

# 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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### **Grant and Funding Opportunities for Local and State Agencies**

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

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

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

##### **FY18 National Environmental Information Exchange Network (EN) Grants**

EPA is soliciting proposals that use the EN to facilitate sharing environmental data, streamline data collection and exchanges, increase the quality and access to environmental data, develop foundational EN shared services to reduce burden and avoid costs and expand and improve participation in the EN by strengthening the requisite information management and technology capabilities for interested parties. See [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-11/documents/fy18\\_exchange\\_network\\_solicitation\\_notice\\_final.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-11/documents/fy18_exchange_network_solicitation_notice_final.pdf)

##### **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)

## **U.S. Department of Energy**

### **Open 2018 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**

An “Open” solicitation provides a mechanism for the support of innovative energy research and development that complements the other primary mechanism, which is through the solicitation of research projects in focused technology programs. See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=299398>

### **Advanced Components for 65% Combined-Cycle Efficiency, SCO<sub>2</sub> Power Cycles and Advanced Modular Hybrid Heat Engines**

This FOA solicits applications to develop turbine-based technology applicable to fossil fuels including coal derived synthesis gas, coal derived hydrogen and natural gas. See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=298755>

### **State Energy Program 2017 Competitive Awards**

The Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy’s (EERE) State Energy Program (SEP) seeks applications to advance policies, programs, and market strategies that advance affordable and reliable energy to promote economic growth and energy security for the nation. This competitive opportunity allows agencies to compete for funding designed to meet SEP’s goals to enhance energy security, advance state-led energy initiatives, and maximize the benefits of decreasing energy waste. See <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=298015>

### **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/>

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

### **Program Funding for Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS's) Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) for Federal fiscal year (FY) 2018**

NRCS is announcing the availability of CIG to stimulate the development and adoption of innovative conservation approaches and technologies. See

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/cig/>

## **U.S. Department of Transportation**

### **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/>

## **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Wildlife Habitat Council**

### **Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program**

Projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Certain projects covered by this program may have air quality benefits. See <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2018rfp.aspx>

## **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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