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- How to search for grants and setup alerts
- Recipient Eligibility, Budgeting guidance
- Tips for preparing a good application and avoiding common pitfalls
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- Questions and answers

Investing in America

- Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
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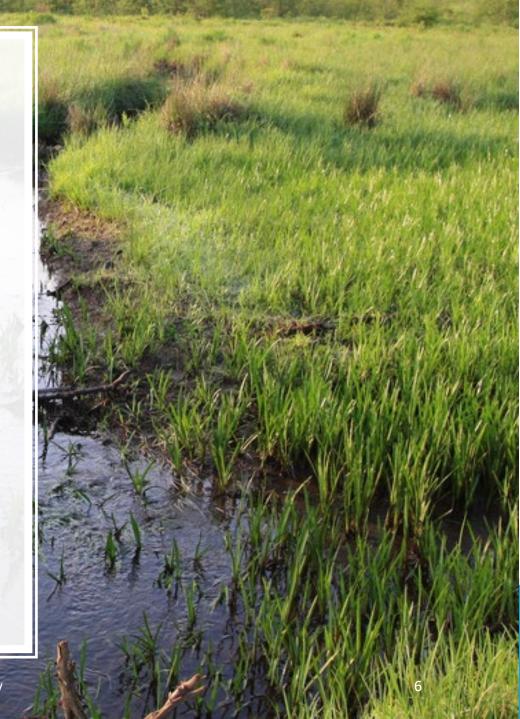
Explore Funding Opportunities

Get Ready to Apply: Sam.gov

- If you want to apply for an EPA Competitive Opportunity, <u>you need an active SAM.gov registration</u>.

- To see comprehensive instructions and checklist for entity registration, download the SAM.gov **<u>Entity Registration Checklist</u>**.

- A key part of the SAM.gov registration is identifying an **<u>EBiz point of contact</u>** (name and email address). This is key as you move forward to register in Grants.gov and apply.

Add QR code to checklist.

The unique entity identifier used in SAM.gov has changed.

- On **April 4, 2022**, the unique entity identifier used across the federal government changed from the DUNS Number to the Unique Entity ID-**UEI** (generated by SAM.gov).

- The Unique Entity ID is a 12-character alphanumeric ID assigned to an entity by SAM.gov.

- As part of this transition, the DUNS Number has been removed from SAM.gov.

- Existing registered entities can find their Unique Entity ID by following the steps [here](#).

You have your Sam.gov registration – Next steps!

- For instructions, please view the **How to Register with Grants.gov video**.

- Once you have a Grants.gov account, users may **add a profile** to your organization. See **Applicant Registration** for more details.

- Prior to being able to complete or submit application packages in grants.gov, your organization's EBiz POC must authorize roles.

- Please note that Grants.gov utilizes Login.gov since February 2022. (RAIN-2022-G03)

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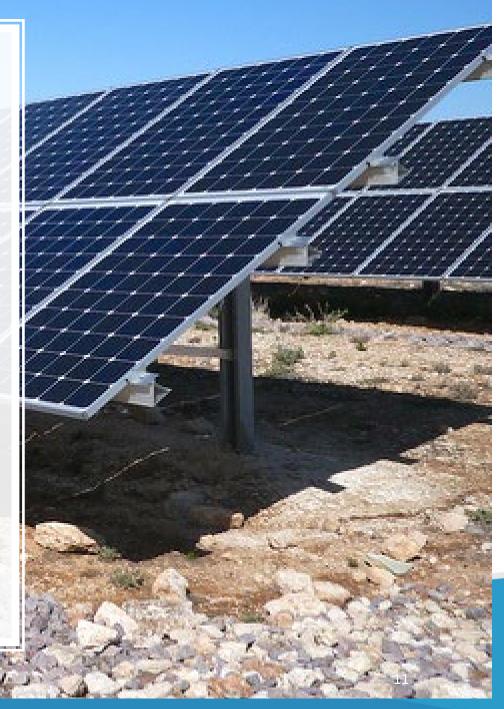
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Eligibility

- Pay close attention to the evaluation criteria on the Request for Application and ensure that your workplan includes all required criteria. Grants.gov offers general [Tips for Writing Grants](#)

- The [EPA Competitive Process Flow Chart](#) includes the steps from Request for Application to Selection, as well as [the debriefing and dispute process](#) for not selected applicants.

- The EPA competitive solicitation and evaluation process involves several steps and, unfortunately, not every applicant will be successful in receiving an EPA grant.

Communication

EPA **can**:

- Answer applicant eligibility questions-if uncertain if you are eligible or your project is eligible ask before proposal submission

- Clarify info on administrative aspects of proposal submission

- Respond to requests for clarification of the announcement

EPA **cannot**:

- Offer to write applications for applicants

- Review or comment on draft applications

- Provide information on the Agency's approach to evaluating applications beyond what is described in Section V of the announcement

Tips for preparing a good application and avoiding common pitfalls

How to develop a budget for your grant application

Grant Budget Guidance

Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

- Grant recipients are required to submit a QAPP for EPA review and approval when the work involves [environmental information operations](#) (EIO).

- QAPPs must be approved by the EPA before the grant recipient can begin work.

- Rule of Thumb for the Grant Application:

  Include a plan to prepare a QAPP (when EIO is involved).

  Ensure the schedule allows time for the grant recipient to prepare the QAPP, and for EPA review and approval prior to beginning work.

Examples of EIO:
- ✓ Sampling, monitoring, field testing
- ✓ Environmental technologies
- ✓ Taking photos and GPS readings
- ✓ Mapping, literature searches
- ✓ Conducting surveys
- ✓ Use of existing data for new purposes
- ✓ Data management
- ✓ Managing personally identifiable information (PII)

Regional Science Priorities

- All 10 EPA Regions have a set of science priorities

- Purpose:
  - Guide the allocation of limited resources to address our region's most pressing science needs and data gaps

  - Can be used by external applicants to demonstrate/emphasize the importance of their project in the context of regionally-specific science needs

Regional Science Priorities

- Climate Change

- Environmental Justice

- Air Quality

- Emerging Contaminants & Issues

- Land Redevelopment & Restoration

- Nutrient Pollution & HABs

- PFAS

- Water Reuse and Drought Resiliency

The Justice 40 Initiative
https://www.whitehouse.gov/environmentaljustice/justice40/

- President Biden's Justice40 Initiative sets a goal to deliver 40% of the benefits from certain federal investments to communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

- The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) is a geospatial mapping tool to identify disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.

- EJ Screen is EPA's web-based GIS tool for nationally consistent EJ screening and mapping