**Regional Grants Navigator (RGN) newsletter**

**January 2, 2024**

*Happy New Year*! I hope you each enjoyed a wonderful holiday break and are excited for the new year. There are several important items listed below including the IIJA partnership Interest Form Survey Results. Please take a moment to read through these and let me know if you have any questions.

**IRA – Clean Energy Tax Credits**

·         The pre-file registration process is required and is now open, [register here](https://www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/register-for-elective-payment-or-transfer-of-credits).

·         Information about qualification and the process can be [found here](https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/irs-opens-free-ira-and-chips-pre-filing-registration-tool-for-organizations-to-register-to-monetize-clean-energy-credits).

·         Putting Direct Pay into Action can be [found here](https://localinfrastructure.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/IRA-Putting-Direct-Pay-into-Action-Webinar-Summary.pdf).

·         Promoting Clean Energy Projects Through Direct Pay: [A Resource for Cities](https://localinfrastructure.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Promoting-Clean-Energy-Projects-Through-Direct-Pay.pdf)

**Changes for 2024 State Revolving Fund**

·         Applications will now be due monthly on the 5th instead of the 15th using the [CEOS Online Portal](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Z3paeh0QIya6wC9Iog8dEhYtSo31zopts7KNloF4oOEYpUrBwplBQRRTU0DaYxhxtexOqEHe9aaxMjvrUQUoG_CMLKcfPFNYhOMnIYcQQJMhqSu3L6_PEa-IJUwYb-gEdD9k_9XguCHLz50sfoI2-ZxzugAJmdAyXsMuGlPPm1tb0hGcmB4hhmLI3DdVNiRL75yJyoglgcVMIdmeeXJUKqehrGrn3FNp10Yec-SjFCCMzh3GuTxRmQ==&c=V9hA_fPgX9bLWsjCxnzy7NOnV3-QMQRRnRI-cyZQZWgMHljxZcCtgQ==&ch=msez3Q5ysuu_pqDNCkkJlfABqNH_Q939FT0nNUKIqCqHUFIlcyg-2g==)

**Scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students**

Grossman Scholarships are awarded to Colorado residents who have demonstrated a commitment to caring for our environment's natural resources and intend to pursue post-secondary education through an accredited environmental, natural resource, climate, or outdoor industry related education program in Colorado. [Grossman Scholarships](https://www.voc.org/grossman-scholarship?utm_campaignname=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=OREC+December+newsletter&utm_content=https%3a%2f%2fwww.voc.org%2fgrossman-scholarship)

**IIJA Partnership Interest Form Survey Results**

The results of the Partnership Interest Survey are in and the top two infrastructure projects are:

1.     Roads, Bridges, Major Projects

2.     Solid Waste Management & Recycling

We are moving forward with Roads, Bridges, Major Projects and held our first meeting on December 18th. Currently, this group is considering pursuing a RAISE (*Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity)*Planning Grant. Our next meeting will be held at 9:00 January 3rdat the CSU Engagement Center in Sterling. Attendance via Zoom is also available. If you are interested in attending, please let me know at [linda.merkl@necalg.org](mailto:linda.merkl@necalg.org).

In mid-February we will start looking at Solid Waste Management & Recycling. Watch for upcoming e-mails on that effort.

*Thank You* to Snow Staples with DOLA for putting together the survey and getting us started!!

**Webinars**

·         [IIJA Public Transit Funding](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Pluv103jNq6ZaBGJfV0znw4Q8fmEitqjyt-fdS_w1M5aRKcyOiaulwu9rR6imo9pMgGBVBsB8pDonKjg3eNiKiTP5tMJOclCESmLjM0Cw5c7s9HuxKYwWmrLapzmLkyrvsfaZX7VAV4Y-13QfNl3YETpPQMHs7LmjLB8APrCDU-W9w8rMKQNlQd_F4rtXK7VUMNJynZL2dM=&c=NYs6J4j0z7cMep9fmt6oMzFdMb5TZTNL2vsJmnSbzbEJxtrHjgiX4g==&ch=snnMo9OQOGG7oQPyHL5DEIL7D5y43N-wb5HTvWU9K-KH99JigSiLMw==) - January 17, 2024

·         Unveiling the New [Rural Economic Development Toolkit](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VtZkqd00TfiA2eLY0Sx4sw?utm_campaignname=MarketingCloud&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=OREC+December+newsletter&utm_content=https%3a%2f%2fus02web.zoom.us%2fwebinar%2fregister%2fWN_VtZkqd00TfiA2eLY0Sx4sw%23%2fregistration#/registration) Webinar January 24, 2024 @ 12:00 PM (Outdoor Recreation)

·         [Federal Compliance and Monitoring](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Pluv103jNq6ZaBGJfV0znw4Q8fmEitqjyt-fdS_w1M5aRKcyOiaulwu9rR6imo9pIWrDhFMrSBZ2EmnybarHnODZvGc5FHUvrkUnZPxRk-ON1tKVuTpXr2KSXI3SFqj1F0r9PGSSs15xNCUGgYVx321iUaY7SGtUJZsPEwa2OtEqdX1b8j9z1qKmPHcTkDqF38hKpQx2SNVl5QC0PGBtjA==&c=NYs6J4j0z7cMep9fmt6oMzFdMb5TZTNL2vsJmnSbzbEJxtrHjgiX4g==&ch=snnMo9OQOGG7oQPyHL5DEIL7D5y43N-wb5HTvWU9K-KH99JigSiLMw==) - February 21, 2024

·         [IIJA and IRA Energy and Energy Codes](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Pluv103jNq6ZaBGJfV0znw4Q8fmEitqjyt-fdS_w1M5aRKcyOiaulwu9rR6imo9pXVBLrH-aapW5ALz01DzgbepcGnbkScC_MEqP6Q46Dr_pX9eUOnn5G1whGk7hNC_niM8xwGKhdKxC2_taWm2_6YVYwvQprhdlIPYwotTBtR9CfyxFtt9uWphdyirzNEXG0mnQNXzUQxsEYzj6q4pImyPbw6cxsCt7&c=NYs6J4j0z7cMep9fmt6oMzFdMb5TZTNL2vsJmnSbzbEJxtrHjgiX4g==&ch=snnMo9OQOGG7oQPyHL5DEIL7D5y43N-wb5HTvWU9K-KH99JigSiLMw==)- March 20, 2024

·         [IIJA Water Part 2](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Pluv103jNq6ZaBGJfV0znw4Q8fmEitqjyt-fdS_w1M5aRKcyOiaulwu9rR6imo9pC5XbjUdKAMXpgBgpAfGOsqXuhN5TDj8lL3aqdYtRIhyyJIg-gguIoXImC1fcDsve0eURxUza1Ab3Z6CQPTU-_vWPpTaqc30jR5huqnmJ521FoWmPWRloAG7kPKMvV6d5yH0w6OSuYL0bU6yyei0tbm5u5cBQZH5R&c=NYs6J4j0z7cMep9fmt6oMzFdMb5TZTNL2vsJmnSbzbEJxtrHjgiX4g==&ch=snnMo9OQOGG7oQPyHL5DEIL7D5y43N-wb5HTvWU9K-KH99JigSiLMw==)- April 17, 2024

·         [Best Practices for Grant Applications](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Pluv103jNq6ZaBGJfV0znw4Q8fmEitqjyt-fdS_w1M5aRKcyOiaulwu9rR6imo9pVr2h60NuuqRvl75i9bpgik5C3xwm2BJW_aVTNiKmT9u7h-KikIJ1iGELpKDy328k91WW-Da922CnooOHUawk8uGOFY3iaBaoH9gaSY6xW0PMcOrY3JYHxRq1HwiAJYigu0KA7CuURULlfXSPiwxZ4_6yQ2EdvGZqJvnAPKZYhcM=&c=NYs6J4j0z7cMep9fmt6oMzFdMb5TZTNL2vsJmnSbzbEJxtrHjgiX4g==&ch=snnMo9OQOGG7oQPyHL5DEIL7D5y43N-wb5HTvWU9K-KH99JigSiLMw==)- May 15, 2024

·         [IIJA Environment](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Pluv103jNq6ZaBGJfV0znw4Q8fmEitqjyt-fdS_w1M5aRKcyOiaulwu9rR6imo9pGiPHKGen8G8QXl1cQPx7V8FlauJo51TDw785LYVxpoY1Cdbr-0MF1EV8SNFXaqkcZcerSYVNti4cy0-8lX5fPOLWqSd034mrpQ_n7lmWNw7RwPLBY0sMWUn9NZ0T4YH3wgMUqDe365faSmde1bx1EH3ovaQ4Sgf1y5GjJu5UcgYeT1iRT02s8g==&c=NYs6J4j0z7cMep9fmt6oMzFdMb5TZTNL2vsJmnSbzbEJxtrHjgiX4g==&ch=snnMo9OQOGG7oQPyHL5DEIL7D5y43N-wb5HTvWU9K-KH99JigSiLMw==)- June 19, 2024

·         [IIJA Broadband](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Pluv103jNq6ZaBGJfV0znw4Q8fmEitqjyt-fdS_w1M5aRKcyOiaulwu9rR6imo9plOtQav7ebog__75I6LZ2JWodRhossN7BA60VWR4KzhbPqBeelv_gYDl9fEJ-gsQJ_RjthuY8PlaBq1WlmTdglGQvBpc_ftb1xOmK-4kfbWBmp9YSiBv9E6-X_ohS7I8IW9RzcAiYYyS4Z7tc7JM3rMjm3RN7NutOZ4b01I0uDKEV3uJo-miyrAqiqvHyA3vQwrJ0tKj6B9iqwlVLv5-C9bif6g5vZIgK2Bq7giK-N6f4IibQuhycYbI_sPOvwzAFZF6Np-94tdlR6S5ARwx70q2TMKj1JEaE_HFXwBmvOCdWtOSTr1u12_M_m4Pw5mJtZrQZ1U4K_6gbFwIJ93sttBkKZ79GUiFF&c=NYs6J4j0z7cMep9fmt6oMzFdMb5TZTNL2vsJmnSbzbEJxtrHjgiX4g==&ch=snnMo9OQOGG7oQPyHL5DEIL7D5y43N-wb5HTvWU9K-KH99JigSiLMw==)- July 17, 2024

**Grants**

*Broadband, Internet Access, and Technology*

·         [Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=Public%20Wireless%20Supply%20Chain%20Innovation%20Fund%20Grant%20Program) 1/23/2024

·         [Tribal Cybersecurity Grant Program](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.grants.gov_search-2Dresults-2Ddetail_350361&d=DwMGaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=DIEp0a3hTrmd6JnRX8km5uk0XpA_4mWmU9SXcV-DfyA&m=T-1N5oRLoSHMMjvUr9W-Yy-959bQL8KQ8Y0MN8HjKa8CLlf3HTOvGnCoa1VXoD83&s=xM2xyzjRJzykyB9gUx4a_NBcjeI2aHonawy_W33Mu0g&e=) - 1/10/2024

*Sustainability, Environment, and Energy*

·         [Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan program](https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-announces-75-billion-available-financing-water?utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)

·         [Climate Pollution Reduction](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=350252&utm_source=substack&utm_medium=email)4/1/2024

·         [Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program](https://www.energy.gov/scep/energy-efficiency-and-conservation-block-grant-program) - Open until expended

·         [Clean School Bus Rebates Program](https://www.epa.gov/cleanschoolbus/clean-school-bus-rebates-online-application-forms) - 1/31/2024

·         [Weatherization Assistance Program – Enhancement & Innovation](https://infrastructure-exchange.energy.gov/Default.aspx#FoaId531bc4cb-0ef5-4a96-a8db-2a4a399b87dd) - 1/5/2024

*Transportation, Roads, and Bridges*

·         [Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.transportation.gov_sites_dot.gov_files_2023-2D11_RAISE-25202024-2520NOFO-252011.30.23-5F0.pdf&d=DwMGaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=DIEp0a3hTrmd6JnRX8km5uk0XpA_4mWmU9SXcV-DfyA&m=T-1N5oRLoSHMMjvUr9W-Yy-959bQL8KQ8Y0MN8HjKa8CLlf3HTOvGnCoa1VXoD83&s=lTFDfzCo5doIyIp0wF_Xy3EPp_p0c9X3SVQvgxSaM68&e=) - 2/28/2024

·         [Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__grants.gov_search-2Dresults-2Ddetail_350988&d=DwMGaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=DIEp0a3hTrmd6JnRX8km5uk0XpA_4mWmU9SXcV-DfyA&m=T-1N5oRLoSHMMjvUr9W-Yy-959bQL8KQ8Y0MN8HjKa8CLlf3HTOvGnCoa1VXoD83&s=gcyIVuGjLznt70MHrx7qu092Ih5CZe-wCCF_9KwNEoc&e=) - 2/13/2024

·         [Advanced Transportation Technologies and Innovative Mobility Deployment](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.transportation.gov_rural_grant-2Dtoolkit_advanced-2Dtransportation-2Dtechnologies-2Dand-2Dinnovative-2Dmobility-2Ddeployment&d=DwMGaQ&c=sdnEM9SRGFuMt5z5w3AhsPNahmNicq64TgF1JwNR0cs&r=DIEp0a3hTrmd6JnRX8km5uk0XpA_4mWmU9SXcV-DfyA&m=T-1N5oRLoSHMMjvUr9W-Yy-959bQL8KQ8Y0MN8HjKa8CLlf3HTOvGnCoa1VXoD83&s=q0J40fdlcS1R7xKrNy5mTSqtO6tFPACWKZmM5SQGKz8&e=) - 2/2/2024

·         [USDOT Safe Streets and Road for All (SS4A)](https://www.transportation.gov/grants/SS4A) – *Opens* February 2024

·         [ROUTES](https://railroads.dot.gov/rural) (Rural Opportunity to Use Transportation for Economic Success) – several opportunities.

*Water Ways, Reclamation, Sewer, and Restoration*

·         [WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=349783" \t "_blank) Round 2: September 3, 2024

·         Water/Wastewater Funders Roundtable Webinar

§  This webinar was held on December 13, 2023 and contains a great overview of all the available funding for water related grants and loans.

§  Listen to the Webinar recording [here](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Knq7OTDMNqJvsrQYWgo88n8Xn6PyqG1_/view).

§  The slidedeck is attached to this newletter

·         Additional links from the webinar

§  [CDPHE Water Quality Grants and Loans](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/glu)

§  [State Revolving Fund: Defining Disadvantaged Communities](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AWvcl6LCW2RH9orhibD_iB1ygXz-c4KD/view)

§  [CDPHE State Revolving Fund Loan Information](https://cdphe.colorado.gov/state-revolving-fund-information)

§  [USDA-RD Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program in Colorado](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-environmental-programs/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program/co)

§  [CWCB Water Project Loan Program & Grants](https://cwcb.colorado.gov/funding)

**Resources**

*Housing*

·         CHFA – Colorado Multifamily Affordable Housing Electrification Hub

·         <https://multifamily-ehub.chfainfo.com/>

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