

## FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS: All Rivers Eligible

### APPALACHIAN REGIONAL INITIATIVE FOR STRONGER ECONOMIES (ARISE) | Appalachian Regional Commission

**Eligible Applicants:** Local development districts, tribes, states, local governments, institutions of higher education, nonprofits located in the 13-state ARC region.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Planning or implementation grants for projects must serve and benefit, at a minimum, two states within a portion of the Appalachian Region that help strengthen Appalachian business and industry, and to grow and support the development of new opportunities across multiple states. It also must address at least one of ARC's priorities: building workforce development, building businesses, building infrastructure, building regional culture and tourism, or building leaders and community capacity.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Up to \$500,000 for planning grants and up to \$10 M for implementation grants.

**Funding Cycle:** Currently closed but ARC is actively working on the next phase of ARISE and plans to release an updated NOSA in the future.

### AREA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM | Appalachian Regional Commission

**Eligible Applicants:** Governmental entities located in the 13-state ARC region.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Two general investment areas: critical infrastructure and business and workforce development. Critical infrastructure investments mainly include water and wastewater systems, transportation networks, broadband, and other projects anchoring regional economic development. Additionally, port, dock, and other boat launch-site improvements to bolster trade, tourism, and serve the local economy is eligible.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Varies, depending on economic status of the community. Maximum dollar amount also varies depending on the project type, but generally ranges from \$500,000 for smaller initiatives to upwards of \$1 M for larger construction projects. Planning projects are typically capped around \$50,000.

**Funding Cycle:** All ARC Area Development grant proposals originate at the state level in consultation with the ARC state program manager.

### BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANT PROGRAM | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Eligible Applicants:** Local governments, local public authorities, school districts, special districts, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Provides funding to inventory, characterize, assess, conduct a range of planning activities, develop site-specific cleanup plans, and conduct community involvement related to known or suspected brownfield sites.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** No match required; maximum amounts: Community-wide Grant: \$500,000, Assessment Coalition Grants: \$1.2 M, Multipurpose Grants: \$1 M

**Funding Cycle:** Annual program; current cycle just closed on 11/14/24; anticipate similar timing in 2025.

### BROWNFIELDS CLEAN UP GRANTS | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Eligible Applicants:** Local governments, local public authorities, school districts, special districts, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** To carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. Funds may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and/or hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants. Can address either a single brownfield site or multiple brownfield sites within the same application.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Depending on project, grants range from \$500,000 - \$4 M; may be required to provide 20% non-federal match.

**Funding Cycle:** Annual program; current cycle just closed on 11/14/24; anticipate similar timing in 2025.

## FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS: All Rivers Eligible (cont'd)

### COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CIF) | Delta Regional Authority

**Eligible Applicants:** Local governments, nonprofits, regional and economic development organizations, community-based organizations, educational institutions, and Tribes. WV portion of Big Sandy is not eligible as it is not in the Delta Region.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Projects that address flood control, basic public infrastructure, and transportation infrastructure improvements, which includes roadways, bridges, rail, port facilities, airports, and other structures.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Grants between \$500,000 - \$2 M.

**Funding Cycle:** Ongoing

### DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Eligible Applicants:** States, regional or local organizations, port authorities, cities, counties, metropolitan planning organizations, and Tribal governments.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** EPA offers funding to accelerate the upgrade and turnover of the nation's legacy diesel engine fleet. Eligible activities include the retrofit or replacement of existing diesel engines, vehicles, and equipment with the EPA and California Air Resources Board certified engine configurations and verified retrofit and idle reduction technologies.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Grant program for states: 50% match required. The maximum amount available is dependent on the number of participants.

**Funding Cycle:** Annual program; typically in early November (most recently was 11/8/24).

### INFRA | U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)

**Eligible Applicants:** State or group of States, local and tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Mostly highway / freight projects; the eligible project type applicable here: "Freight project that is: an intermodal or rail project, or within the boundaries of a public or private freight rail, water (including ports), or intermodal facility, is a surface transportation infrastructure project necessary to facilitate direct intermodal interchange, transfer, or access into or out of the facility, and will significantly improve freight movement on the National Highway Freight Network."

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Grant for up to 60% of total project costs; Small Projects = minimum \$5 M grant, Large Projects = minimum \$25 M grant.

**Funding Cycle:** Annual program, typically in May.

### PORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM | Maritime Administration

**Eligible Applicants:** Port authority, state or political subdivision of a state or local government, a tribal government, a public agency or publicly-chartered authority established by one or more states, or a special purpose district with a transportation function.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Projects that will improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Minimum \$1M, no maximum, 20% match required.

**Funding Cycle:** Annual program, typically in May.

### PORT SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM | FEMA

**Eligible Applicants:** Port authorities, facility operators, and state, territorial, and local government agencies.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Projects that address one or both of the National Priorities: enhancing cybersecurity or enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Must provide 25% cost-share.

**Funding Cycle:** Varies between every year, and every other year with typical announcement date between April and May.

## FEDERAL FUNDING PROGRAMS: All Rivers Eligible (cont'd)

### PUBLIC WORKS & ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS | U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)

**Eligible Applicants:** States, cities, counties; Indian tribes; and private or public nonprofits representing a redevelopment area or a designated economic development center.

**Eligible Use of Funds: Public Works:** Construction and/or infrastructure projects that meet the needs of communities to enable them to become more economically competitive. Must be tied directly to job retention or creation.

**EAA:** Supports a wide range of construction and non-construction activities including infrastructure, design and engineering, technical assistance, and economic recovery strategies.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** 50% of total project costs, up to \$3 M.

**Funding Cycle:** Ongoing basis.

### REBUILDING AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE WITH SUSTAINABILITY AND EQUITY (RAISE) | USDOT

**Eligible Applicants:** State, local and tribal governments, transit agencies, port authorities, metropolitan planning organizations, and other political subdivisions of State or local governments.

**Eligible Use of Funds: 1. Capital Projects relevant to the rivers:** Port infrastructure investments (including inland port infrastructure and land ports of entry); **2. Planning Projects:** Planning, preparation, or design— of eligible capital projects. Various activities including development of port and regional port planning grants.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** 80% of project costs up to \$25 M.

**Funding Cycle:** Known future deadlines: FY 2025 Deadline: January 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm Eastern  
FY 2026 Deadline: January 13, 2026 at 11:59 pm Eastern.

### TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AND INNOVATION ACT (TIFIA) | USDOT

**Eligible Applicants:** Sponsors of transit projects eligible for assistance under Chapter 53 of Title 49, U.S. Code and sponsors of transit oriented development projects eligible for assistance under 23 U.S.C. §601(a)(12)(E).

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Projects that construct or improve public transportation systems, including any capital project or associated improvement eligible for FTA funding, such as ferry systems.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Projects must be at least \$10 M in size and may borrow up to 49% of eligible project costs that meet certain eligibility requirements.

**Funding Cycle:** Ongoing basis, starting with a Letter of Interest.

### UNITED STATES MARINE HIGHWAY PROGRAM (USMHP) | MARITIME ADMINISTRATION

**Eligible Applicants:** State, political subdivision of a state or local government, metropolitan planning organization, port authority, Tribal government, private sector operators of marine highway projects or private sector owner of facilities. Private applicants require an endorsement letter from the current marine highway route sponsor. All applicants must serve a designated US Marine Highway.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Projects that: 1) provide a coordinated and capable alternative to landside transportation; mitigate or relieve landside congestion; promote Marine Highway Transportation; or use vessels; and 2) develop, expand, or promote Marine Highway Transportation or shipper use of Marine Highway Transportation are also eligible.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Under this program there is no maximum or minimum up to 80% of project costs.

**Funding Cycle:** Currently closed, last cycle was 4/28/23; unsure of next cycle.

## KENTUCKY PROGRAMS: All Rivers Eligible

### GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ACCELERATING NEEDED TRANSFORMATION (GRANT) | KENTUCKY CABINET FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**Eligible Applicants:** Local governments or 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organizations engaged in public benefits improvements.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Eligible uses relevant to the rivers:

- Enhance economic vitality, including revitalization of structures with a public purpose or benefit
- Create/expand recreational facilities, such as boat docking and fishing piers
- Construct/expand facilities that promote or enhance economic development or tourism opportunities

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Supplies the non-federal match to an awarded federal grant, typically 20% of project costs.

**Funding Cycle:** The GRANT Program of 2024 will close on December 31, 2026. Eligible projects must submit by the 1st of each month.

### KENTUCKY PUBLIC RIVERPORT CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE | KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

**Eligible Applicants:** Kentucky local governments or economic development authorities in an economic development district.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Eligible projects under this program are for new construction and major replacement or repair projects, including docks, wharves, equipment, port buildings, storage facilities, roads and railroads to facilitate the flow of commerce through the port.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Eligible applicants can receive up to \$750,000.

**Funding Cycle:** Ongoing application cycle until funds are completely allocated.

### KENTUCKY RIVERPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM | KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET

**Eligible Applicants:** Public Riverport Authorities actively operating within Kentucky.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Eligible projects under this program include dredging operations, improvement of riverport facilities or infrastructure, as well as acquisition / maintenance of critical material handling equipment.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Eligible applicants can apply for funds from the \$500,000 allocation for the program.

**Funding Cycle:** Funds are provided annually from the General Fund each fiscal year. When KRI funding is made available, the Cabinet Secretary will distribute the call for applications.

## WEST VIRGINIA PROGRAMS: Big Sandy River Only

### BROWNFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS | Department of Environmental Protection

**Eligible Applicants:** West Virginia local government entities, nonprofits, and private sector businesses.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Eligible projects cover a broad range of cleanup activities that include excavating and removing contaminants, treating contaminated soil or groundwater, demolishing contaminated structures, or managing storm water run-off.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Low-interest loans, ranging from 0% to 1.5% term up to 10 years.

**Funding Cycle:** Ongoing application cycle, until funds are completely allocated.

### WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROGRAM | Department of Environmental Protection

**Eligible Applicants:** Currently not available, monitor for the next funding announcement to include a listing of eligible applicants.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** This program provides funding for planning and administrative activities related to water quality, as well as funds projects related to water quality planning efforts around the state.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Terms not available currently, the next funding announcement to include funding amounts.

**Funding Cycle:** Opens January 1st, 2025, and closes June 15th, 2025.

## TENNESSEE PROGRAMS: Cumberland River Only

### WATERWAYS ACCESSIBILITY FOR TENNESSEE RECREATION | Tennessee Vacation Agency

**Eligible Applicants:** Tennessee marinas that are registered with the Tennessee Secretary of State and remits an annual payment in lieu of tax (PILOT) as well as a property tax assessment through the county in which the marina is located.

**Eligible Use of Funds:** Marketing or infrastructure projects that enhance the operation of the marina or experience for the visitor.

**Loan or Grant Terms:** Up to 1/3 of total previous years' payment in lieu of tax ("PILOT") and property taxes assessed by the county in which the marina is located.

**Funding Cycle:** May 2, 2025 at 2:00pm CT.

January	February	March	April
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RAISE</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>United States Marine Highway Program</li> <li>Port Security Grant Program</li> </ul>
May	June	July	August
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Port Infrastructure Development Program</li> <li>INFRA</li> <li>Waterways Accessibility for Tennessee Recreation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Quality Management Planning Program</li> </ul>		
September	October	November	December
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diesel Emissions Reduction</li> <li>Brownfields Assessment &amp; Cleanup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation</li> </ul>
Ongoing			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TIFIA</li> <li>Public Works &amp; Economic Adjustment Assistance</li> <li>Kentucky Public Riverport Construction &amp; Maintenance</li> <li>WV Brownfield Revolving Loan Funds</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area Development Program</li> <li>Community Infrastructure Fund</li> <li>Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation</li> </ul>	