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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

Allocations for States

Allocations for Territories & Freely Associated States

Allocations Methodology for Tribal Governments and the State of Hawaii (for Native Hawaiian Programs) August 2021

The Fund provides **$100 million** to be allocated in equal shares to Tribal governments and the State of Hawaii (in addition to the amount paid to the State of Hawaii as a State), of which (i) not less than $50,000 shall be paid to each Tribal government and (ii) not less than $50,000, and not more than $200,000, shall be paid to the State of Hawaii for the exclusive use of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Native Hawaiian Education Programs to assist Native Hawaiians.

Treasury will allocate Tribal governments and the State of Hawaii approximately $167,504 each under this provision.

Tribal governments will have a predetermined time period to indicate their intent to apply for funds. If a Tribal government does not notify Treasury of its intent within that timeframe, the portion of the funding initially allocated to all such nonresponsive Tribal governments may be available for reallocation.

Guidance document for States and Territories can be accessed at:
https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Capital-Projects-Fund-Guidance-States-Territories-and-Freely-Associated-States.pdf

Guidance document for Tribal Governments can be accessed at:
https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Capital-Projects-Fund-Guidance-Tribal-Governments.pdf

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Anticipated Grants

Type	Application Portal Launch Date	Deadline to Request Funding	Deadline to Submit Grant Plan
States, Territories & Freely Associated States	September 24, 2021	December 27, 2021	September 24, 2022
Tribal Governments	October 1, 2021	June 1, 2022	Not Applicable

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) OF 2021

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 is latest relief package for COVID-19 which provides $1.9 trillion in mandatory funding, program changes, and tax policies aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the pandemic. The U.S. Department of Treasury has published the Interim Final Rule (Guidance) and State and Local Aid Allocations. For more information, please visit the following website:

https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/coronavirus/assistance-for-state-local-and-tribal-governments/state-and-local-fiscal-recovery-fund/tribal-governments

The National Conference of State Legislatures has published a great summary on the funding that was appropriated in this Act. For information on this summary, please visit the following website:

https://www.ncsl.org/ncsl-in-dc/publications-and-resources/american-rescue-plan-act-of-2021.aspx

There are various federal agencies charged with administering the different appropriations. These include the following:

U.S. Department of Agriculture
https://www.usda.gov/arp

U.S. Department of Education
https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/department-education-announces-american-rescue-plan-funds-all-50-states-puerto-rico-and-district-columbia-help-schools-reopen

U.S. Department of Energy
https://arpa-e-foa.energy.gov/

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
https://bphc.hrsa.gov/program-opportunities/american-rescue-plan

U.S. Department of Transportation
https://www.transit.dot.gov/funding/american-rescue-plan-act-2021

Federal Communications Commission
https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-launch-717-billion-connectivity-fund-program-0

Veteran's Health Administration
https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/86147/american-rescue-plan-aids-va-helping-veterans/

Currently, there are other federal funding resources to consider when looking to address, among other capability gaps, the expansion of broadband capabilities. These programs include, but *are not limited to*, the following:

Rural Digital Opportunity Fund
Currently Active: Anticipating a Phase II

H.R. 3684 - $1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Currently in the House of Representatives awaiting passage

OPEN GRANTS

BUILDING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE and COMMUNITIES
Application Period Opened: Sept. 30, 2021
Application Deadline: Jan. 28, 2022 (3:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time)
FY2021 BRIC Notice of Funding Opportunity
To apply, please visit **https://go.fema.gov/**.

NTIA CONNECTING MINORITY COMMUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM
Department of Commerce's NTIA to Begin Accepting Applications for $268 Million Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program
Grants.gov Deadline: December 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET
Detailed information about this grant can be accessed at:
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=335076

ANTICIPATED GRANTS

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
‣ School Violence Prevention Program – Anticipated to open for application: **TBD**

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GRANTS
Anticipated to open for application: **TBD**
‣ FMCSA - High Priority (HP) – Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)
‣ FMCSA - High Priority (HP) and High Priority – Innovative Technology Deployment (HP-ITD)

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANTS
Anticipated to open for application**: TBD**
‣ Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GRANTS
Anticipated to open for application in January, 2022
‣ Community Connect
Anticipated to open for application in May, 2022
‣ Distance Learning & Telemedicine Program

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
Anticipated to open for application in February, 2022
‣ Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)
  • State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)
  • Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)
  • Operation StoneGarden (OPSG)
‣ Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)
‣ Intercity Bus Security Grant Program (IBSGP)
‣ Intercity Passenger Rail Security Grant Program (IPR)
‣ Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)
‣ Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP)

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▸ Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program (THSGP)

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE GRANTS
Anticipated to open for application in February, 2022
▸ Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS**)**
Anticipated to open for application in July, 2022
▸ Edward Byrne Memorial, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – State Solicitation
▸ Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies
▸ Smart Policing Initiative
▸ Preventing School Violence: BJAs STOP School Violence Program
Anticipated to open for application in August, 2022
▸ Edward Byrne Memorial, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation
▸ Body-Worn Camera Funding for Small, Rural, and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies