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The GS PathFinder: Your Free Resource Library

GrantStation's **FREE PathFinder** is a resource library designed to help you sharpen your skills, grow your career, and follow developments in the nonprofit and philanthropic worlds. It covers everything grant-related as well as fundraising, organizational and professional development, and sector trends.

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National Opportunities

[Music Therapy Programs Supported](#)

ACM Lifting Lives, the philanthropic partner of the Academy of Country Music, is dedicated to improving lives through the power of music.

[Program Helps K-12 Schools Serve Quality Meals](#)

Get Schools Cooking, a program of Chef Ann Foundation, provides support for school districts in the U.S. who want to transition their food service operations from heat-and-serve processed foods to whole foods that are cooked from scratch.

[Funding Advances the Live Performing Arts](#)

The Shubert Foundation is dedicated to sustaining and advancing the live performing arts in the United States.

[Children's Book Donations Available to Nonprofits](#)

The Lisa Libraries donates children's books to nonprofit organizations across the United States.

Regional Opportunities

\$12 Million Funding Opportunity Benefits Oregon Communities

Meyer Memorial Trust accelerates racial, social, and economic justice for the collective well-being of Oregon's lands and peoples.

Grants Provided for Student Energy Innovation Projects

Through the E2 Energy to Educate grant program, Constellation provides funding for student projects in company communities that focus on energy innovation.

Efforts Sustaining Healthy Land and Water in Minnesota Funded

The Mortenson Family Foundation's Sustaining Environmental Systems program area strives to enable all Minnesotans to have equitable and sustainable access to healthy land and water.

Support Targets Health and Economic Resilience in PA, NY, WV, and DE

The Highmark corporate giving program, Highmark Bright Blue Futures, provides grant and sponsorship support to improve the quality of life in the communities Highmark serves in Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, and Delaware.

Federal Opportunities

Funds Available for Marine Mammal Rescue Efforts

The John H. Prescott Marine Mammal Rescue Assistance Grant Program, administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, provides assistance to eligible members of the National Marine Mammal Stranding Network and collaborators.

Small Museums Supported

The Inspire! Grants for Small Museums initiative supports small museums of all disciplines in project-based efforts to serve the public.

The Carson Scholars Fund seeks to combat the American education crisis by discovering promise and rewarding excellence in U.S. schools. The Think Big Reading Rooms program provides funding for schools to purchase high-interest books, furniture, and decor to create a literacy-rich environment that fosters a love of reading and learning. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

The Tumbleweed Fund, formerly the Golson Family Fund, seeks to improve quality of life and the condition of the planet by funding grassroots organizations in Colorado. The Fund's areas of interest include sustainable farming, gardening, and food growing; motherhood and children; the environment and conservation; and social issues. [Learn more](#) about the funding guidelines and application process.

Community Facilities Programs

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

USDA Rural Development offers direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants to develop or improve essential public services and facilities in communities across rural America. Projects include fire and rescue stations, village and town halls, health care clinics, hospitals, adult and childcare centers, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers, public buildings, schools, libraries, and many other community-based initiatives. **Application Deadline: Open**

[*Community Facilities Success Story*](#)

[USDA Rural Development Helps Search & Rescue Team Save Lives](#)

Each year, Wolfe County, Kentucky, sees tens of thousands of rock climbers, hikers, and other outdoor enthusiasts who visit Red River Gorge and surrounding recreational areas. Anyone who's spent any time in the woods can tell you, sometimes bad stuff happens. Not only does the team handle a high volume of calls for service, but they also respond to a wide range of calls, from lost hikers to injured kayakers and rock climbers. The team can respond faster and handle more situations thanks to the help of [USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Programs!](#)

[Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development offers this program that provides loan guarantees funding to assist in the development, construction and retrofitting of new and emerging technologies for: [advanced biofuels](#), [renewable chemicals](#) and [biobased products](#). **Letter of Intent: Required by 9/2/2024; Application by: 10/1/2024**

[Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC)

DOC National Telecommunications and Information Administration offers this program to support efforts to achieve digital equity, promote digital inclusion activities, and spur greater adoption and meaningful use of broadband. Special provisions provided for rural communities, tribal organizations, and more covered entities to assist in the costs associated with hardware and construction of broadband. **Application Deadline: 9/23/2024**

[Rural Energy for America Program \(REAP\) Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Loans & Grants](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development offers this program to which provides funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. **Application Deadline: 9/30/2024**

[Higher Blends Infrastructure Incentive Program \(HBIIIP\)](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development offers this program to increase the sales and use of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel by expanding the infrastructure for renewable fuels derived from U.S. agricultural products. The program is also intended to encourage a more comprehensive approach to market higher blends by sharing the costs related to building out biofuel-related infrastructure. **Application Deadline: 9/30/2024**

[Intermediary Relending Program](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Rural Development offers funds to local lenders or "intermediaries" that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create new opportunities in rural communities. [Federal Register](#). **Application Deadline: To your [RD State Office](#) Quarterly**

[Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD will select up to 25 communities to develop and execute a coordinated community

approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. At **least 8 of the selected communities will be rural**. Applicants must be a collaborative registered through the most recent Continuum of Care Program. **Application Deadline: 8/29/2024**

[Landowner Cost Share Payment Programs for Climate AND Landowner Payment Programs for Carbon](#)

U.S. Department of Agriculture

USDA Forest Service, through their [Forest Landowner Support Programming](#), provides opportunities to issue cost share payments to landowners for various climate mitigation and/or forest resilience practices. **Both Application Due: 9/30/2024**

[Foundation for Rural Service Community Grant Program](#)

Foundation for Rural Service (FRS)

FRS offers this program to support local efforts to build and sustain a high quality of life in rural communities. Focus areas include business development, community development, education, and telecommunications. **Application Deadline: 9/9/2024**

[YouthBuild Grants](#)

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)

DOL Employment and Training Administration program to support organizations that provide pre-apprenticeship services, including education, occupational skills training, and employment services, to opportunity youth aged 16 to 24. Applicants must include construction skills training and may include occupational skills training in other in-demand industries. **Application Deadline: 9/16/2024**

[Good Jobs Challenge](#)

U.S. Department of Commerce

The U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) offers this [program](#) to support regional workforce training systems in designing and implementing activities for established sectoral partnerships that meet the existing and emerging skill needs of employers and that train and place program participants into good jobs. [USDA and EDA Joint Resource Guide](#). **Application Deadline: 9/27/2024**

[Reconnecting Communities Pilot Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

DOT offers funding to support projects that reconnect communities by removing, retrofitting, or mitigating highways or other transportation facilities that create barriers to community connectivity. The program seeks to award funding to rural and tribal communities that face unique challenges related to mobility and economic development. **Application Deadline: 9/30/2024**

[National Association of Realtors Rural Outreach Grant](#)

National Association of Realtors

This grant opportunity is for state and local realtor association initiatives supporting a wide range of rural issues such as broadband, well and septic, open space preservation, environmental standards, disaster prevention, and planning issues. Rural providers, facilities, and programs may approach local realtor associations with potential projects. **Application Deadline: 10/15/2024**

[Pathways to Removing Obstacles to Housing \(PRO Housing\)](#)

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

HUD offers funding opportunities for state and local governments to identify and remove barriers

to affordable housing production and preservation that help meet the demand for accessible and available housing in urban, rural, and tribal communities. **Application Deadline: 10/15/2024**

[Community Change Grants Program](#)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

EPA offers grants for community driven investments providing meaningful engagement for equitable governance. **Application Deadline: 11/21/2024**

[USDA RD's Tribal Relations Team Launches a Refreshed Webpage!](#)

USDA Rural Development (RD) places a high value in its relationship with Tribes, American Indians, and Alaska Natives. The updated webpage features a calendar of events, a special section highlighting RD programs with Tribal set asides, and a new section designed to share RD's Tribal Policy, Technical Assistance, News Releases, Success Stories, and other resources for Tribes such as a link to the new Bureau of Indian Affairs [Access to Capital Clearinghouse](#).

[Access to Capital Clearinghouse](#)

This One-stop location is designed for Tribes to find Funding and Technical Assistance. It includes multi-agency resources and is hosted by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Clearinghouse is designed to improve awareness, access, and utilization of federal funding for Tribal governments, Tribal enterprises, Native entrepreneurs, and Native Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs).

[Tribal Climate Resilience Annual Awards Program](#)

U.S. Department of Interior (DOI)

DOI Bureau of Indian Affairs provides funding to federally-recognized tribes and tribal organizations to build climate resilience capacity. **Application Deadline: 10/18/2024**

[Tribal Tourism Grant Program](#)

U.S. Department of Interior

DOI Office of Indian Economic Development offers this program to support tribal economic development and fulfill the mission of the [NATIVE Act](#) by providing funding for tribes to conduct [feasibility studies](#) to help them make informed decisions about potential tourism projects. **Application Deadline: 10/25/2024**

[Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program: Tribal Transit Program](#)

U.S. Department of Transportation

DOT Federal Transit Administration offers [funding](#) to support planning, capital, and operating assistance for tribal public transit services. **Application Deadline: 11/13/2024**

Other Resources:

The [Joint Office of Energy and Transportation](#) offers [resources and technical assistance for tribal nations](#) including [electronic vehicle resources](#) and a [funding search tool](#). [Tax Credits for EVs Eligible for Elective Pay](#).

Guides for Tribal Nations and Native Communities:

[USDA Tribal Producers](#) | [USDA Tribal Buffalo Partnership](#) | [USDA Tribal Colleges, Students, and Youth](#) | [DOE Tribal Nations and Native Communities Resource Guide](#)

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## **EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples: August 28th**

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR's) EJ webinar series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples resumes on August 28<sup>th</sup> with a webinar entitled, "Water is Life: Sharing Indigenous Knowledge on Water to Advance Environmental Justice". Additional webinars with new topics are scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup>, October 30<sup>th</sup>, and November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Title:** "Water is Life: Sharing Indigenous Knowledge to Protect Water and Advance Environmental Justice"

**Date:** August 28, 2024

**Time:** 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm EDT

**Register here:** [https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_Gn\\_kLwIxR5CKq77ZrFukqQ](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Gn_kLwIxR5CKq77ZrFukqQ)

Water is life and often Tribal communities face challenges like drought and pollution that threaten access to safe drinking water. This webinar will host a panel that explore how Indigenous Knowledge related to water helps advance EJ and better inform community planning efforts to ensure healthy watersheds and provide access to safe drinking water for all. EPA's Andy Bessler will moderate the panel discussion led by Dr. Karletta Chief, Director of the Indigenous Resilience Center at the University of Arizona. In addition, EPA staff will provide updates from EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR).

### Webinar Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. EPA Mindful Moment
3. EPA's OEJECR Updates
4. Panel Discussion with Dr. Karletta Chief, Director, Indigenous Resilience Center, University of Arizona
5. Open Discussion
6. Adjourn

Please note that the webinar is planned to be recorded and is expected to be available on the following EPA website a few weeks after the webinar: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-Tribes-and-Indigenous-peoples>.

For questions about this webinar or the EPA EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, please contact Andy Bessler, EPA OEJECR Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator at [bessler.andy@epa.gov](mailto:bessler.andy@epa.gov).

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EPA Releases External Civil Rights Guidance on Procedural Safeguards

Today the EPA's Office of External Civil Rights Compliance, within the [Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights](#), released the [Civil Rights Guidance on Procedural Safeguards: Requirements and Best Practices](#). This guidance document was created to assist recipients of EPA financial assistance (such as grantees) when developing and improving their legally required civil rights compliance efforts. It advances transparency by providing information to all stakeholders about obligations under civil rights laws and EPA's nondiscrimination regulations, and represents another step toward delivering on EPA's commitment to strengthening its external civil rights enforcement program.

The *Civil Rights Guidance on Procedural Safeguards: Requirements and Best Practices* includes a robust explanation of the civil rights laws administered by the Agency, and outlines best practices for building strong and effective civil rights programs for recipients of EPA financial assistance.

The Guidance discusses obligations to:

- designate a non-discrimination coordinator;
- publish a notice of nondiscrimination;
- adopt grievance procedures that assure prompt and fair resolution of complaints alleging federal civil rights violations;
- collect, maintain, and provide data to EPA upon request to show compliance with civil rights obligations;
- take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to persons with limited English proficiency;
- provide equal opportunity to persons with disabilities; and
- ensure nondiscrimination in public participation processes.

For example, EPA's nondiscrimination regulations require, as a condition for receiving EPA financial assistance, that a recipient publish a notice stating that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, sex, and age. Under the regulations, the notice must be posted in a prominent place in a recipient's offices or facilities. To assist recipients in meeting this requirement, the guidance outlines best practices to meet this condition, for example posting on a recipient's website homepage and also considering other methods of outreach such as newspapers.

[Read the Civil Rights Guidance on Procedural Safeguards: Requirements and Best Practices](#)

While best practices are not themselves legal requirements, and do not modify or add to existing legal requirements, EPA believes that civil rights concerns may be addressed proactively by recipients if they have the tools necessary to engage in robust civil rights compliance efforts. This guidance does not replace or supersede any existing statutory obligations, but rather pulls together best practices to be responsive to asks from inside and outside of the Agency.

EPA's Office of External Civil Rights Compliance is working diligently to improve processes and provide helpful resources to all recipients, communities, and other stakeholders to ensure their success and partnership with EPA. Through this guidance document, and other resources available online, EPA is continuing to build a robust, responsive civil rights program.

For up-to-date information about Environmental Justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a blank email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov. Follow us on Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](https://twitter.com/EPAEnvJustice)

OEJECR increases meaningful engagement, enforces civil rights laws and transforms decision-making, to advance equity and justice for all, prioritizing underserved, susceptible, and overburdened communities.



Molecular Farming is Growing

Molecular farming, or the genetic engineering of plants to exploit them for use as factories to create novel proteins and compounds, is continuing to expand! According to Research and Markets, the global molecular farming segment is expected to grow from \$454.1 million in 2023 to \$916.3 million in 2028, at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 15.1%. Although a significant portion of this amount is related to the creation of recombinant proteins for medicine, we continue to encounter new developers who are using molecular farming to produce inputs for the food and body care sectors. (Read more [here](#) from our friends at the *Non-GMO Project*.)

Horizon scanning of potential environmental applications of terrestrial animals, fish, algae and microorganisms produced by genetic modification, including the use of new genomic techniques

With scientific progress and the development of new genomic techniques (NGTs), the spectrum of organisms modified for various purposes is rapidly expanding and includes a wide range of taxonomic groups. An improved understanding of which newly developed products may be introduced into the market and released into the environment in the near and more distant future is of particular interest for policymakers, regulatory authorities, and risk assessors.

Similarly, as for transgenic organisms, potential environmental risks may be associated with the introduction of genome-edited organisms. The spread of NGT organisms and/or spread of the modified genes into wild populations and communities may have unpredictable and possibly adverse consequences for the exposed ecosystems. Learn more [here](#).

(Sources: [Frontiersin.org](https://www.frontiersin.org) and GM Watch)

GMO Seeds: A growing concern for soil's health, human well-being

The use of genetically modified organism (GMO) seeds has become a contentious issue, with mounting evidence suggesting they may pose significant risks to soil health and human well-being.

As GMOs become increasingly prevalent in agriculture, experts are raising alarms about their long-term impacts on the environment and public health.

One of the primary concerns with GMO seeds is their impact on soil health. Research indicates that the widespread use of GMO crops, particularly those engineered for herbicide resistance, can lead to a reduction in soil biodiversity.

The heavy application of glyphosate, a common herbicide used with GMO crops, is linked to the decline of beneficial microorganisms in the soil. These microorganisms are crucial for maintaining soil fertility, aiding in nutrient cycling, and supporting plant health. (Read more [here](#))

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New Clues Have Emerged About the Sudden Disappearance of an Ancient American City
Researchers are still trying to figure out why 50,000 residents suddenly abandoned this sprawling, cosmopolitan settlement.

Read in Popular Mechanics: <https://apple.news/AVwuY9fJmSdqODVJ0gEWX6Q>

[Florida Folklife from the WPA Collections, 1937 to 1942, Available Online | Library of Congress](https://www.loc.gov/collections/florida-folklife-from-the-works-progress-administration/?sp=3)

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Renewables like wind and solar are booming in the U.S. This year, they are on track to exceed coal generation, helping to stabilize the electric grid and making our air and water cleaner than ever.

[America250 Announces “National Resource Partners” to Ramp Up Semiquincentennial Efforts](#)

America250, the official nonartisan entity charged by Congress with planning the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, announced (in June) its Inaugural National Resource Partners - a select group of expert nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations that will help elevate and scale America250 programming. National Resource Partners will serve as an extension of America250, convening and activating other organizations in their respective fields in a coordinated, unified effort to build up to the 250th.

Each National Resource Partner will serve as the sole representative for their focus area and was chosen for having the subject-matter expertise and expansive reach to help scale and execute America250 programming in the lead-up to July 4th, 2026. The official America 250 National Resource Partners includes the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) to serve American Indian and Alaska Native Relations.

“As we approach America’s 250th Anniversary, it is crucial to acknowledge the enduring contributions and sacrifices of Native American Peoples. From the earliest foundations of this nation, Native American knowledge, leadership and Native American People continue to enrich our nation with cultural knowledge, leadership and resilience have played an integral role in shaping its course. Currently, Native American People continue to enrich our nation with cultural knowledge and contemporary wisdom in a multitude of disciplines. As the oldest, largest and most representative national Native American organization, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is honored to collaborate with America250. Our partnership aims to foster diplomacy and strengthen Tribal Sovereignty during this momentous celebration.”

—Greg Masten, NCAI Foundation President.

America 250 continues to roll out tentpole programs and partnerships in the lead-up to the Semiquincentennial. In the past year America 250 has

- * Launched America's Invitation , a national public engagement effort inviting all Americans to share their stories, reflections on the past, and hopes and dreams for the future.
- * Announced America's Field Trip - a nationwide scholastic contest with awardees receiving behind-the-scenes experiences at iconic American historical and cultural sites.
- * Partnered with local leaders and organizations to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the Boston Tea Party, the first of many locally-driven, grassroots events that America250 will support in partnership with states and territories across the country

*Announced new collaborations with BNY Mellon, Nextdoor, YWCA and Walmart

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 The [National Native Get Out The Vote \(GOTV\)](#) Campaign regional webinars are kicking off off this **Monday, August 26**, and we invite you to join us in this crucial initiative! As we approach the federal elections, these webinars are key to mobilizing American Indian and Alaska Native voters across the country. NCAI's GOTV Campaign is a non-partisan effort aimed at increasing voter participation in Indian Country.

Your participation will help ensure that every Native voice is heard and that our communities are fully engaged in this election. By attending these webinars, you'll gain access to:

- Exclusive insights into voter mobilization strategies tailored for Tribal Nations.
- Practical resources including toolkits, financial support opportunities, and ways to engage your community.
- Inspiration and guidance from trusted Native leaders and voices who are committed to strengthening our political influence.

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https://replica.startribune.com/infinity/article_popover_share.aspx?guid=69fc3d72-7afc-434b-a9c8-c8979bc095d4&share=true

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**5 proposed bills to watch on water, the environment in Nevada:** Nevada lawmakers are considering several bills related to water and the environment, including a 'Healthy Soils Program' recommended by Assemblywoman Selena La Rue Hatch from Reno. The University of Nevada, Reno, also supports regenerative agriculture initiatives. ([reviewjournal.com](#))

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 Things have been rocki' and rollin' near Hawthorne:

- "Magnitude 4.2 #earthquake, 18.0 km NNE of Hawthorne, NV www.seismo.unr.edu/Events..." ([Twitter](#))