FEDERAL GRANT APPLICATION TOOLKIT

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WHERE DO I START?

- Before applying for a grant, you'll need to apply for a Unique Entity Identifier on SAM.gov
  - Check out the video on the right-hand side of this page for guidance
  - You should plan on beginning this application process 6 - 8 weeks before a grant application is due - it can take a while!
- Then, register an account on Grants.gov using the same email you used on SAM.gov
  - How to register on Grants.gov
  - Grants.gov Applicant Training
  - Video series: Workspace
- Then you can register on EPA.gov, Energy.gov, or any other federal sites that you'd like to apply for a grant on.
  - How to register on EPA.gov
  - How to register and apply on Energy.gov

I'M READY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT! WHERE CAN I SEARCH FOR OPPORTUNITIES?

- Search on Grants.gov
  - Video: How to search for a grant
- Specific EPA Grant Programs
  - Environmental Justice
- Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) (DOE Office)
  - Buildings
  - Industrial Efficiency and Decarbonization
- The White House's Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook has a comprehensive list of all current grant opportunities - you can search by agency, bureau, or search.

I DON'T HAVE A SAM.GOV ENTITY ID, CAN I STILL APPLY FOR GRANTS?

To apply for federal grants, you will need a Unique Entity ID (from registering on SAM.gov). However, other funding opportunities do not require you to have a UEI.
- Some offices offer "prizes" as a way to skirt around some of the requirements to apply for federal grants.
- Why DOE Started Using Cash Prizes to Incentivize Innovation
- Video: Join EERE Prizes & Competitions – Bring your Clean Energy Ideas and Solutions
EERE Prizes and Competitions: details and opportunities

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HOW CAN I MAKE MY APPLICATION COMPETITIVE?

- Grant writing basics blog series
- EPA federal grant writing resource guide
- Tips for telling your nonprofits story in your grant proposal
- Tell Stories to Make Your Case for Funding More Compelling

HOW CAN I STAY IN THE LOOP ON FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES?

- Listservs
  - EPA Grants Listserv
  - White House IRA Listserv (at the bottom of the page)
  - DOE Funding Listserv
- Keep an eye on the EPA's IRA Environmental and Climate Justice Program web page - upcoming informational webinars are posted here.

GENERAL RESOURCES

- The EPA has a great list of frequently asked questions you can search
- EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities and Technical Assistance Centers
- EPA Region 5 EJTCTACs
  - Great Lakes EJTCTAC (University of Minnesota)
  - Blacks in Green (Chicago)
- EPA Region 7 EJTCTAC
  - Heartland Environmental Justice Center (Wichita State University)

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