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Funding Spotlight Transportation

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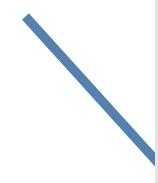


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Today's Topics

- Panelist Introduction
- **Starter Questions for Panelists**
- Highlight 3-5 Projects for Context ightarrow
- Participant Q&A •

Federal Program Review

What is happening?

- Funding pauses and funding stops
- Executive Orders consistency reviews Reviews and plans of action were due 02/07/25.

• Adaptations in progress

More pausing may occur. Cancellations begun for awards issued since 01/20/21 involving DEI, advancing environmental justice, or undocumented alien programs, services, or activities.

• Personnel reductions Part 1

Buy outs. Probationary (<2 yrs) employees released from service. Agency plans due 03/13/25. Reductions may affect timing of agreements, reimbursements, etc.

Be patient Have contingency plans

Federal Program Review

What will happen?

Continuing resolution ends 03/14/25

Potential date for full or partial federal government shutdown. Shutdown usually results in reimbursement and services freeze.

• Personnel reductions Part 2*

Management consolidation (reorganization plan) due 04/14/25 with implementation by 09/30/25. Expected to affect timing of agreements, reimbursements, other actions.

*Exemptions for law enforcement, national security, public safety, military positions, postal service, Executive Office of the President

Prepare for:

- slow response times
- long reimbursement times (cash flow)

Climate Resilience Funding Changes

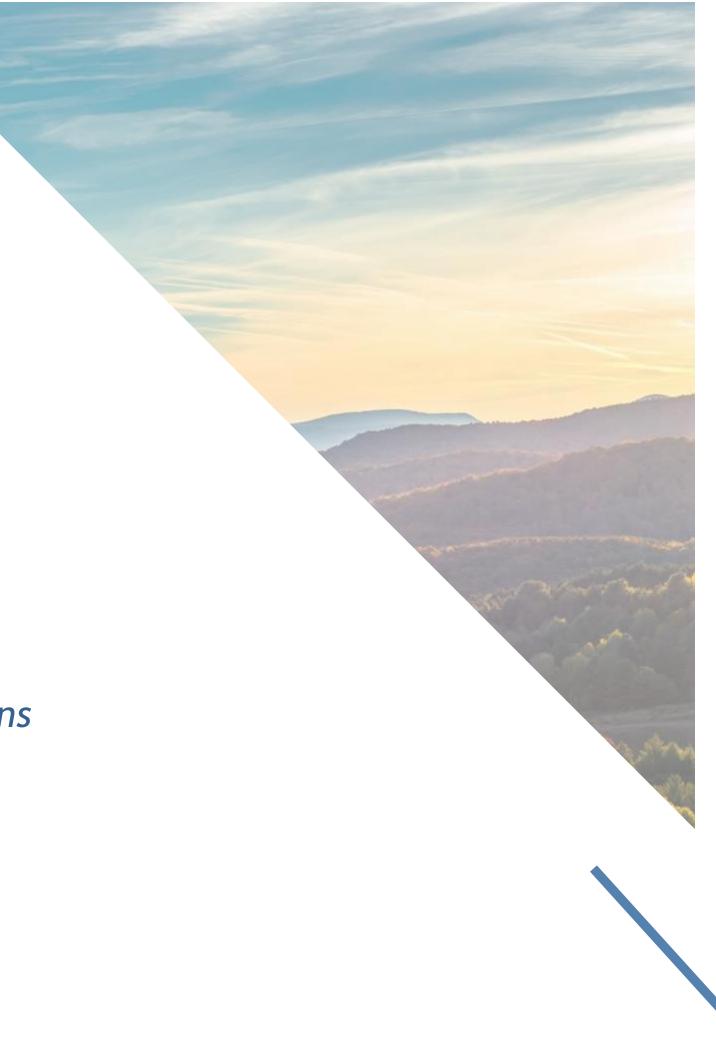
Funding Notice Modifications

- Climate change \rightarrow Changing conditions and extreme • weather events
- Disadvantaged communities \rightarrow Areas of persistent poverty, • vulnerable individuals, low-income communities, **Opportunity Zones**
- EVs, EV infrastructure, GHG reductions \rightarrow removed as eligible activities

Navigating Uncertainty

Addressing Transitions

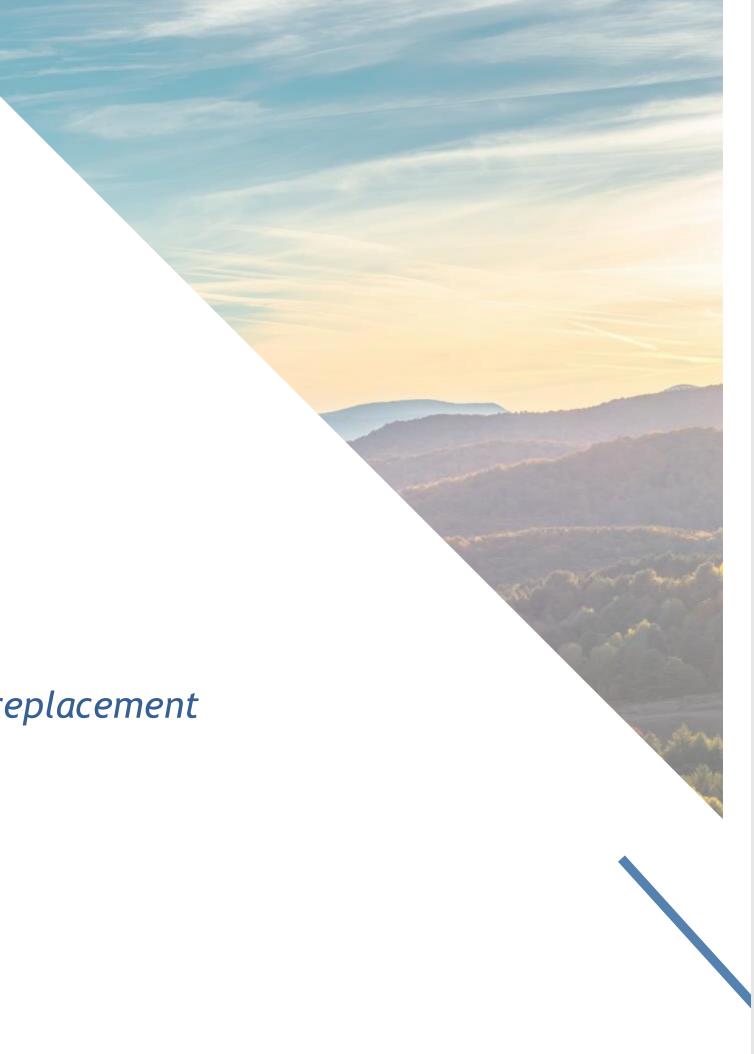
- Read NOFOs carefully
 - Pay attention to priorities for funding
 - Ensure your municipality will accept award conditions
- Adapt your language
 Use language in the NOFOs
 Include and treat everyone equally



Adapting to Federal Funding Transitions

Focus on <u>federal</u> benefits

 Benefit the economy, workforce, and families
 Be data driven
 Have strong co-funding - higher local match
 Rely on non-federal funding for maintenance and replacement





Adapting to Federal Funding Transitions

- Keep commitments made
 - Deliver what you promise application and agreement Focus on performance
 - o required policies and procedures in place and used
 - o progress and financial reporting on time
 - local match included and documented
 - o metrics for success included and achieved

Climate Resilience Funding Sample Data Sources - National



Climate Resilience Funding Sample Data Sources - State

Have questions? Let us know!

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- Point 2 ≻Text
- Point 3 ≻text



Upcoming Funding Spotlights

Community Economic Development - November 11 \bullet

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