



Grant Assistance Program Newsletter

The Grants Assistance Program

Federal administrative agencies award billions in funding every year to state agencies, municipalities, tribes, nonprofits, private individuals and organizations.

Too often, Nevada does not receive these needed funds from lack of applications to programs. The grant application process can be intimidating at times; however, I am committed to helping guide Nevadans who are seeking grants and may need further assistance.

For more information on my office's grant program, including on letters of support or grant tracking assistance, please visit [my website](#).

Below is a list of recently announced or updated federal grant opportunities that are currently accepting applications. Please keep in mind that this is not a comprehensive list of all open grant solicitations and other opportunities may exist, so consult [Grants.gov](#) or the **Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance** for more opportunities.

The Trump Administration on Aug. 7, 2025, issued a sweeping executive order titled "[Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking](#)" (EO), which is aimed at overhauling the federal grantmaking process. The EO has significant implications for grant recipients. Grant recipients should expect more detailed reviews of both applications and ongoing projects, with greater emphasis on alignment with administration priorities.

Seeking Input --- Federal Funding Delays and Freezes:

Multiple Executive Orders have been issued under the new Administration. These executive orders have resulted in reductions in staff, increased oversight of funding by Senior Trump political appointees, cancellation and pauses of grant programs, delays in funding announcements, and prohibitions of certain activities. While these actions have been challenged in court and temporary restraining orders have



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been issued, my staff and I understand there are ongoing challenges in accessing federal funding or applying to existing grant opportunities.

I want to understand in more detail what the Nevada impact of this may be. Recognizing this is a fluid situation, please let me know if there is any information you can share by answering the following questions through my [Grant Assistance form](#).

My staff and I are only using this information for internal awareness purposes, and will follow-up with any additional questions.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information or concerns about the status of an award or notice of funding opportunity please do not hesitate to reach out to my grants team at grants@cortezmasto.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Catherine Cortez Masto in blue ink, written in a cursive style.

Catherine Cortez Masto
U.S. Senator for Nevada



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Tips Before Starting the Grant Process

1. **Find out if you or your organization is eligible for a Grant.** Other government websites may be more suitable for [personal needs](#), [student loans](#), [small business assistance](#), or other [business opportunities](#) such as government contracting. The website [Government Benefits, Grants, and Financial Aid](#) may also be of help.
2. **If eligible, search for programs** at [Assistance Listings](#). Includes grants, loans, business and nonfinancial help.
3. **Check current federal grants opportunities** at [Grants.gov](#), register with [System for Award Management](#) (SAM), and apply online (links and instructions given at the website). Additional notices appear at [FedConnect](#).
4. **Create a SAM.gov account** as soon as possible, as the process to enable you to submit grant applications can be significantly delayed.
5. **Search foundations** for project funding: use the [Foundation Center](#) website or [Foundation Directory](#) to identify national, state, and community foundations.
6. **Learn how to write grant proposals:** Take the free online [Foundation Center Proposal Writing Short Course](#), or see other tips and sample proposals at Grantspace's [How Do I Write a Grant Proposal?](#)



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Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance

The Nevada Governor's Office of Federal Assistance (OFA) provides a range of grant-related support, including grant identification, grant training, and grant matching. Please visit [Nevada's Federal Grant Resource](#) for additional help in your grant search.

Grant Opportunities

OFA diligently adds new curated grant opportunities to their [watch list](#) weekly. All of the grants listed are open to Nevadans, but they take the time to identify who the grant is for: state agencies, local governments, tribal governments, non-profits and more.

US Digital Response Grant Identification Tool

US Digital Response (USDR) in partnership with OFA offer a tool that compiles [grant opportunities](#) for those searching for federal grants, with ease, efficiency, and ability to facilitate coordination and collaboration with fellow grant seekers.

Federal Matching

Meet Federal Matching Requirements with The Nevada Grant Matching Program. The Office of Federal Assistance Nevada Grant Matching Program is available for state agencies, local agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofits applying for federal funds within the State of Nevada who need matching funds for the federal grant opportunity they are pursuing.

The Grant Matching Program receives \$1 million in funding each state fiscal year. These funds are here to help Nevada stakeholders meet up to 50% of the required federal grant match.



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To qualify for the Grant Matching Program, applicants must meet specific eligibility criteria. They must be seeking a new federal competitive or discretionary grant with a matching requirement outlined in the federal Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for which they are eligible. The GMP applicant must be applying directly for the federal grant (not a subaward or subrecipient). Additionally, the federal grant opportunity must be within the organization's scope, and all other avenues to meet the required match must have been exhausted.

Save time with OFA's [eligibility checker](#). Complete this short, 3-minute assessment to determine if your project is eligible for the Nevada Grant Matching Program.



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Examples of Grant Funding Secured for Nevadans by Senator Cortez Masto

- \$20 million to help Southern Nevada combat drought and protect Las Vegas Wash.
- \$18 million to improve road safety across Nevada.
- \$31 million to support Nevada public safety and victim services programs for police departments, courts, non-profits, and Tribes.
- \$14.9 million to boost regional workforce system in Northern Nevada.
- \$2 million to Bridge Counseling Associates to provide mental health services to Nevadans.
- \$24 million for road improvements in Downtown Ely.
- \$12.9 million in projects to support economic investment in Las Vegas' historic Westside.
- \$107 million invested in private sector battery manufacturing to create jobs in Nevada.
- \$6.7 million in housing grants for affordable housing, doubling what the state usually receives.
- More than \$1 million to Nevada organizations working to support trafficking victims.



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Grant Opportunities by Category

Office of Violence Against Women Funding

- [OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Financial Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program, Office of Violence Against Women](#)

Financial Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking (FAV) Program supports victim service providers, Tribal governments, and Tribal organizations to provide flexible financial assistance to survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking, alongside other victim services. Flexible financial assistance is intended to support survivors in achieving safety, stability, and healing by paying for necessities that are not easily met by traditional service providers and with the flexibility to meet self-identified needs quickly.

Closing Date for Applications: 10/21/2025

- [OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Restorative Practices Pilot Sites Program, Office of Violence Against Women](#)

The Restorative Practices Pilot Sites Program is a 48-month funding opportunity seeking to support, strengthen, enhance, and expand existing restorative practice programs that prevent or address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, in accordance with the “restorative practices” definition at 34 U.S.C. § 12514(a)(3).

Closing Date for Applications: 10/14/2025

- [OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Research and Evaluation Initiative, Office of Violence Against Women](#)



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The purpose of the Research and Evaluation (R&E) Initiative is to study approaches to preventing and addressing domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. By studying the efficacy of strategies for serving victims and holding offenders accountable, the R&E Initiative helps communities assess their current programs and adopt proven strategies. The initiative is designed to support researcher-practitioner partnerships and a broad range of research and evaluation methods, including qualitative, mixed-method, quasi-experimental, and experimental designs.

Closing Date for Applications: 09/23/2025

- **OVW Fiscal Year 2025 Training and Services to End Violence and Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and Deaf People Program,**
Office of Violence Against Women

The purpose of the Disability Grant Program is to provide training, consultation, and information on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault, and abuse by caregivers against individuals with disabilities (as defined in section 3 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12102)) and Deaf people and to enhance direct services to such individuals.

Closing Date for Applications: 09/23/2025

Workforce Funding

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 State Workforce Agency Unemployment Insurance (UI) Resource Planning Targets and Guidelines,**
Employment and Training Administration

This UIPL announces the availability of preliminary FY 2026 UI State Administration base resource planning targets for UI operations including general guidelines for resource planning. Questions regarding this



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Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) may be emailed to Rahel Bizuayene (Bizuayene.Rahel@dol.gov).

Closing Date for Applications: 09/22/2025

- [Brookwood-Sago Mine Safety Grants](#), *Mine Safety and Health Administration*

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL or the Department, or we), Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA), is providing notice of the availability of up to \$250,000 available in grant funds for education and training programs to help the mining community identify, avoid, and prevent unsafe and unhealthy working conditions in and around mines.

Closing Date for Applications: 09/19/2025

Arts and Humanities Funding

- [National Digital Newspaper Program](#), *National Endowment for the Humanities*

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Division of Preservation and Access is accepting applications for the National Digital Newspaper Program. This program creates a national digital resource of historically significant newspapers published between 1690 and 1963 from all 56 states and U.S. jurisdictions. The Library of Congress (LOC) maintains this freely accessible, searchable online database.

Closing Date for Applications: 01/15/2026

Education and Research Funding

- [STEM K-12](#), *National Science Foundation*



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The NSF STEM K-12 program in the Division of Research on Learning in Formal and Informal Settings (DRL) in the Directorate for STEM Education (EDU) supports fundamental, applied, and translational research that advances STEM teaching and learning and improves understanding of education across the human lifespan and a range of formal and informal settings.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

Water and Wildlife Funding

- **Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program**, *Environmental Protection Agency*

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) section 1459F authorizes the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish the Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program. This grant program assists medium and large size public water systems with protecting drinking water sources from natural hazards, extreme weather events, and cybersecurity threats.

Closing Date for Applications: 10/06/2025

- **Partners for Fish and Wildlife**, *U.S. Department of Interior*

The U.S. DOI Fish and Wildlife Service provides free technical and financial assistance to landowners, managers, tribes, corporations, schools and nonprofits interested in improving wildlife habitat on their land. Project work may include restoring forest, prairie, wetland and stream habitat for wildlife.

Closing Date for Applications: 9/30/2025



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USDA Rural Development Loan and Grant Programs for Infrastructure

- [Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program](#), *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development provides loan guarantees to eligible lenders to develop essential community facilities in rural areas. Projects include fire and rescue stations, town halls, health care clinics and hospitals.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

- [Electric Infrastructure Loan and Loan Guarantee Program](#), *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development finances the construction of electric distribution facilities and improvements to electric service in rural areas.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

- [Multifamily Housing Loan Guarantee Program](#), *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development works with qualified private-sector lenders to provide financing to qualified borrowers to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low- and moderate-income individuals and families in eligible rural areas and towns.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

- [Multifamily Housing Rental Assistance Program](#), *U.S. Department of Agriculture*



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USDA Rural Development provides payments directly to the owners of USDA financed rural rental or farm labor housing on behalf of eligible tenants who cannot afford to pay their full rent.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

➤ **On-Farm Labor Housing Loans**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development provides low-interest loans to eligible borrowers to develop or rehabilitate rental housing for very-low- to moderate-income farm laborers.

Closing Date for Applications: **Open until funds are depleted**

➤ **Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes; or grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards to their homes.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

➤ **Water & Waste Disposal Loan & Grant Program**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development provides funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage and solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

➤ **Water & Waste Disposal Loan Guarantees**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*



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USDA Rural Development helps private lenders provide affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

- [Water and Waste Disposal Pre-development Planning Grants, U.S. Department of Agriculture](#)

USDA Rural Development helps private lenders provide affordable financing to qualified borrowers to improve access to clean, reliable water and waste disposal systems in rural areas.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

Rural Grant Programs for Hospitals

- [Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program, Health Resources and Services Administration](#)

A federally funded initiative that offers comprehensive technical assistance to rural hospitals to address financial and operational challenges and maintain essential health services for their communities.

Closing Date for Applications: 9/30/2025

Funding Opportunities for Tribes

- [Native American Affairs: Emergency Drought Relief for Tribes Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Section 80004, Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

The Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Program (IHBG-COMP) provides competitive grant opportunities to eligible IHBG formula recipients



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under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) to carry out eligible affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Tribal families.

Closing Date for Applications: 1/15/2026

➤ **Native American Affairs: Emergency Drought Relief for Tribes Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, Section 80004**, *Bureau of Reclamation*

Activities funded through this Program must provide near-term drought relief actions that mitigate drought impacts for Tribes who are impacted by the operation of a Reclamation water project. The Program's objectives are to assist eligible Tribes to develop, manage and protect their water and related resources to mitigate the adverse impacts of drought. To be consistent with the purposes of the Act, proposals should meet one or more of the following objectives: Mitigate drought impacts, Increase drought resiliency, Reduce reliance on declining water sources, Increase the efficiency of water deliveries, Mitigate the loss of water and related Tribal trust resources, or Address drinking water shortages.

Closing Date for Applications: 10/14/2025

➤ **Grants for Rural and Native Alaskan Villages**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development offers this program to help remote Alaskan villages provide safe, reliable drinking water and waste-disposal systems for households and businesses.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

➤ **Water and Waste Facility Loans and Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*



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USDA Rural Development helps get safe, reliable drinking water and waste-disposal services to low-income communities that face significant health risks.

Closing Date for Applications: NA

- **[Water and Waste Facility Loans and Grants to Alleviate Health Risks on Tribal Lands](#)**, *U.S. Department of Agriculture*

USDA Rural Development helps get safe, reliable drinking water and waste-disposal services to low-income communities that face significant health risks.

Closing Date for Applications: NA