

# New Federal Opportunities

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# Overview of Firm

More than 25 years of experience working in Washington, DC.

Specialize in representing local governments.

Extensive experience and knowledge on federal sustainability programs.

Helped secure over \$1 billion in federal grants and appropriations for clients.

# Climate in DC

- Divided government.
- Everyone looking toward fall elections.
- No significant legislation likely to happen this year.
- Good chance Republicans will take over House and could win Senate.
- Significant resources for local governments available through COVID legislation and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

# Key Themes for Expanded Opportunities

- Provide substantial investment in underserved communities: Rural, lower income, communities of color, tribes.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants.
- Create American jobs and American businesses

# DOT Opportunities

- RAISE Grants – \$7.5 B, includes \$75 M / year for planning.
- SMART Grants -- \$500 M for demonstrations that incorporate innovative technologies or data uses to improve transportation efficiency and safety.
- Reconnecting Communities -- \$1 B
- PROTECT Grants -- \$1.4 B for resiliency
- Safe Streets for All -- \$5 B for safety especially cyclists and pedestrians
- Healthy Streets Grants -- \$500 M for cool or porous pavements, tree cover
- Bridge Discretionary Grants -- \$12.5 B
- Airport Terminal Program -- \$5 B
- Carbon Reduction Program -- \$6.4 B
- Charging and fueling Infrastructure -- \$7.5 B (\$2.5 B competitive grants)

# Transit and Para-Transit: \$39 Billion Increase

- Formula Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - \$3.2 Billion.
- Competitive Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities - \$2 Billion.
- Low-No Emission Bus Competitive Grants - \$5.625 Billion.
- Transit Accessibility for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities (Formula Grants) - \$2.2 Billion goes through states for small and rural communities.

# EPA Programs

- Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds -- \$23.4 billion
- Western Water -- \$7.1 billion
- EPA Stormwater and Sewer Overflow Grants -- \$1.4 B
- Clean School Bus Program -- \$7.5 billion
- Brownfields Revitalization -- \$1.5 billion
- Solid Waste Infrastructure and Recycling Grants -- \$275 million

# Resilience

- Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Grants (\$8.7 billion)
- Wildfire Management (\$8.25 billion)
- Investments in Resilience through the Army Corps of Engineers (\$7 billion)
- Western Water (\$3.8 billion)
- Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (\$3.5 billion)
- Weatherization (\$3.5 billion)
- Cybersecurity (\$1.3 billion)

# Broadband

- Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (\$42.45 billion)
- Affordable Connectivity Program (\$14.2 billion)
- Digital Equity Planning, Capacity and Competitive Grants (\$2.75 billion)
- Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (\$2 billion)
- Rural Broadband Programs at Department of Agriculture (\$2 billion)
- Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program (\$1 billion)
- Private Activity Bonds (\$600 million)

# Other Upcoming Federal Opportunities

- FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) -- \$1B
- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants – \$550 M for deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies and practices.
- State Energy Programs -- \$500 million
- Congressional Appropriations for local projects.