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands on behalf of the Native Hawaiian Community Native Hawaiian Education Programs Tribal organizations Alaska Native Corporations
Description	The Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program is a competitive grant program that provides \$3 billion (\$1B from the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 and \$2B from BIL) to support broadband deployment on Tribal lands, as well as for telehealth, distance learning, broadband affordability, and digital inclusion initiatives for Tribal communities. Technical assistance during the pre-application phase will be provided on a one-to-many basis focusing on NOFO understanding and the application process to help ensure that the eligible entity's proposals fully meet the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the program. During application review, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) staff (10+) work intensively with the Tribal applicants to ensure NTIA's understanding of the proposed project and application documents and to collect any missing or additional

information required to make an award determination. This technical assistance will include iterative feedback on draft initial proposals, support with the subgrantee selection process, and any additional help to ensure that the final proposal fully meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the program. When the final proposals have been approved and eligible entities begin to initiate program activities, NTIA will work closely with the eligible entities to monitor progress, troubleshoot, and provide technical assistance as necessary and appropriate.

Post-award, technical assistance will be provided on a one-to-many and one-to-one basis and will focus on grants compliance, project sustainability, project implementation best practices, and avoidance of fraud, waste, and abuse.

NTIA has also conducted three formal Tribal Consultations (and plans additional Consultations) to obtain input on how to best support Tribal government engagement and success with the grant programs. In addition to Tribal grant program specific inquiries, Tribal organizations can reach directly to NTIA for assistance and guidance on community broadband initiatives.

ReConnect Program Technical Assistance	
Agency	Department of Agriculture
Type of TA Provided	Delivery Assistance (additional support being determined)
Budget	\$60 million apportioned over lifecycle of program
Eligible Participants	TBD
Description	The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law devotes approximately \$2 billion to the ReConnect Program to offer loans, grants, and loan-grant combinations for high-speed internet infrastructure in rural communities. USDA will spend up to \$60 million on technical assistance and predevelopment planning for rural communities, including \$5 million in priority funding for technical assistance to establish and grow cooperatives to

How to get in touch	offer high-speed internet coverage. USDA is working to stand up this program. More information will be available soon on the
How to get in touch	<u>ReConnect website</u> .
Office	of Minority Broadband Initiatives
Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Access support, delivery support (self directed/intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	NTIA's Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth operating plan for all of its programs, including OMBI, is \$18.5 million for FY22
Eligible Participants	 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs)
Description	In August 2021, the Biden Administration established the Office of Minority Broadband Initiatives (OMBI) to collaborate with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs), provide broadband technical assistance, and promote initiatives related to expanding internet access, connectivity and digital equity at these institutions and the communities they serve. OMBI has also launched the College Partnership Program to support students' work on broadband deployment and adoption challenges in vulnerable communities. OMBI also administers the \$268 million Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program as a grant program to HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs for the purchase of broadband internet access service and eligible equipment or to hire and train information technology personnel. For Connecting Minority Communities, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) provided pre-award technical assistance to

	support prospective applicant awareness and understanding of the programs and to support application submission. In post award, NTIA will provide technical assistance that will focus on grants compliance, project sustainability, project implementation best practices, and avoidance of fraud, waste, and abuse. NTIA will work closely with eligible entities to monitor progress, troubleshoot, and provide technical assistance as necessary and appropriate.
How to get in touch	More information is available <u>here</u> .
State Broadband Leaders Network	
Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Community of practice (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Eligible Participants	• States
Description	The State Broadband Leaders Network convenes practitioners who work on increasing broadband availability and use at the state level and includes participants from all fifty states and five territories. The State Broadband Leaders Network recently partnered with the National Digital Inclusion Alliance to develop a state framework for digital equity plans and provide state-by-state information on existing digital inclusion programs. The State Broadband Leaders Network is actively working with state broadband practitioners to identify support/Technical Assistance areas that States may require in order to engage with the broadband programs, created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, that NTIA is implementing.
How to get in touch	More information, including information on how to connect with your state leader, is available on the program's fact sheet <u>here</u> .
Digital Equity Leaders Network	
Agency	Department of Commerce

Type of TA Provided	Community of practice (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Eligible Participants	StatesLocal governmentsTribal governments
Description	Digital Equity Leaders Network is a network of state, local, and Tribal leaders who come together to discuss strategies and share resources for digital equity and inclusion. The 100-member network hosts speakers, shares best practices, and works with practitioners to identify areas that require additional support/Technical Assistance.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the program's fact sheet <u>here</u> .

BroadbandUSA

Agency	Department of Commerce
Type of TA Provided	Access support, delivery support (self-directed/intensive support)
Application Required?	Not Applicable
Budget	NTIA's Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth operating plan for all of its programs, including BroadbandUSA, is \$18.5 million for FY22
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public
Description	The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's BroadbandUSA program builds capacity across state, local, and Tribal governments, industry, and non-profit organizations that work to close the digital divide. BroadbandUSA supports broadband planning, promotes digital inclusion efforts, and shares funding opportunities through community outreach, tailored assistance, and local and regional planning workshops. The BroadbandUSA website leverages NTIA's technical expertise to offer broadband planning and implementation resources and host webinars.

	This technical assistance will include iterative feedback on draft Initial Proposals, support with the subgrantee selection process, and any additional help to ensure that the Final Proposal fully meets the requirements of the Infrastructure Act and the goals of the Program. When the Final Proposals have been approved and Eligible Entities begin to initiate Program activities, NTIA will work closely with the Eligible Entities to monitor progress, troubleshoot, and provide technical assistance as necessary and appropriate.
	Eligible entities are encouraged to utilize resources that will be made available by NTIA or other partner organizations and should reach out to Program contacts whenever additional assistance is needed. Achieving programmatic goals will require a partnership and ongoing dialogue between NTIA and eligible entities.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>initiative's website</u> .

Technical Assistance for Water Programs

Today, up to 10 million American households lack safe drinking water. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's \$55 billion investment represents the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including dedicated funding to replace lead service lines. Below is a list of federal programs to help communities access and deploy the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's historic investment in water.

Agency	Environmental Protection Agency
Type of TA Provided	Access support (self-delivered)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$68 million to fund projects up to 5 years (current funding round for Environmental Finance Centers to provide technical assistance services)
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public
Description	EPA provides webinars, learning modules, and financial tools for communities looking to fund water-related projects. As part of this toolkit, the website also includes a clearinghouse where visitors can search for federal, state, and private funds across the country. The tool also highlights a number of funding and technical assistance opportunities available to communities. The agency is currently seeking applications from NGOs and universities to serve as Environmental Finance Centers to provide additional assistance to applicants.
How to get in touch	More information is available <u>here</u> .

Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center

Training and Technical Assistance to Improve Water Quality and Enable Small Public Water Systems to Provide Safe Drinking Water

Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Type of TA Provided	Access and delivery support (intensive support)

Application Required? Yes

Budget	\$22 million (current funding round)
Eligible Participants	 Nonprofit organizations¹ Nonprofit private universities and colleges Public institutions of higher education
Description	EPA provides technical assistance to small public water systems and private drinking water well owners with technical, financial, and managerial challenges. The program aims to help recipients improve water quality and achieve compliance with relevant regulations. EPA will release its next round of funding in late summer/early fall of 2022.
How to get in touch	More information is available <u>here</u> .

Funding Sources for Small and Rural Wastewater Systems

Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Type of TA Provided	Access support (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public
Description	EPA provides a roundup of major programs that provide funding for small, Tribal, and rural wastewater systems. The website details programs at EPA and across the broader Federal family.
How to get in touch	More information is available <u>here</u> .

 $^{^{1}}$ Nonprofit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in prohibited lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 are not eligible to apply.

Technical Assistance and Training for Small and Rural Treatment
Works (Wastewater Systems)

Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Type of TA Provided	Access and delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	No; The technical assistance provider will, however, ask for intake information prior to enrolling a wastewater system. The application is free to small, rural, and Tribal community wastewater systems.
Budget	~\$12 million (current funding round)
Eligible Participants	• Small, rural, and Tribal community wastewater systems
Description	In September 2021, EPA provided \$12 million in grants to the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, National Rural Water Association, and the University of New Mexico to provide training and technical assistance for small, rural, and Tribal wastewater systems. This technical assistance may include circuit- rider and multi-state regional technical assistance programs, training and site visits, online webinars, and assistance to diagnose and trouble-shoot wastewater system operations and Clean Water Act compliance- related problems and identify potential solutions.
How to get in touch	More information is available <u>here</u> .

Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance & Training Grants

Agency	Department of Agriculture
Type of TA Provided	Application and delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes (applications will open October 1st)
Budget	\$37.5 million in Fiscal Year 2022
Eligible Participants	• Nonprofits that have the proven ability, background, experience, and capacity to provide technical assistance or training on a national, regional or state basis.

Description	This program helps qualified, private nonprofits provide technical assistance and training to identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems. It also helps applicants prepare to apply for loans or grants relating to water and waste disposal and helps associations improve the operation and maintenance of water and waste systems in rural areas.
<i>How to get in touch</i>	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .
Circuit Rider Program	– Technical Assistance for Rural Water Systems
Agency	Department of Agriculture
Type of TA Provided	Operational, financial, or managerial assistance, and delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$20.7 million in Fiscal Year 2022
Eligible Participants	• Rural water systems serving an area with a population of 10,000 or less, who are a public body, non-profit corporation, or Tribe with legal authority to own and operate the water facility.
Description	This program assists rural water systems that are experiencing day-to-day operational, financial, or managerial issues.
How to get in touch	Rural water systems officials may request assistance from the National Rural Water Association or the local Rural Utilities Service office. More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .
Water & Waste	Disposal Predevelopment Planning Grants
Agency	Department of Agriculture
Type of TA Provided	Application assistance (intensive support)

Application Required? Yes

Budget	\$1 million in Fiscal Year 2022
Eligible Participants	 State and Local governments Tribal governments Nonprofits Areas with a population of 10,000 or less, Tribal Land
Description	This program assists low-income communities with the initial planning and development of applications for USDA water and waste disposal programs.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .

SEARCH – Special Evaluation Assistance for Rural Communities and Households

Agency	Department of Agriculture
Type of TA Provided	Delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	\$2 million in Fiscal Year 2022
Eligible Participants	 State and Local governments Tribal governments Nonprofits Area to be served must have a population of 2,500 or less and a median household income below the poverty line or less than 80% of the statewide non-metropolitan median household income.
Description	This program assists very small, financially-distressed rural communities with predevelopment feasibility studies, design, and technical assistance on proposed water and waste disposal projects.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .

Tools, Training and Technical Assistance for Small and Rural Wastewater Systems

Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency	
Type of TA Provided	Access and delivery support (intensive)	
Application Required?	No	
Budget	N/A	
Eligible Participants	Open to public	
Description	EPA provides a series of tools to the public, including an asset management program for small wastewater systems, a comparison tool for competing financing options, and wastewater permitting, inspection, and complaint tracking system.	
How to get in touch	More information is available <u>here</u> .	
Native American Affairs Water Technical Assistance Program		
Agency	Department of the Interior	
Type of TA Provided	Delivery assistance (intensive support)	
Application Required?	Yes (Please see the <u>program website</u> for more information)	
Budget	\$8 million annually	
Eligible Participants	Tribal governments	

- **Description** The Bureau of Reclamation operates a program that conducts water needs assessments, improved water management studies, water quality data collection and assessments, and water measurement studies for Tribal communities. Tribes apply to the Bureau with project proposals during an annual call for applications.
- *How to get in touch* More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u>.

Technical Assistance for Power Grid and Clean Energy Programs

The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to strengthening American energy security and combatting the climate crisis. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests nearly \$75 billion in clean energy and upgrading our power grid. Below is a list of federal programs to help communities access and deploy these historic investments.

State and Local Solution Center

Agency	Department of Energy
Type of TA Provided	Resources and tools (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public
Description	The State and Local Solution Center provides resources, tools, and information on partnership opportunities to help states, local governments, and K-12 schools meet their clean energy goals. Additional BIL-specific technical assistance resources and opportunities for states and local governments are forthcoming including resources related to the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program, the Weatherization Assistance Program, the State Energy Program, and the Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Grant Capitalization Program.
How to get in touch	Visit the <u>State and Local Solution Center</u> . Submit questions to <u>stateandlocal@ee.doe.gov</u> or sign up for the <u>State and Local Spotlight Newsletter</u> to stay connected.

Better Buildings Solution Center

Agency	Department of Energy
Type of TA Provided	Resources and tools (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A

Eligible Participants	• Open to the public
Description	The Better Buildings Solution Center provides over 3,000 resources, tools, and information to help leading businesses, manufacturers, cities, states, universities, and school districts meet their commitments to the Better Buildings Challenge, Better Climate Challenge, and Better Plants programs. Over 3,000 solutions and resources are available on the Solution Center website for free.
How to get in touch	Visit the <u>Better Buildings Solutions Center</u> . <u>Submit</u> <u>questions</u> to the Better Buildings Initiative or <u>sign-up</u> to receive Better Buildings bulletins, webinar invitations,

Clean Energy Innovator Fellowships

and other resources.

Agency	Department of Energy
Type of TA Provided	Delivery Assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes (Please see the <u>program website</u> for details on timeline)
Budget	Varies
Eligible Participants	Electricity regulatorsMunicipal or co-operative utilitiesGrid operators
Description	Clean Energy Innovator Fellowships competitively place semi-annual cohorts of fellows with electricity regulators, municipal or co-operative utilities, or grid operators to address specific, pre-identified technical challenges related to decarbonizing the power system, electrifying transportation and industry, and improving diversity, equity, and representation in the energy system. The program supports each fellow's time for up to two years and provide opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and professional development for each cohort.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .

Industrial Research and Assessment Centers (IACs)

Agency	Department of Energy
Type of TA Provided	Planning Support, Access Support, Delivery Assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$15 Million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 Small and Medium Manufacturers with: Gross annual sales below \$100 million Fewer than 500 employees at the plant site Annual energy bills more than \$100,000 and less than \$3.5 million
Description	Industrial Research and Assessment Centers help small and medium manufacturers save energy, improve productivity, and reduce emissions by providing no-cost technical assessments conducted by university-based teams of engineering students and faculty. Industrial Research and Assessment Center assessments provide manufacturers with a report including a list of recommendations that can help them save energy, water, emissions, or waste. Under BIL, grants are available to support recommended projects identified in an assessment report.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .
Advanced Energy Manufacturing & Recycling Grant Program	
Agency	Department of Energy
Type of TA Provided	Planning Support, Access Support
Application Required?	No
Budget	Total financial assistance for the program is \$150M per year over five years, of which a portion will be dedicated to technical assistance

Eligible Participants	 Small and Medium Manufacturers in areas where coal mines have closed since 1999 or coal power plants have closed since 2009. Gross annual sales below \$100 million Fewer than 500 employees Annual energy bills more than \$100,000 and less than \$2.5 million
Description	The Department of Energy provides technical assistance for small to medium-sized manufacturers as the first phase of a grant program to enhance investment in advanced energy manufacturing and recycling facilities in regions where coal mines or power plants have closed. Tailored technical assistance to eligible manufacturers interested in seeking a grant under the program will focus on assessing eligibility, enhancing the impact of projects that may be supported under this new grant program, and connecting manufacturers to existing programs and resources.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .

Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Agency	Department of Energy
Type of TA Provided	Application assistance and delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	Tribal governments
Description	The Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs at the Department of Energy provides technical assistance to Tribal entities engaged in energy projects. Applicants can solicit technical analysis, financial analysis, and strategic energy planning.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> . For any additional questions or concerns, please email <u>indianenergy@hq.doe.gov</u>

Electric General Field Representatives

Agency	Department of Agriculture	
Type of TA Provided	Application support, delivery support (self-directed support)	
Application Required?	No	
Budget	N/A	
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public	
Description	USDA has general field representatives for every state who can offer guidance and assist with planning for applications to USDA energy programs for the construction and improvement of electric infrastructure, energy efficiency and conservation, and renewable energy systems.	
How to get in touch	Visit <u>this website</u> to find your state's GFR.	
National Community Solar Partnership		
Agency	Department of Energy	
Type of TA Provided	Delivery Assistance (intensive support)	
Application Required?	Yes, two-page application available <u>here</u> .	
Budget	N/A	
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public	
Description	The National Community Solar Partnership is a coalition of community solar stakeholders working to expand access to community solar and enable communities to realize the benefits of solar such as increased resilience, energy burden reduction, community wealth building, and workforce development. Program partners leverage peer networks and technical assistance resources to overcome barriers to expanding community solar access and its full benefits. The Partnership is open to any individual or	
	organization with an interest in supporting equitable community solar development in the U.S.	
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How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance, resources, and partnering with NCSP is available <u>here</u> .	

Technical Assistance for Resilience Programs

The changing climate has made the threat of natural disasters both more frequent and more severe. As a result, building American communities that can stand strong in the face of natural disasters and other threats is a priority for the Biden-Harris Administration. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests approximately \$50 billion towards resilience programs, including funding for emergency management, flood mitigation, and cybersecurity. Below is a list of federal programs to help communities access and deploy the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's historic investment in resilience.

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program Direct
Technical Assistance

Agency	Federal Emergency Management Administration
Type of TA Provided	Application and delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes (applications are due in January of each year)
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	Local governmentsTribal governments
Description	FEMA is providing direct technical assistance through its Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program to eight communities across the U.S. that have low mitigation capacity. FEMA regional staff and reservists, contractors, and partner agency subject matter experts will support communities both virtually and in-person. Additional communities will be added in April 2022 for a total of 28 communities in 2022. The Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Program is currently working to standardize its processes to be able to increase the provision of support to more local communities across the nation.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .
Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT)	
Agency	Federal Emergency Management Administration
Type of TA Provided	Application and delivery assistance (self-directed)

Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
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Eligible Participants	Local governmentsTribal governments
Description	The Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool is a free GIS web map that allows emergency managers, planners, and other community partners to visualize and analyze the interplay of population and community data, infrastructure locations (e.g., fire stations, hospitals, schools, etc.), and hazards, including real-time weather forecasts, wildfires, historic disasters, and forecasted climate risk. The Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool also includes incident analysis tools, population counts by characteristic, and an add data feature to import additional community data. The Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool supports outreach strategies, grant applications, planning, response, and recovery operations.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .
Conservation Technical Assistance Program (CTA)	
Agency	Department of Agriculture
Type of TA Provided	Delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	• Farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners
Description	The Conservation Technical Assistance Program equips farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners with the resources and trainings needed for conservation and restoration of their lands. In addition to planning assistance, the program also provides financial assistance to applicants.
How to get in touch	More information about this program and accessing available resource can be found <u>here</u> .

National Risk Index for Natural Hazards

Agency	Federal Emergency Management Agency
Type of TA Provided	Application and delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	Local governmentsTribal governments
Description How to get in touch	The National Risk Index is an online mapping application from FEMA that identifies communities most at risk to 18 natural hazards. This application visualizes natural hazard risk metrics and includes data about expected annual losses from natural hazards, social vulnerability and community resilience. The National Risk Index's interactive web maps are at the county and Census tract level and made available for custom analyses. With this data, users can explore a holistic view of community risk to natural hazards. More information about accessing technical assistance is available here.
	Tribal Climate Resilience
Agency	Department of the Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs
Type of TA Provided	Application & access support; delivery support (self- directed)
Application Required?	No, in-person support
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	Federally recognized tribes and Tribal organizations
Description	The Bureau of Indian Affairs expects to hire regional staff advisors for Tribal Climate Resilience by Fall 2022.

How to get in touch	Regional staff advisors will (1) advise on matters related to climate resilience for natural resources programs and initiatives; (2) assist in coordinating cross-cutting efforts, including youth, environmental justice, and ocean and coastal management issues; and (3) serve as project monitors and technical support to Tribal Climate Resilience awardees, and (4) update, finalize, and implement the regional climate action plans. These regional staff advisors will significantly increase the Bureau's regional capacity to address Tribal climate resilience priorities and support Tribal nations in need of technical support.
How to get in touch	More information is available <u>mere</u> .
Flood Plain Management Services	
Agency	Army Corps of Engineers
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (self-directed)
Application Required?	No

Budget	\$15.4 million in FY 2022
Eligible Participants	StatesTribesLocal governments
Description	The Army Corps of Engineers provides technical assistance (information, analysis, guidance) to states, tribes and local communities that are taking, or considering, actions to improve their flood plain management; and to help inform the planning and implementation of actions at the state, tribal, and local levels to reduce their flood risk, with an emphasis on the wise use of floodplains.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>initiative's website</u> .
Planning Assistance to States	
Agency	Army Corps of Engineers
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (self-directed)

Application Required? No

Budget	\$7 million in FY 2022 Budget
Eligible Participants	 States Tribes Local governments Regional and Intestate water resources authorities
Description	The Army Corps of Engineers provides technical assistance to states, Tribes, local governments, and regional and interstate water resources authorities to assist them in their water resources planning efforts. This program enables Army Corps staff to assist them in their effort to understand and evaluate a specific water resources issue or on an interrelated set of such issues.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>initiative's website</u> .

Technical Assistance for Environmental Remediation Programs

Across the country, communities are suffering from orphaned wells, abandoned mines, and Superfund sites that pose risks to human health and economic prosperity. BIL invests \$21 billion in environmental remediation to clean up these and other hazardous sites. Below is a list of federal programs to help communities access and deploy the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's historic investment in environmental remediation.

Brownfields Technical Assistance, Training and Research.

Agency	Environmental Protection Agency
Type of TA Provided	Access assistance and delivery assistance (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$110 million over 5 years
Eligible Participants	 Local governments States Tribes Non-profits Redevelopment authorities and economic development agencies
Description	The Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program provides technical assistance to communities and stakeholders to help address their brownfield sites and to increase their understanding and involvement in brownfields cleanup, revitalization, and reuse. EPA awarded six grants last year totaling \$11 million to regional partners who provide technical support to communities addressing brownfield sites across the country (e.g., University of Connecticut is a partner in the northeast, Center for Creative Land Recycling is a partner in the western states). In addition to the grantees, EPA has also an established partnership with Groundwork USA to help communities incorporate environmental justice and equitable development principles in their brownfields redevelopment.

How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .
Ecosyst	em - Fish and Wildlife Restoration
Agency	Department of the Interior/Fish and Wildlife Service
Type of TA Provided	Access support, application support, and/or delivery support (self-directed/intensive)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	 Other Federal agencies States Tribes Private landowners Local municipalities Non-governmental organizations Others
Description	The Fish and Wildlife Service will provide \$18.5M in support of the National Fish Passage Program to restore rivers and conserve our nation's aquatic resources by removing or bypassing in-stream barriers. The program provides both financial and technical assistance to complete projects that improve fish passage. Program biologists and engineers are available to provide support in the planning, design, implementation, and monitoring of select fish passage projects.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the National Fish Passage Program's <u>website</u> .
Surface Mining Reclamation Technical Assistance	
Agency	Department of the Interior/Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement (OSMRE)
Type of TA Provided	Application & access support; delivery support (self- directed)

Application Required?	No; TA provided upon request
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	• Eligible States and Tribes with an approved Abandoned Mine Lands program
Description	The Department of the Interior is currently developing a training curriculum to educate new and existing Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement employees and State/Tribal staff about the BIL statutory provisions and policy guidance for the Abandoned Mine Land Program. This new training course will complement the existing core of technical training courses that are specific to remedial technologies and conducting environmental reviews.
	Currently, the two technical training programs within the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation & Enforcement – Technical Innovation and Professional Services and the National Technical Training Program–are collaborating on this effort to develop a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law hybrid training curriculum (i.e., virtual and in-person) for delivery to State/Tribal staff in upcoming months.
How to get in touch	More information is available at <u>https://www.osmre.gov/bil</u>

Place-based and General Technical Assistance Initiatives

In addition to policy-based efforts to support our implementing partners, the Biden-Harris Administration understands the importance of creating strategies that cut across policy areas. That is why we have led a series of generalized technical assistance and place-based efforts that aim to marshal the full weight of the federal government to serve local communities. Below is a list of these efforts.

State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Agency	U.S. Department of the Treasury
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	States and territoriesTribal governmentsLocal governments
Description	The State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, established under the American Rescue Plan, provide governments with resources to support response to and recovery from the public health emergency. Governments can choose how to use funds within four eligible use categories: 1) responding to the pandemic and its negative economic impacts, 2) providing government services up to their amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic, 3) providing premium pay to essential workers, and 4) investing in necessary water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure.
	Jurisdictions could use these funds to help prepare for or support State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds -eligible projects, which may overlap with BIL-funded projects, in several ways:
	• Funds used to provide government services, up to the recipient's amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic, can support infrastructure investments, including planning, preparation, administration, execution, and ongoing operations.

	• Funds used for eligible water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure projects can generally be used for pre- project development costs reasonably expected to lead to an eligible project, including planning, engineering, technical assistance, and evaluation.
	• Funds used to respond to the pandemic and its negative economic impacts can be used for capital expenditures that meet State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds requirements. Funds can be used for pre-project development costs reasonably expected to lead to an eligible project.
	• In general, jurisdictions can blend and braid State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds with funds from other federal programs, as long as State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds is used for costs eligible under the program and in compliance with program requirements.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>program's website</u> .
I	IUD's Community Compass
Agency	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Type of TA Provided	Access and delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	Yes (applicants are TA providers)
Budget	\$56-76 million per year
Eligible Participants	 State governments Local governments Institutions of higher education Public housing authorities Nonprofits For profits Small businesses Tribes and Tribally designated housing entities National/regional organizations representing Native American housing interests National or regional organizations representing Native American housing interests Metropolitan or regional planning entities

Description	Community Compass brings together technical assistance investments from across HUD program offices, including the offices of Community Planning and Development, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Housing, and Public and Indian Housing. This cross- funding approach allows the support to address the needs of grantees and subgrantees across multiple HUD programs, often within the same engagement, as well as address cross-agency issues. Executed via cooperative agreements, Community Compass funds are awarded to technical assistance providers.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>initiative's website</u> .

HUD's Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance (DCTA) Program

Agency	Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
Type of TA Provided	Access and delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	Yes (applicants are TA providers)
Budget	\$5 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 Nonprofits For profits Small businesses Institutions of higher education
Description	The Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance provides technical assistance directly to entities serving smaller communities with populations under 50,000. The technical assistance offered through this program focuses on improving local governments' internal capabilities, financial management practices, strategy and planning ability, ability to implement community plans (e.g. housing, economy, disaster, climate resilience), and ability to access funding streams and other resources. The technical assistance provided is tailored to the local governments receiving the technical assistance.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>initiative's website</u> .

Statewide Planning, Research, and Networks

Agency	Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
Type of TA Provided	Place-based (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	\$90 million to be awarded by September 2022 (including \$59 million in Statewide Planning Grants already awarded)
Eligible Participants	• States and territories
Description	This program is aimed at providing technical assistance to help states and territories develop and execute strategies for broad, evidence-based economic development. These grants can be used to support a wide range of economic development projects, including the delivery of infrastructure projects. Through this program, the Economic Development
	Administration at the Department of Commerce will provide technical assistance that will include iterative feedback on draft Initial Proposals, support with the subgrantee selection process, and any additional help to ensure that the Final Proposals meet program requirements and advance Biden-Harris Administration priorities.
How to get in touch	More information about this program is available <u>here</u> .
University Center Economic Development Program	
Agency	Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public

Description How to get in touch	The Department of Commerce's University Center Economic Development Program deploys the resources of universities across the country to spur regional economic development in nearby communities. Several centers have focused on ensuring economically- distressed communities are creating digitally inclusive economies. More information is available on the <u>initiative's website</u> .	
Local Technical Assistance Program		
Agency	Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration	
Type of TA Provided	Application and delivery support (intensive support)	
Application Required?	Yes	
Budget	N/A	
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public	
Description	The Department of Commerce's Local Technical Assistance Program assists applicants in assessing whether infrastructure projects are feasible and prudent before communities invest time and resources. In addition to stopping counterproductive projects, these feasibility studies can also decrease hurdles to applying for other Federal programs.	
How to get in touch	More information is available on the <u>initiative's website</u> .	
EDA National Technical Assistance		
Agency	Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration	
Type of TA Provided	Delivery support (intensive support)	
Application Required?	Yes	
Budget	N/A	
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public	

Description	The National Technical Assistance program funds projects that provide technical assistance with a national scope and support best practices among communities trying to solve problems related to economic development goals. Eligible uses include outreach, training, and information dissemination as well as implementation of economic development best practices and proven techniques.
How to get in touch	More details about the National Technical Assistance Program can be found <u>here</u> .

Appalachian Area Development: Community Capacity Initiative

Agency	Appalachian Regional Commission
Type of TA Provided	Access support, Application support, and/or delivery support, project development support (intensive)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	\$10 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	States and local governmentsNonprofits
Description	Funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, this program will build capacity throughout the Appalachian region to enable communities to deploy Federal funds. The program will be used for development of large-scale project assistance including, but not limited to, expanding on the Commission's current community capacity pilot, and providing direct support for activities that build community leadership.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the Commission's website: <u>www.arc.gov</u> .

Northern Border Regional Commission: State Capacity Grant

Agency	Northern Border Regional Commission
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Type of TA Provided	Access support, application support, and/or delivery support, project development support (intensive)
Application Required?	No
Budget	\$1 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	States
Description	The State Capacity Grant program provides funding to build capacity within each state for economic development activities that lead to Northern Border Regional Commission and other Federal project proposals. Each state must develop an annual scope of work that is reviewed and approved by the Northern Border Regional Council. The following states are eligible to participate: Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont.
How to get in touch	More information is available on the Commission's website: <u>www.nbrc.gov</u> .
	Rural Partners Network
Agency	Department of Agriculture and White House Domestic Policy Council
Type of TA Provided	Place-based (intensive support)
Application Required?	No (communities are selected without application)
Budget	USDA received \$5 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	Local governmentsTribal Governments
Description	The Rural Partners Network is a whole-of-government effort that places new federal staff in selected rural communities to provide economic development technical assistance and help local leaders navigate and access federal resources. Rural Partners Network staff create a direct line to D.C. by sharing insights from their work on the ground with the Rural Prosperity Interagency Policy Council, a group of 13 key agencies that meets regularly to make policy changes and create new resources that benefit <i>all</i> rural communities.

How to get in touch Visit rural.gov for more information

Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grant

Agency	US Department of Agriculture
Type of TA Provided	Access support, delivery support (intensive support)
Application Required?	Yes (applications due May 26 th)
Budget	\$1.5 million in FY22
Eligible Participants	 States Local governments Tribal governments NGOs
Description	USDA offers grants to state, local, and Tribal governments, as well as non-profits, to identify and plan for community facility needs. The grants and program staff can also be used to identify resources that can be deployed to complete planned projects.
How to get in touch	More information about eligible projects, additional requirements, and how to apply is available <u>here</u> .

Energy Communities Interagency Working Group

Agency	Department of Energy and the White House
Type of TA Provided	Place-based (intensive support)
Application Required?	No
Budget	N/A
Eligible Participants	StatesLocal governmentsTribal governmentsNGOs
Description	This interagency working group is pursuing a whole-of- government approach to create good-paying union jobs, spur economic revitalization, remediate environmental

How to get in touch	degradation in order to support energy workers in coal, oil and gas, and power plant communities across the country Visit the <u>energycommunities.gov</u> website for more information and to access a centralized clearinghouse website that features billions of dollars in existing federal funding sources available for energy communities across the country.
	Office of Insular Affairs
Agency	Department of the Interior/Office of Insular Affairs
Type of TA Provided	Application & access support; delivery support (intensive)
Application Required?	Yes
Budget	\$22 million in FY 22
Eligible Participants	 Insular Area local governments, Non-profits for American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, U.S. Virgin Islands, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, Federated States of Micronesia
Description	The Office of Insular Affairs Technical Assistance Program provides grant funding for short-term projects and capacity building intended to meet the immediate needs of the insular areas. Funding priorities include, but are not limited to, projects that foster the development of insular area communities in the following categories: Accountability, financial management (including grant application, administration & management), economic development, education, energy production, management control initiatives, disaster assistance, natural and cultural resources, capacity building, public safety/emergencies, information technology, health initiatives and health IT systems, and invasive species management.
How to get in touch	More information about accessing technical assistance is available <u>here</u> .

Communities of Practice

Finally, beyond federal programs, there are a number of groups that state, local, and Tribal governments can join to learn from peers. These so-called "communities of practice" offer a chance to share and hear best practices and collectively tackle problems.

Infrastructure School and Build.gov

Agency	White House
Type of TA Provided	Access assistance (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Eligible Participants	• Open to the public
Description	The Infrastructure Implementation Team recently published a comprehensive guidebook of over 300 programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to serve as a resource for state, local, Tribal, and territorial leaders. The team also held "infrastructure school" webinars organized around each category of the law's investment (e.g., broadband, water), recording of which will be posted online soon. Finally, on build.gov, the White House has assembled a series of fact sheets, playbooks, and guides for accessing BIL funding tailored to various communities.
How to get in touch	Visit our website at <u>https://build.gov/</u>

Infrastructure State Coordinators

Agency	States
Type of TA Provided	Community of practice (self-directed)
Application Required?	No
Eligible Participants	• States

Description	The White House has worked with states to develop a community of state coordinators across the country. These state coordinators will be working across all levels of government in their states to help deliver funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to deliver results.
How to get in touch	Please reach out to <u>infrastructure@who.eop.gov</u> to be directed to the appropriate contact in your state.