

An Introduction to IJA For Municipalities in Maryland

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Agenda

- Upcoming ARPA CLFRF reporting deadline
- Re-introduction to the Maryland Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP)
- Overview of the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA)
- Applying Lessons Learned from ARPA to IIJA
- Planning and Preparing for IIJA Programs
- Services available through MTAP
- Case Study



Reminder: ARPA CLFRF Reporting Deadline Approaching

ARPA CLFRF Project and Expenditure Report

- All municipalities are required to submit their next ARPA CLFRF Project and Expenditure Report by April 30th, 2023:
 - For municipalities that report **quarterly**, this report covers **January 1-March 31, 2023**
 - For municipalities that report **annually**, this report covers **April 1, 2022-March 31, 2023**
- The report is not yet open on Treasury's Portal. **We recommend you:**
 - Confirm your municipality has access to the Portal, and update individual's access as needed
 - Alert colleagues you will be requesting information from them in March/April
 - Ensure that the Alternative Compliance Examination Engagement or Single Audit is completed, for municipalities who spent at least \$750,000 of Federal Funds in FY22
- The Maryland Technical Assistance Program (MTAP), in partnership with MML, will continue to provide supplemental support leading up to the reporting deadline

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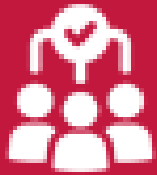
- Is your municipality getting ready to submit your upcoming ARPA Project and Expenditure Report?

Maryland Municipal Technical Assistance Program (MTAP)

Background

- In June 2021, the Maryland Department of Budget and Management (DBM) launched a **Technical Assistance Program** to support Non-Entitlement Units (NEUs) of Local Government with their management and administration of **Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF)**
- In October 2022, DBM alerted participating municipalities that the Technical Assistance Program would expand to serve all Maryland municipalities and assist them with the **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**, in addition to CLFRF support

MTAP's CLFRF Assistance



Question Submission Portal

Provided responses to **403** questions submitted



Office Hours

Held **60** Office Hours sessions with **248** participants



Newsletter

Distributed **5** issues of newsletters to **321 recipients**



Webinars

Conducted **8** webinars with **695 attendees.**



Reporting

Spoke with **122 NEUs** during April 2022 CLFRF reporting

Overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

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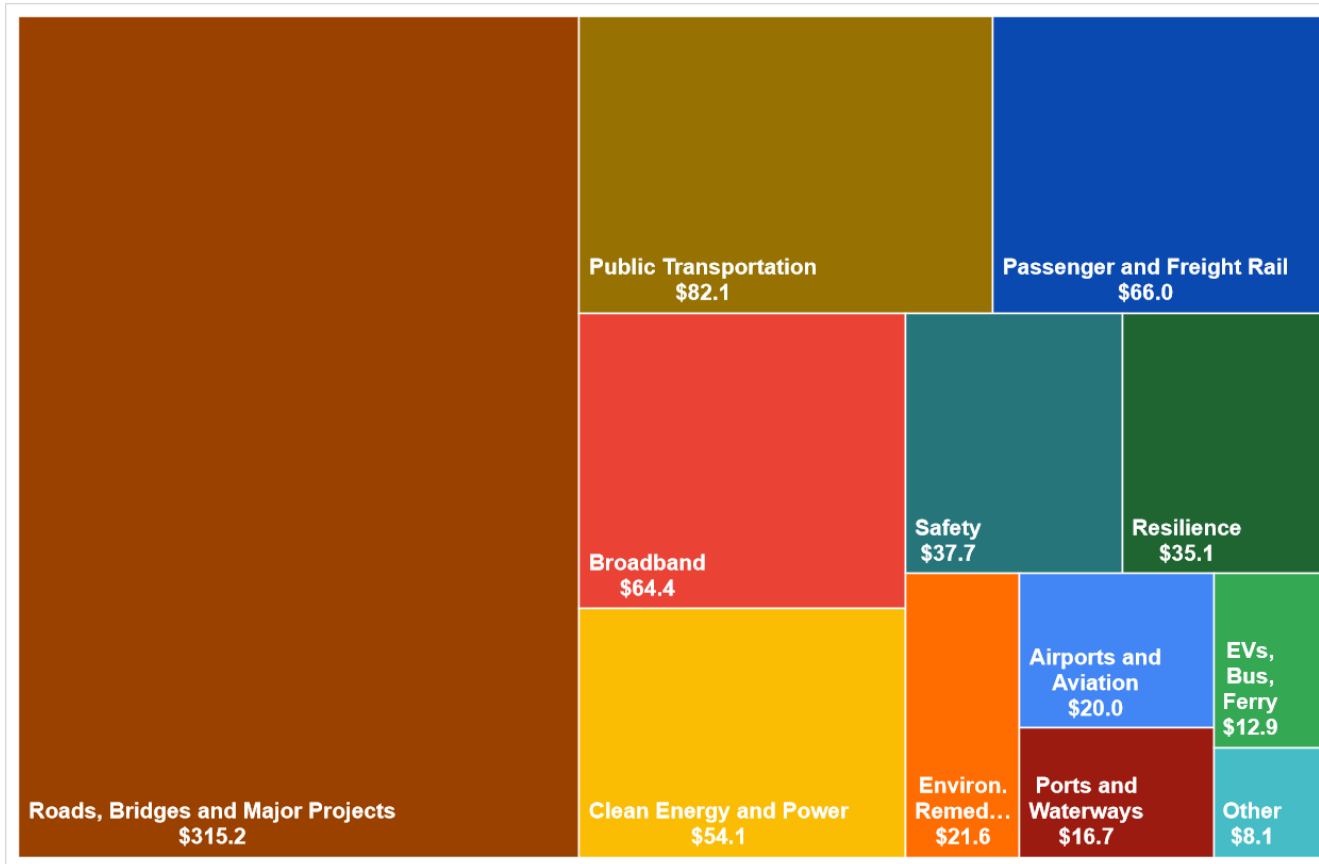
- How familiar with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act are you?

Overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- The \$1.2 trillion *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA), also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, includes new programs, altered programs, reauthorized programs, and regulatory changes designed to rebuild the nation's infrastructure
- IIJA is expansive in its reach and can provide many critical resources **at the local level**
- Many IIJA programs include funding set-asides only available to rural or disadvantaged communities

Overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

(\$ billions)



\$725+ B

available to governments

240+

unique programs accessible to governments

\$470+ B

available to governments for new or modified programs

100+

unique new or modified programs accessible to governments

Source: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Guidebook Data; Hagerty Consulting Internal Analysis

*Government is defined as state (including higher education), local, tribal, and territorial governments

Overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

\$700+ B

available to state governments

\$460+ B

available to state governments for new or modified programs

210+

unique programs accessible to state governments

90+

unique new or modified programs accessible to state governments

\$220+ B

available to local governments

\$100+ B

available to local governments for new or modified programs

140+

unique programs accessible to local governments

60+

unique new or modified programs accessible to local governments

Overview of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

- **Unlike ARPA CLFRF**, IIJA is made up of hundreds of discrete programs with varied funding mechanisms, including **formula-based allocations** and **competitive grants** through different federal and state agencies
 - More than two-thirds of programs will award competitive grants
- Federal rules and compliance requirements will vary by program, but will generally be more stringent than revenue loss under CLFRF
- Federal government is placing emphasis on regional coordination - partnering on large-scale, regional projects can increase competitiveness for several grant programs
- Many IIJA programs incorporate significant emphasis on equity and resilience - each program may define and interpret these concepts in different ways
- Focusing on building internal capacity to support identifying, securing, and managing grants and grant-funded projects is key

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- How interested are you in learning more about IIJA?

Example IIJA Programs for Maryland Municipalities

Sample of IIJA programs available to municipalities

National Culvert Removal, Replacement, & Restoration Grant

- Competitive grants made available to replace, remove, and/or repair culverts or weirs and improve or restore passage for anadromous fish (i.e., fish that migrate from saltwater to freshwater to spawn)
- \$1 billion available in grants and administered by the Department of Transportation

Chesapeake Bay Program

- Competitive grants to reduce and prevent pollution and to improve the living resources in the Chesapeake Bay. Eligible Uses include ecosystem and wetland restoration, stormwater treatment and control, as well as nature-based infrastructure, and environmental education
- \$238 million available in grants and administered by the Environmental Protection Agency

Energy Improvement in Rural or Remote Areas

- Competitive grants to improve resilience, safety, reliability of energy; and environmental protection from adverse impacts of energy generation in rural or remote areas around the country
- \$1 billion available in grants and administered by the Department of Energy

Sample of State-administered IJA programs

Emerging Contaminants in Small or Disadvantaged Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Focuses on water system projects in which the primary purpose is to address the challenges of PFAS in drinking water, whether it is found in the public water system or in source water.• “Small Community” is one that has a population of less than 10,000 individuals that the Administrator determines does not have the capacity to incur debt sufficient to finance a project or activity under the grant program.• Program managed by Maryland Department of the Environment
Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Both existing programs will receive additional funding plus expanded eligibility criteria to prioritize targeting disadvantaged communities• States have authority to waive repayment on new funding or forgive some or all of loans’ principal for disadvantaged communities• Programs are managed by the Maryland Department of the Environment
State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides funding to eligible entities to address cybersecurity risks and cybersecurity threats to information systems owned or operated by, or on behalf of, state, local, or tribal governments.• Funds under this program will be made available to local governments• These funds will be administered by the Maryland Department of Emergency Management

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- Which types of IIJA programs are you most interested in learning about?

Planning and Preparing for IIJA Programs

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- Review your municipality's needs and priorities, how they may be funded through IIJA programs, and the resources required to manage and implement funding
- Review your ARPA CLFRF allocation in light of IIJA programs, discuss how you may want to use CLFRF to leverage additional federal funds
- Discuss shared priorities and needs across municipalities, including potential regional approaches to increase your competitiveness for certain IIJA programs
- Take advantage of technical assistance resources from the MTAP, Federal agencies, and other third-party organizations

Leveraging ARPA to Succeed with IIJA

CLFRF can be used to support success in applying for and utilizing IIJA program funds:

Non-federal match for IIJA programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many IIJA programs require a local match – generally, anywhere from 10-20% of the total award• Under revenue loss, CLFRF can be used as the local match• Outside of revenue loss, CLFRF can be used as the local match for certain broadband and Bureau of Reclamation programs
Building internal capacity for new or expanded programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CLFRF can be used to hire additional staff, including grants and program staff• Under revenue loss, CLFRF can be used to fund application and pre-project costs. If the application is successful, these funds could be reimbursable
Supporting community capacity for new or expanded programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Use CLFRF to provide nonprofits with financial assistance geared towards building community capacity to support IIJA goals. Take advantage of flexibility to classify nonprofits as beneficiaries under CLFRF to simplify delivery of funds.• Engage stakeholders in a joint planning process to assess and prioritize community needs and develop a strategic allocation methodology for pursuing CLFRF and IIJA funding opportunities

Applying Lessons from ARPA to IIJA Programs

- Equity and regional coordination are priorities under ARPA and IIJA
- Community feedback you received under ARPA can help inform your priorities for IIJA programs
- Local projects that couldn't be funded under ARPA could potentially be funded under IIJA programs
- 2 CFR 200 compliance requirements will generally be in place for programs under IIJA
- Program design and implementation, including reporting, that you've done under ARPA can help you do the same under IIJA programs

Engaging MTAP

MTAP Services Available Now

- **Updated website** – visit MTAP's website for links to Notices of Funding Opportunities (NOFOs), Federal guidance, and support resources from federal agencies and third-party organizations
- **Question submission portal** – submit a question about IIJA, a specific IIJA program, or ARPA CLFRF and receive a written response
- **Office hours** – join to connect with the MTAP team or colleagues from other municipalities
- **Newsletter** – sign up for MTAP's newsletter for the latest on ARPA CLFRF and IIJA

MTAP Services Available Soon

- **Project intake form** – submit details about a priority or project and the MTAP team will help you identify and understand potential grant programs for funding
- **Educational webinars** – participate in future webinars on key elements of the grants management lifecycle, including grant writing, grant compliance, federal reporting, and other topics
- **Supplemental tools and templates** – receive critical tools and templates that can help you identify, secure, and manage federal funds

Engaging MTAP

- Attend MTAP and MML's co-hosted **Listening Session** to share your needs and priorities around IIJA, including the types of services/support you need to identify, secure, and manage federal funding
- Complete a **Project Intake Form** - we can assist your municipality in finding IIJA programs that support your project ideas
- Share MTAP's broad range of support services throughout your organization
 - Forward our newsletter and encourage colleagues to subscribe
 - Share this webinar recording (will be uploaded to our website by COB 3.15.2023)
 - Encourage Office Hours Attendance – linked [here](#)
- Stay tuned – more to come!

Examples of Technical Assistance Resources

Third Party Organizations	Available Resources	Federal Agency	Available Resources
National Governors Association (NGA)	<p>IIJA Implementation Resources home page Includes a calendar of upcoming funding opportunities and milestones, a listing of federal resources broken down by federal agency, and a formula and competitive grant program tracker.</p>	Department of Transportation (DOT)	<p>DOT Navigator, technical assistance programs</p>
Local Infrastructure Hub	<p>Resources page which includes strategies, webinar recordings, key 2023 NOFOs from the IIJA, and more. Their next phase of bootcamps is launching this Spring. Sign up through this link to receive news.</p>	US Department of Energy (DOE)	<p>State and Local Solution Center offers searchable TA opportunities, NOFA table including existing TA resources</p> <p>Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Resources</p>
National Association of Counties (NACo)	<p>List of upcoming NOFOs for 2023 & major provisions for counties by IIJA category.</p>	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	<p>Home page includes background information, project descriptions, BIL-related news, and webinars</p>

Case Study: Municipal Success with Federal Grants

- Last Fall, the Town of Bel Air, jointly with the City of Aberdeen and the City of Havre de Grace, submitted an Initial Action Plan to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for consideration of the **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program**
- The **municipalities were able to combine resources** to effectively demonstrate the crash rate and traffic-related fatalities in the area (i.e., needs to be addressed), and their commitment to developing a Vision Zero-style plan, as conceived by DOT (i.e., goals to be achieved)
- They were recently **awarded funds** to help create walkable communities within their municipalities

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- How interested are you in applying for IIJA programs?

Appendix

Sample of IIJA programs available to municipalities

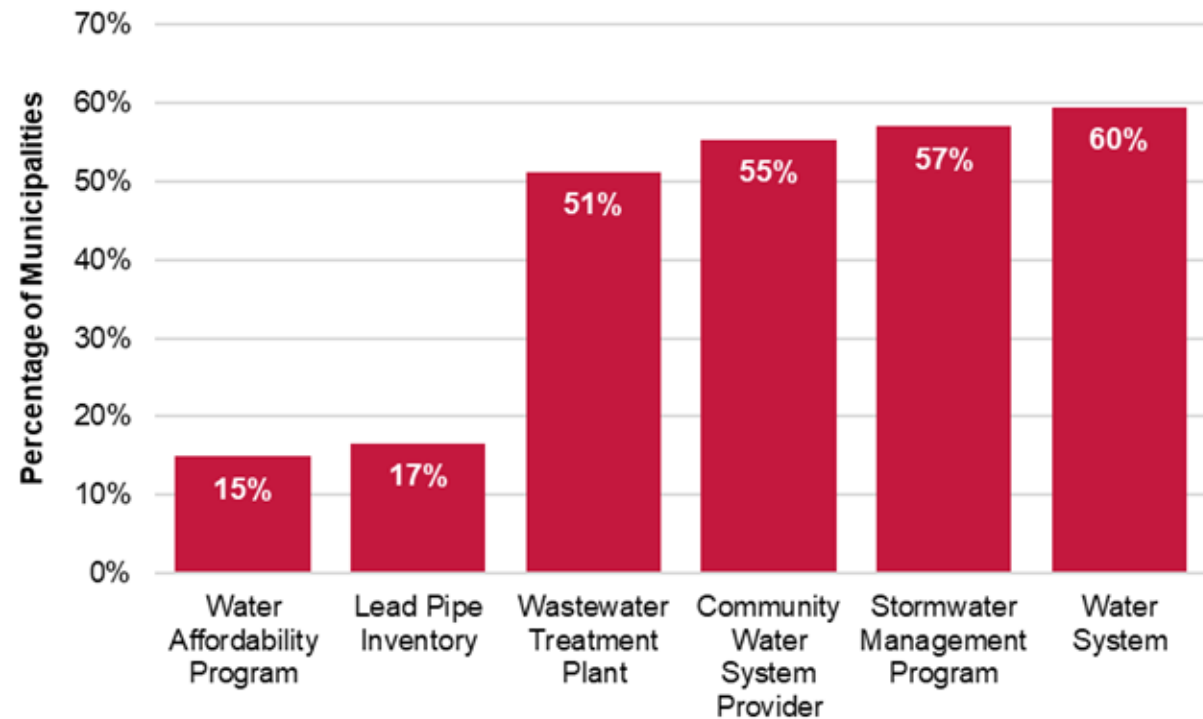
Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Deadline: Rolling	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funding for clean energy projects and programs in local communities. Funding can be used for a variety of projects, such as developing clean energy strategies, making buildings more energy- efficient, installing renewable energy on government buildings, and funding a community solar campaign• Technical Assistance Also listed on EECBG Program Formula Grant Application Hub
Safe Streets and Roads for All Next NOFO planned for April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes funding available over five years to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries.• Eligible activities under this program include developing or updating a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan, conducting planning, design, and activities in support of Action Plan, and implementing projects or strategies identified in Action Plan.
Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program Next NOFO planned for Fall 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes funding available over five years to provide local governments with grants to support project development leading to future applications to DOT credit or grant programs.• The grants can support legal, technical, and financial advisors to help local governments advance infrastructure projects.

Up to date information on NOFOs and programs available to municipalities can be found through [Build.Gov](#)

MML's 2022 Municipal Services Survey

- The Maryland Municipal League (MML) conducts a survey on municipal services every four years
- As of early December 2022, MML received **121 responses**, a majority of which come from municipalities with a population of 50,000 or less
- **72 municipalities (60%)** reported that their efforts are geared towards water services
- **57%** reported services that are related to stormwater management. This aligns with data presented in the ARPA Project and Expenditure reports

Water Services and Municipal Programs Offered by Respondents



Note: This survey polls MML members on the types of municipal services they offer constituents and is not a survey on IJJA nor does it collect information on transportation, broadband, clean energy, or other projects