



Grants Newsletter

March 4, 2024

To better serve you, I would like to provide this week's Grants Newsletter. Enclosed you will find several open grant applications that provide the opportunity to procure federal funding for a variety of projects.

Attracting more federal funds to our district and region has been a top priority during my tenure in Congress. By providing this document, I hope we can secure additional federal funds and assistance to our area that will improve life in Texas's 28th Congressional District.

For more information on the federal grant process, please visit my [grants webpage](#) or contact my Grants Coordinator, Randy Aguilar, at Randy.Aguilar@mail.house.gov. To stay informed about recent legislative activity and how it impacts your family and your community, please visit my [congressional website](#) or follow me on Twitter at [@RepCuellar](https://twitter.com/RepCuellar).

Sincerely,

Henry Cuellar
Member of Congress
28th District of Texas

Note: This newsletter provides information on current federal grant solicitations. This is not a comprehensive list of all grant opportunities. For more information on federal grants, please contact the office at (202) 225-1640 or email randy.aguilar@mail.house.gov.

Transportation

Safe Streets and Roads for All

Project description: The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. Funds for the fiscal year 2024 SS4A grant program are to be awarded on a competitive basis to support planning and demonstration activities, as well as projects and strategies to prevent death and serious injury on roads and streets involving all roadway users, including pedestrians; bicyclists; public transportation, personal conveyance, and micromobility users; motorists; and commercial vehicle operators.

Eligibility:

- Special district governments
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- County governments
- Independent school districts
- City or township governments

Application due date: August 29, 2024

FY24 Congestion Relief Program

Project description: The goals of the Program are to reduce highway congestion, reduce economic and environmental costs associated with that congestion, including transportation emissions, and optimize existing highway capacity and usage of highway and transit systems through:

- (1) improving intermodal integration with highways, highway operations, and highway performance.
- (2) reducing or shifting highway users to off- peak travel times or to nonhighway travel modes during peak travel times; and
- (3) pricing of, or based on, as applicable,
 - parking;
 - use of roadways, including in designated geographic zones; or
 - congestion.

Eligibility:

- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- City, or municipality

Application due date: April 22, 2024

Broadband

[The Rural eConnectivity Program](#)

Project description: The Rural eConnectivity Program provides loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas. In facilitating the expansion of broadband services and infrastructure, the program will fuel long-term economic development and opportunities in rural America.

Eligibility:

- Private institutions of higher education
- Small businesses
- City or township governments
- Independent school districts
- State district governments
- Public housing authorities
- County governments
- Nonprofit entities
- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Others (see posting for additional information)
- For profit organizations other than small businesses

Application due date: May 21, 2024

Agriculture and Environment

[Clean Ports Program: Climate and Air Quality Planning Competition](#)

Project description: The Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Ports Program will fund climate and air quality planning activities at United States ports – including emissions inventories, strategy analysis, community engagement, and resiliency measure identification – that will build the capacity of port stakeholders to continue to reduce pollution and transition to zero-emissions operations over time.

Eligibility:

- Port authorities
- State, regional, or local agencies that have jurisdiction over a port authority.
- Air pollution control agencies
- Private entities

Application due date: May 28, 2024

Community Development

[Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Programs](#)

Project description: The Downtown Revitalization and Main Street Program objectives is to provide infrastructure improvements to address the conditions that contribute to the deterioration in an area designated as slum or blighted in the applicant community's downtown or main street area.

Eligibility:

- Cities and counties that are not participating in or designated as eligible for the entitlement portion of the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).
- Nonentitlement cities that are not currently participating in urban county programs through existing participation agreements.
- Nonentitlement cities are eligible unless their population is counted towards the urban county CDBG allocation.

Application due date: April 3, 2024

[Colonia Construction Fund Application](#)

Project description: The Colonia Fund - Construction provides eligible applicants with grants to fund water and wastewater improvements, housing rehabilitation for low- to moderate-income households, the payment of assessments levied against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income to recover the capital cost for a public improvement and other improvements including street paving and drainage.

Eligibility:

- Counties within 150 miles of the Texas-Mexico border.
- Units of general local government: Limited to nonentitlement areas, with the exception of Hidalgo County.
- Severely distressed unincorporated areas: Specifically, those meeting the definition of a "colonia" based on objective criteria such as lack of potable water supply, inadequate sewage systems, and insufficient decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

Application due date: April 3, 2024

Humanities

[Humanities Initiatives](#)

Project description: These programs strengthen the teaching and study of the humanities at institutions of higher education by developing new or enhancing existing programs, resources

(including those in digital format), or courses that explore, interpret, and preserve the diversity of human cultures, ideas, and practices, past and present.

Eligibility:

- Public and state controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

Application due date: May 7, 2024

Health and Human Services

[Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness](#)

Project description: The purpose of this program is to implement Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) program in communities to support adults with serious mental illness who meet state-specific criteria for AOT.

Eligibility:

- County governments
- Local governments
- Mental health systems
- Mental health courts

Application due date: April 26, 2024

Criminal Justice

[Fiscal Year 2024 Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program](#)

Project description: The Sexual Assault Services Culturally Specific Program (SAS Culturally Specific Program) supports nonprofit organizations that focus primarily on culturally specific communities and have experience in the area of sexual assault or who partner with an organization having such expertise. The goal of the SAS Culturally Specific Program is to establish, maintain, and expand sustainable, culturally appropriate services that address the unique needs and challenges of victims of sexual assault from culturally specific communities.

Eligibility:

- Nonprofit entities
- Others (see posting for additional information)

Application due date: April 4, 2024

Science and Technology

Next Era of Wireless and Spectrum

Project description: This program seeks to develop the intellectual capital enabling the U.S. to smoothly and quickly transition to effective new ways of using and managing the radio and optical spectrum after the end of the current spectrum era of long-term exclusive-use license auctions, thereby sustaining and advancing the social, economic, scientific, and U.S. national leadership benefits derived from the electromagnetic spectrum.

Eligibility:

- Nonprofit entities
- Nonacademic organizations
- Institutions of higher education

Application due date: May 28, 2024

Grant Resources

[Grants.gov Community Blog](#) This website provides information on how to apply for grants, open solicitations, and other helpful grant resources.

[Grants.gov Training Videos](#) This webpage provides videos and webinars to assist you in your application process. Video topics include registering with grants.gov, how to search for federal grants, and other topics of interest for applicants.