

# Funding Opportunity Update

## RESOURCES FOR CLEAN AIR AGENCIES

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Here's a roundup of current open opportunities that local and state agencies may wish to explore for project funding. If NACAA can be helpful in connecting with or applying for funding, we're your team and have experience in this kind of thing – please don't hesitate to ask.

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### **National Association of Clean Air Agencies** **Grant and Funding Opportunities for Local and State Agencies**

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\* Denotes new opportunity since the last NACAA Grant and Funding Opportunities Newsletter

#### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

##### **\*Pollution Prevention Grant Program**

This program will fund two-year Pollution Prevention assistance agreements for projects in each EPA region that provide technical assistance and/or training to businesses/facilities to help them adopt source reduction approaches. Estimated total program funding, assuming funds are appropriated, is \$9,380,000, with individual awards ranging from \$40,000-\$500,000. See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=301154>

##### **Environmental Education (EE) Grants**

Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible applicants to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. This grant program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. See <https://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants>

##### **Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) National Grants**

EPA expects to offer the next Request for Proposals solicitation in April 2018, pending 2018 budget decisions. See <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants> and <https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-state-allocations>

## Volkswagen Mitigation Trust

The U.S. government and VW resolved allegations that VW violated the Clean Air Act by selling diesel vehicles equipped with defeat devices. As part of this settlement, VW is providing significant funding into an Environmental Mitigation Trust. States will develop plans for the use of these funds, including grant programs for nitrogen oxide mitigation efforts. See [www.vwclearinghouse.org](http://www.vwclearinghouse.org)

## Department of Agriculture, Forest Service

### \*2019 National Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program

This program will fund urban and community forestry projects that have national or multi-state application and impact. Communities of all sizes are encouraged to manage and protect their natural resources, which, if well managed, improves the public's health, well-being, economic vitality, and creates resilient ecosystems for present and future generations. Estimated total program funding is \$900,000, with individual awards ranging from \$75,000-\$200,000. See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=300327> and <https://www.fs.fed.us/managing-land/urban-forests/ucf/nucfac>

## Department of Health and Human Services

### Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP has provides assistance to families for costs associated with home energy bills, energy crises, and weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs. See <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/programs/liheap/about>

## IC Bus

### Grants Toward the Purchase of Propane School Buses

This grant program offers qualifying school districts throughout the U.S. \$5,000 in grants per newly purchased propane-powered CE Series school buses. See <https://www.icbus.com/bus>

## U.S. Department of Energy

### Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program

PACE is an innovative mechanism for financing energy efficiency, solar, and related improvements on private property. PACE programs allow local and state governments and other authorities, when authorized by state law, to fund the up-front cost of energy improvements on commercial and residential properties, which are paid back over time by the

property owners. See <http://energy.gov/eere/slsc/property-assessed-clean-energy-programs> and <http://www.pacenation.us/resources/all-programs/>

### SolSmart Technical Assistance – Nationally Distinguished, Locally Powered

SolSmart is a technical assistance program for local governments. The program is designed to drive greater solar deployment and help make it possible for more homes and businesses to access affordable and renewable solar energy to meet their electricity needs. SolSmart experts will design personalized action plans for communities that outline a path to designation as a SolSmart community, along with a rough timeline. See <http://www.gosparc.org/>

### Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) Grants

The Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) is offering \$110 million in grants to advance both solar photovoltaic (PV) and concentrating solar thermal power (CSP) technologies and to facilitate the swift integration of those technologies into the nation's electricity grid. Of particular interest is a category of potential funding to support efforts that prepare the workforce for the future solar adoption. See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=303633>

### U.S. Department of Transportation

#### \*Federal Aviation Administration, Voluntary Airport Low Emissions Program (VALE)

Some airports are included on a fairly short list of airports that are eligible to apply for funds for low emission vehicles, refueling and recharging stations, gate electrification, and other airport air quality improvements. See <https://www.faa.gov/airports/environmental/vale/>

#### Accelerated Innovation Deployment (AID) Demonstration

The Federal Highway Administration AID Demonstration provides incentive funding for any project activities eligible for assistance under title 23, U.S.C. in any phase of a highway transportation project between project planning and project delivery including planning, financing, operation, structures, materials, pavements, environment, and construction that address the program goals. See <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=288651> and <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/innovation/grants/>

#### Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA)

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act authorizes \$1.435 billion in capital over five years for the TIFIA credit assistance program; assistance supports critical infrastructure projects with national or regional significance. Letters of interest may be submitted by states and cities for direct loans, loan guarantees, and standby lines of credit. Transit-oriented development (including pedestrian and cycle facilities) and other projects may be eligible for assistance. See <https://www.transportation.gov/tifia/notice-funding-availability>

## **National Park Service and Clean Cities**

### **National Parks Initiative**

This effort supports transportation projects that educate park visitors on the benefits of cutting petroleum use and vehicle emissions. Since 2010, 35 projects have deployed alternative fuel and fuel-efficient vehicles to the road, reduced vehicle idling, and improved vehicle efficiency. See <https://cleancities.energy.gov/national-parks/>

## **Ford Foundation**

### **Funding to Fight Inequality**

The Foundation supports projects that address inequality; projects should relate to themes including investing in and protecting vital public goods (may include air quality environmental justice-related projects). See <https://www.fordfoundation.org/work/our-grants/>

## **The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF)**

### **Orchard Donation Program**

FTPF is a nonprofit charity dedicated to planting fruit trees and plants to alleviate world hunger, combat global warming, strengthen communities, and improve the surrounding air, soil, and water. FTPF programs strategically donate orchards where the harvest will best serve communities for generations, at places such as community gardens, public schools, city/state parks, low income neighborhoods, and Native American reservations. See <http://www.ftpf.org/apply.htm>

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