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To: Region 10 Jurisdictions and partners
From: Shay Coburn, Region 10 Grant Navigator contractor
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Re: Funding Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Resiliency

Colleagues:

Here is one *update* related to Energy Efficiency and Resiliency. Reach out with any questions any time. Also, **please keep us updated if you are pursuing any federal monies.**

1. [Direct/Elective Pay](#) - update
 - a. The full list of credits and deductions (qualifying projects) can be found [here](#). It appears that the most applicable projects for local governments in Region 10 would include:
 - i. [Commercial Clean Vehicle Credit](#) - for the purchase of new clean vehicles by a qualified manufacturer, \$7,500 for GVWRs under 14,000 pounds and up to \$40,000 for all other vehicles
 - ii. Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refuelling Property Credit - to pay for EV charging infrastructure and other types of alternative fueling
 - iii. [Investment Tax Credit for energy generation projects](#) - based on investment into projects like solar, wind, and energy storage (until the end of 2024, then all projects must be zero greenhouse gas emissions)
 - b. You could get up to 70% of your qualifying project costs paid for. The base tax credits amount is generally 6%. Bonus credits are available for:
 - i. [prevailing wage and apprenticeship](#) (if standards are met *or project is under a certain threshold*, base becomes 30%)
 - ii. [domestic content](#) (10% and phases down for facilities beginning construction in 2024 or later, only required if > 1MW for energy generation projects)
 - iii. [energy communities](#) (up to 10%)
 - iv. [low-income communities](#) (10-20% for the investment tax credit for qualified solar and wind energy facilities with less than 5MW output, requires pre-application which will OPEN MAY 28)
 1. *This might be the last opportunity to apply for this bonus credit.*
 2. *You have to have information for each facility you want to apply the bonus credit to but you have 4 years to complete the project.*
 3. *Due 6/27/24, will accept applications on a rolling basis after this date and will review applications in the order they are received.*



- c. Credits are based on the total project cost (not just the local government's out-of-pocket costs) so this can be stacked with other funding like grants and loans.
- d. There is no cap on the credits you can claim, as long as the criteria are met and process followed.
- e. Resources:
 - i. Local Infrastructure Hub's [page on Direct Pay Provisions](#)
 - ii. [A Roadmap for Maximizing Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities and Community Benefits](#), by the World Resources Institute for the Local Infrastructure Hub - this is long but the best summary I have seen.
 - iii. [Lawyers for Good Government webpage](#) on elective pay.
 - iv. [Grants and Grub on January 31st](#) focused on this topic with speakers from the World Resources Institute and the Colorado Energy Office.
- f. **Deadlines vary for bonus credits, submittal of tax return depends on when the project is put into service.**