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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.

UPDATE -- Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Community Project Funding:

My office has begun receiving submissions for "Community Project Requests". Please follow this [link](#) to submit your request. Please see this [document](#) for information pertaining to the Community Projects process for governments within Nevada, and the additional information below.

Public entities, such as state, local, or tribal governments, interested in funding a specific project in Nevada, may submit Community Project Requests for FY 2027. Nonprofits will not be eligible for this funding. All requests are received jointly by my office and Senator Rosen's office.

For guidance and examples of funding opportunities please consult [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2027 Community Project Funding Guidance and Accounts](#).



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If you have any questions, please contact Kurt_Lynch@cortezmasto.senate.gov.

Examples of Past Community Project Funding Secured for Nevadans by Senator Cortez Masto:

- Carson City Sheriff's Office – Rapid DNA Instrument - \$450 thousand
- Clark County - Technology for South Site Emergency Operations Center - \$1 million
- City of Baker - Water Infrastructure Upgrades - \$3.9 million
- College of Southern Nevada - Fire Technology - \$305 thousand
- City of West Wendover – Community Center - \$7.8 million
- City of Sparks – Water Reclamation Backup Power Systems - \$3.8 million

Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking Executive Order:

On August 7, 2025, the Trump Administration on 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 that 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, in some cases, injunctions have been issued, my



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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 the impact these actions have on Nevada. Recognizing this is a fluid situation, please let me know if there is any information you can share by answering 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 in blue ink that reads "Catherine Cortez Masto".

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.

NAVA Federal Grant Finder

Leveraging [NAVA's Federal Grant Finder](#), the OFA provides an intuitive, user-friendly platform that simplifies the search and application process for over 1,000 federal grant programs.

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.

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



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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

Workforce Development

- [Next Gen STEM NASA Aerospace Skilled Technical Workforce Hubs, National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#)

This cooperative agreement solicitation seeks proposals to establish state or regionally focused hubs that address critical shortages in the aerospace skilled technical workforce and strengthen alignment between education, workforce systems, industry, and NASA missions.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/20/2026

- [The Reentry Employment in Skilled Trades, Advanced Manufacturing, Registered Apprenticeships, and Training \(RESTART\) Initiative, Department of Labor](#)

RESTART supports the advancement of workforce readiness skills and the attainment of employment for ex-offenders across three populations: youth (ages 15-17 years old), young adults (ages 18-24 years old), and adults (ages 25 years old and above). Funds will be awarded to eligible entities to develop programs to train ex-offenders for high-need American jobs and assist them in being productive contributors to the U.S. economy.

Closing Date for Applications: 4/15/2026

- [Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants, Department of Labor](#)

Round 6 of the Strengthening Community Colleges (SCC or SCC6) grants will fund community colleges, with a singular focus on building program and system capacity for implementing and scaling access to short-term training opportunities through Workforce Pell Grants—i.e., promoting industry-driven strategies, worker



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mobility, and integration with the larger state workforce system (e.g., Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) partners) for statewide impact.

Closing Date for Applications: 5/20/2026

Veteran Cemetery Resources

➤ [Veterans Legacy Grants Program](#), *Department of Veterans Affairs*

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) is awarding grants up to a maximum of \$400,000 per recipient through the Veterans Legacy Grants Program (VLGP). Grant recipients would provide tools for the public to learn about the histories of Veterans interred in national cemeteries and state, territorial, and Tribal Veterans cemeteries. There is special interest in highlighting the histories of Veterans who have significant connections to their local communities.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/27/2026

➤ [Veterans Cemetery Grants](#), *Department of Veterans Affairs*

This grant administered by the VA National Cemetery Administration, supports the development, expansion, and improvement of veteran's cemeteries at the state, tribal, and county levels. This federal grant aims to ensure dignified burial options for veterans and their eligible family members, especially those not served by national veteran's cemeteries. The funder seeks projects that meet rigorous federal standards for site selection, construction, and operation, with a strong emphasis on compliance with the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA). Outcomes expected include expanded access to quality burial services for veterans, improved cemetery infrastructure, and alignment with federal priorities for veteran care.

Closing Date for Applications: 7/1/2026



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Veterinary Services

➤ [Veterinary Services Grant Program](#), *Department of Agriculture*

Veterinarians play significant roles in assuring food and fiber animal health, food safety and security, public health, and producer profitability, especially in rural areas of the United States where most livestock production occurs. The VSGP, Assistance Listing 10.336, and its companion Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (VMLRP), authorized by the National Veterinary Medical Services Act (NVMSA), were established to address concerns that long-term uneven distributions in the veterinary workforce have left some rural communities with insufficient access to food/large animal veterinary services.

Closing Date for Applications: 4/16/2026

Wildfire

➤ [Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings](#), *Environmental Protection Agency*

This program provides grants to states, federally recognized Tribes, public pre-schools, local educational agencies, and non-profit organizations for the assessment, prevention, control, or abatement of wildfire smoke hazards in community buildings and related activities. These grants are intended to support activities that will reduce indoor exposure to pollutants in wildfire smoke and, in turn, reduce the public health burden of wildfire smoke exposure.

Closing Date for Applications: 4/15/2026



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Education and Research

- [Pilot Program to Increase Research Capacity at Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Other Minority-Serving Institutions](#), *Department of Defense*

This solicitation invites applications (also referred to as “proposals”) to increase the capacity of eligible institutions to achieve very high research activity status on the Carnegie Classification scale. The proposals must align with the research areas of interest to the DoW (which includes the USW(R&E) and the ARL) and enhance the education of students in areas of STEM that align with the DoW research interests.

Closing Date for Applications: 4/10/2026

AmeriCorps

- [FY 2026 AmeriCorps State and National Grants](#), *AmeriCorps*

This grant offers federal funding to organizations across the U.S. to engage AmeriCorps members in service activities that strengthen communities and foster civic engagement. AmeriCorps seeks projects that address behavioral health, workforce development, veteran support, environmental resilience, and more—especially in underserved and high-need communities. Funded programs must use evidence-based practices, enroll at least 20 AmeriCorps members, and deliver measurable community outcomes. Funding models include cost-reimbursement (with matching requirements) and fixed-amount grants (such as Education Award Programs). Applications are due March 31, 2026, with awards announced by mid-August.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/31/2026



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Department of Justice Programs

➤ **OJJDP FY25 Second Chance Act Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Parents and Their Minor Children**, *Department of Justice*

This NOFO will provide funding to develop or expand programs in juvenile and adult detention or correctional facilities to respond to the needs of incarcerated parents and their children to reduce the likelihood of antisocial behaviors, future involvement in the juvenile justice system, and recidivism; and support responsible parenting that leads to healthy child development, resiliency, and improved interactions among incarcerated parents and their minor children, family, and community members.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/30/2026

➤ **OJJDP FY25 Second Chance Act Youth Reentry Program**, *Department of Justice*

This NOFO will provide funding to support states, units of local government, and federally recognized Native American Tribal governments in partnership with interested persons (including federal corrections and supervision agencies), service providers, and community-based organizations to provide (1) comprehensive reentry services for moderate- to high-risk youth before, during, and after release from confinement, and (2) support transitional services to assist youth to successfully reenter the community.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/30/2026

➤ **OJJDP FY25 Victims of Child Abuse Act Training and Technical Assistance for Child Abuse Prosecutors**, *Department of Justice*



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This NOFO will support attorneys who improve the quality of investigation and criminal prosecution of child abuse cases, including child physical abuse, child sexual abuse, technology-facilitated child exploitation, and child fatalities.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/30/2026

➤ **BJA FY25 Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative**, *Department of Justice*

This funding opportunity seeks to address firearm-related crime through the establishment and expansion of Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs). This initiative is a partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to assist local law enforcement in utilizing intelligence and technology, swiftly identifying crime guns and their sources, and effectively prosecuting perpetrators. Please see the Eligible Applicants section for the eligibility criteria.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/30/2026

➤ **BJA FY25 Public Safety and Mental Health Initiative**, *Department of Justice*

This NOFO supports comprehensive service networks addressing untreated mental illness and substance use at the intersection of mental health, substance use, and justice systems. This program responds to the growing burden of endemic vagrancy, disorderly behavior and public safety threats faced by law enforcement agencies. These agencies are often positioned as first responders to situations better addressed by health and social service systems. Law enforcement and justice agencies nationwide need actionable alternatives that prioritize both public order and appropriate treatment settings for those experiencing mental illness or substance use disorders. Specifically, this initiative provides funding to support activities through four core areas: (1) crisis stabilization centers; (2) treatment



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services; (3) housing access; and (4) electronic health record (EHR) systems and technology modernization.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/30/2026

➤ **BJA FY25 Strengthening Community Supervision Agency Operations Program**, *Department of Justice*

This NOFO will support state, local, and tribal community supervision agencies to develop more effective probation and parole programs and improve supervision outcomes by strengthening operations to prevent recidivism and reduce violent crime. Please see the Eligible Applicants section for the eligibility criteria.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/19/2026

➤ **BJA FY25 Smart Reentry Demonstration Program**, *Department of Justice*

This NOFO will support state, local, and tribal community supervision agencies to develop more effective probation and parole programs and improve supervision outcomes by strengthening operations to prevent recidivism and reduce violent crime. Please see the Eligible Applicants section for the eligibility criteria.

Closing Date for Applications: 3/19/2026

➤ **Facilitator Training for Victim Offender Dialogue**, *Department of Justice*

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) has a long history of developing and delivering post-conviction victim service resources to support Victim Services Coordinators across the 50 state departments of correction. These coordinators manage a wide range of responsibilities, many of which are mandated by state constitutions, statutes, or administrative rules. One such responsibility is providing opportunities for victims/survivors—or their family members—to meet with the individual who committed the crime. These interactions, often called Victim



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Offender Dialogue (VOD), allow victims to share how the crime has impacted their lives and to ask questions that may never have been addressed.

Closing Date for Applications: 4/17/2026

Wetland Development

- [Region 9 Fiscal Year 2025 Wetland Program Development Grants, Environmental Protection Agency](#)

Wetland Program Development Grants (WPDGs) assist state, Tribal, territory (Insular Areas), local government agencies, and interstate or intertribal entities in developing or refining state, Tribal, territory, or local programs that protect, manage, and restore wetlands. The goals of the EPA's wetland program include increasing the quantity and quality of wetlands in the U.S. by conserving and restoring wetland acreage and improving wetland condition. In pursuing these goals, the EPA seeks to develop the capacity of all levels of government to develop and/or refine effective, comprehensive programs for wetland protection and management. This is done through the use of the Core Elements of a Wetlands Program, the Wetlands Program Core Elements Framework and for states and Tribes the development of Wetland Program Plans (WPP).

Closing Date for Applications: 4/13/2026

Housing

- [Capital Improvements for At-Risk/Receivership/Substandard/Troubled Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)

\$11,500,000 shall be to support the costs of administrative and judicial receiverships and for competitive grants to PHAs in receivership, designated troubled or substandard, or otherwise at risk, as determined by the Secretary, for



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costs associated with public housing asset improvement, in addition to other amounts for that purpose provided under any heading under this title.

Closing Date for Applications: 4/28/2026

Small Business

➤ **Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program**, *Department of Agriculture*

Provides loans and grants to Microenterprise Development Organizations (MDOs) to provide training and technical assistance to microloan borrowers and micro entrepreneurs.

Closing Date for Applications: 6/30/2026

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



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- [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*

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.



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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*

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

Funding Opportunities for Tribes

- [Grants for Rural and Native Alaskan Villages](#), *U.S. Department of Agriculture*



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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*

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*

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Closing Date for Applications: NA