

# Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization



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# Energy Communities IWG



## Creating Lasting Impact

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federal agencies  
and the White House

25

coal, oil and gas,  
and power plant  
communities  
prioritized

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Rapid Response  
Teams (RRTs)

\$30B

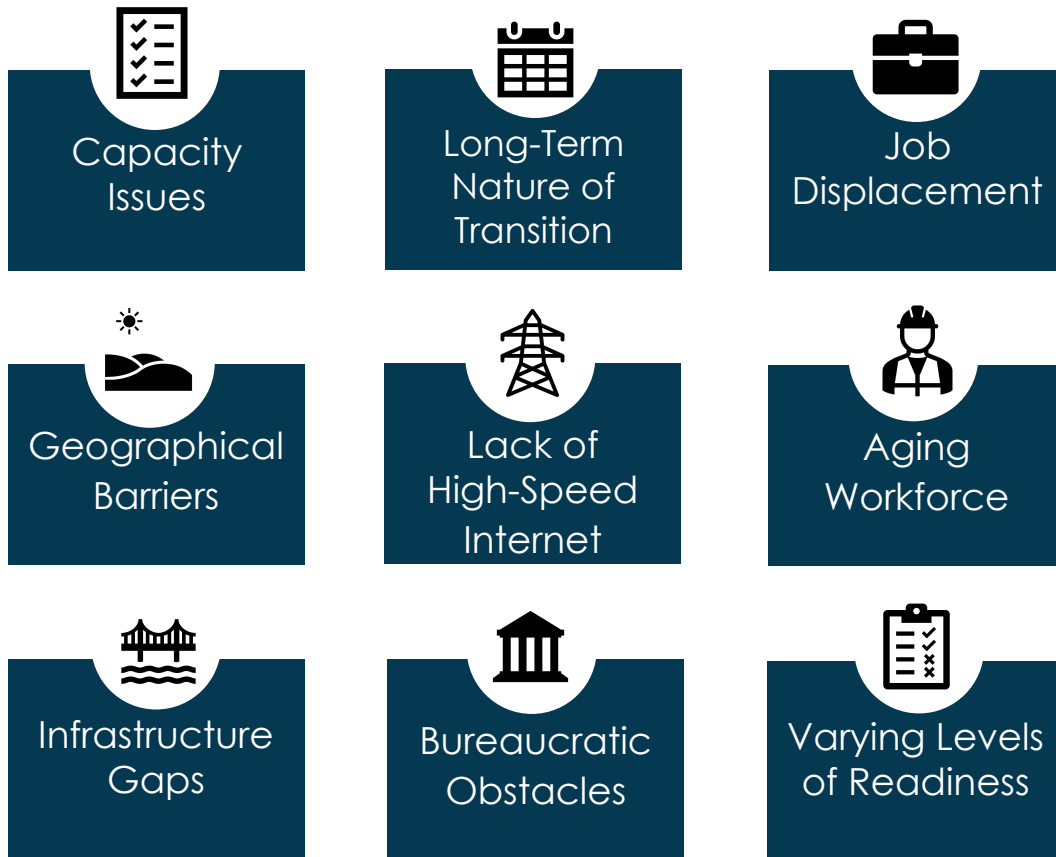
total awards announced  
for energy communities  
in the past three years

\$500B+

currently available  
or planned funding  
opportunities



## Challenges in Energy Communities



## How to Support Energy Communities







## Clearinghouse

Status  Funding Type  Funding Source  Program Purpose  Eligible Recipient  [Reset](#)

Search:  493 funding opportunities

Title	Status	Open Date	Funding Type	Department/Agency	Program Purpose	Eligible Recipients
<a href="#">Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems &amp; Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans &amp; Grants</a>	Open	Continuous	Loan/Grant Combination	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Agriculture, Efficiency and Weatherization	General Public, Native/Tribal Entity
<a href="#">Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Program</a>	Open	Continuous	Grant - no match	U.S. Department of the Interior	Economic Development, Education and Workforce Development, Energy Infrastructure, Environmental Clean-up, Other Infrastructure, Telecommunications / Broadband, Transportation Infrastructure	Native/Tribal Entity, State Government

## Getting Started Guide

INTRODUCTION >

**PLANNING >**

1. Identify Your Needs
2. Form a Team
3. Develop a Strategy
4. **Make a Plan**
5. Get the Data
6. Find Funding

EXECUTING >

[Prepare Your Application](#)

10 STEPS TO COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT

### Getting Started

Last Updated Oct. 19, 2023

This is a step-by-step guide intended to help communities and workers start the process of planning or responding to economic and social changes resulting from the energy transition or any major economic shift. It is a planning and action tool for community leaders, volunteers, and change agents. [Download Guide PDF](#)

[JUMP TO: Planning | Executing | Managing](#)

## Resources

### Resources

The resources found on this page are designed to help both new and experienced funding applicants. IWG also publishes a monthly fact sheet in both English and Spanish.

[VIEW FACT SHEET \(ENGLISH\)](#) [VER HOJA INFORMATIVA \(ESPAÑOL\)](#)

As part of its commitment to a whole of government approach, the Interagency Working Group regularly compiles resources from various federal agencies helpful to anyone seeking support in applying for funding for energy communities.

To access a centralized clearinghouse that features billions of dollars in existing federal funding opportunities, please visit the [Funding](#) page.

- General +
- Data +
- Case Studies +

## Success Stories

### Success Stories

Since 2021, the Energy Communities IWG and member agencies have made historic investments in America's coal, oil and gas, and power plant communities. These success stories highlight the positive impact of federal funding and direct engagement with the country's energy communities to spur economic revitalization, improve critical infrastructure, clean-up legacy pollution and support energy workers. We also encourage you to [share your story](#) with us.

## Navigator

### Contact the Navigator

### Recent Success Stories



Downtown Pineville Revitalization Panel



Form Energy, Inc.  
American technology company Form Energy, Inc.



TerraPower Nuclear Plant, Wyoming

### Get in Touch with Us and Stay Connected

The Energy Communities IWG is here to support stakeholders with information about resources available to communities experiencing an energy transition. Our Navigator team is ready to help you navigate federal agencies and the opportunities they offer.

Please provide as much detail as you can in the form on this page. Our team will get back to you within two business days and, if your inquiry requires additional time, will keep in touch with you through weekly updates.

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**Upcoming Events**

## Tax Credit Maps

### Energy Community Tax Credit Bonus

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY | NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY

**LEGEND**

**Coal Closure Energy Communities**

Trail Status

- Green: Census tracts directly adjoining a census tract with a coal closure
- Orange: Census tracts with a coal closure

**MSA/Non-MSAs that are Energy Communities**

Status

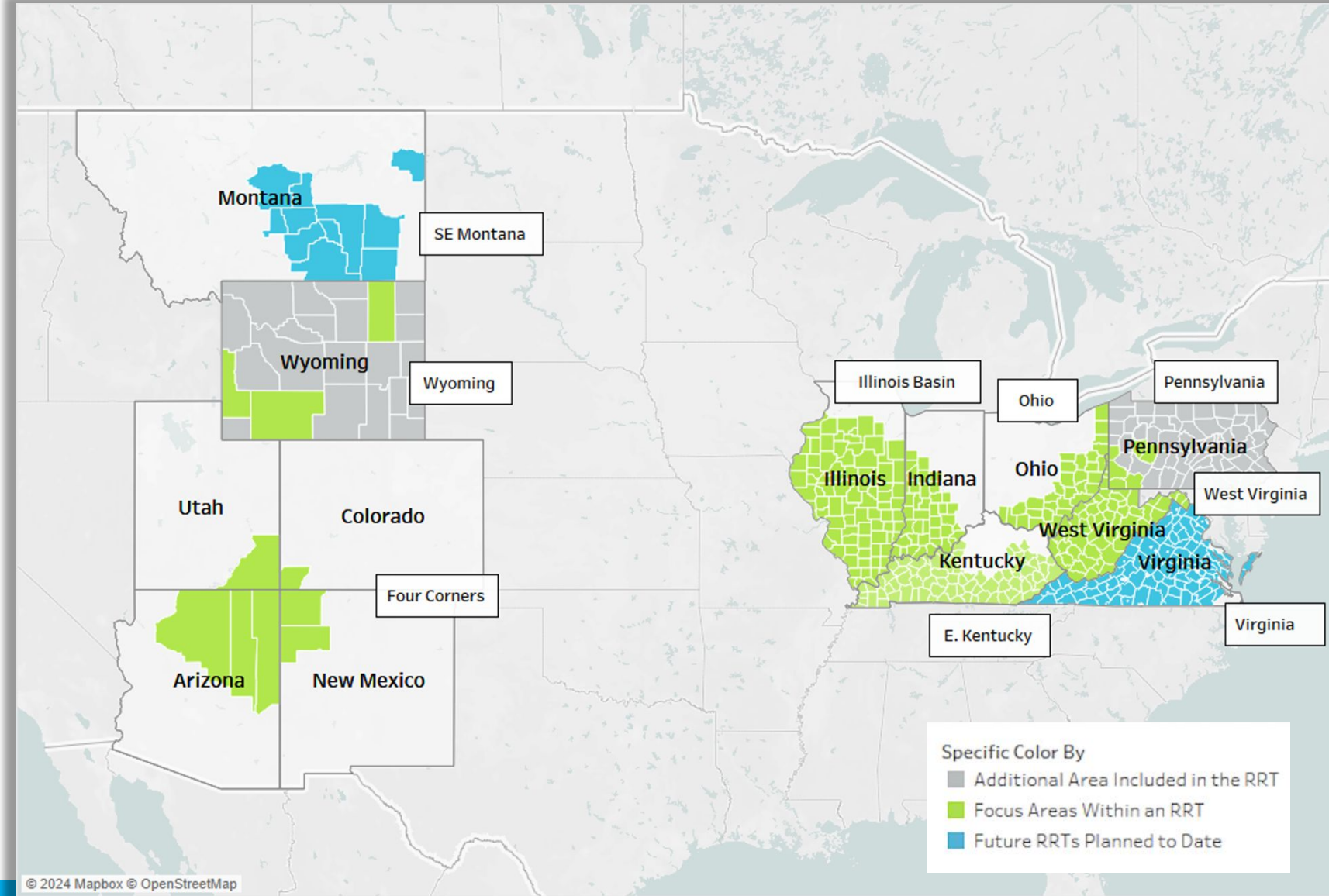
- Blue: MSA/Non-MSAs that meet both the Fossil Fuel Employment (FEE) threshold and the unemployment rate requirement

**MAP LAYERS**

- Coal Closure Energy Communities
- MSA/Non-MSAs that are Energy Communities
- MSA/Non-MSAs that meet the Fossil Fuel Employment Threshold

Map powered by Esri | Data sources: Esri, DeLorme, FIA, NOAA, USGS, EPA, U.S. Department of Energy, DOE, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), Interagency Working Group | Powered by Esri

# On-the-Ground Technical Assistance: Rapid Response Teams

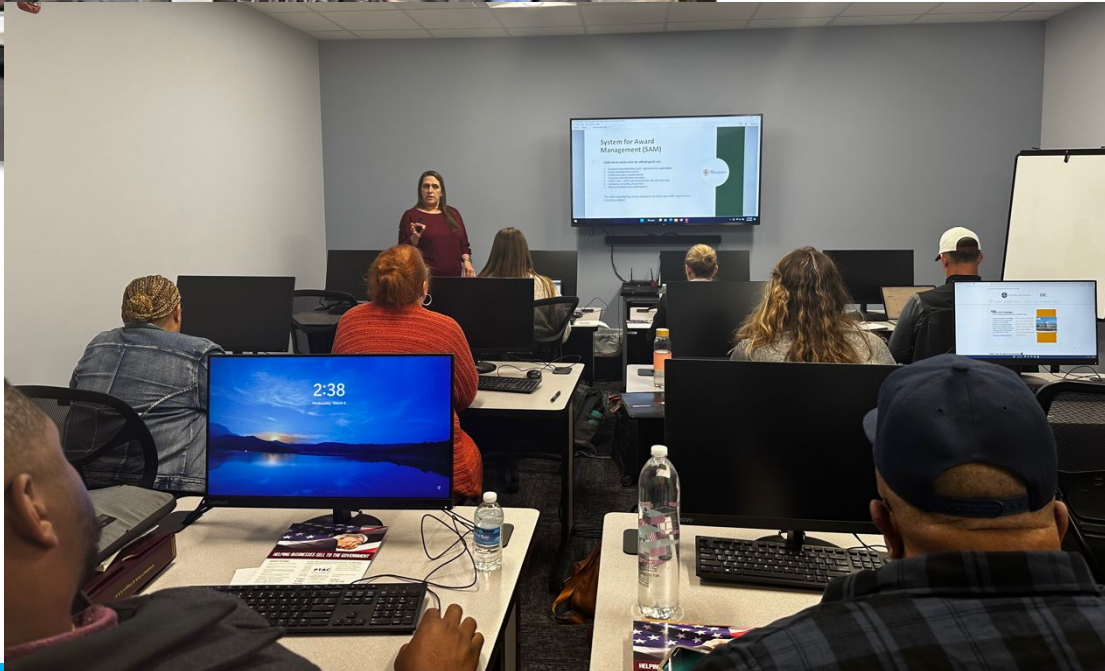




# Rapid Response Teams in Action



*Pennsylvania RRT  
Listening Session in  
Southwest  
Pennsylvania, 2024*



*Illinois Basin RRT  
Workshop, 2023*



## 2nd ANNUAL WYOMING FUNDING SUMMIT

PRESENTED BY  
**U.S. SENATORS  
JOHN BARRASSO  
CYNTHIA LUMMIS**  
&  
**GOVERNOR  
MARK GORDON**

FREE professional training on identifying, applying for, securing and managing grant funding. Interact with and hear directly from state and federal funding agencies. Towns and counties strongly encouraged to attend.

 April 8 -12th 2024	CENTRAL WYOMING COLLEGE RIVERTON, WY
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED, OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024  
[LUMMIS.SENATE.GOV/WYOMING-FUNDING-SUMMIT](https://lummis.senate.gov/wyoming-funding-summit)  
PLEASE SEND INQUIRIES TO: [KATHY\\_LENZ@LUMMIS.SENATE.GOV](mailto:kathy_lenz@lummis.senate.gov)



# Once-in-a-Generation Funding Now Available



## Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

- More than **\$100 billion in infrastructure investments** and funding opportunities in areas such as:
  - Environmental Remediation
  - Transportation
  - Broadband
  - Clean Water
  - Energy Infrastructure
  - Capacity-Building
  - Regional Investments
    - ARC ARISE

## Inflation Reduction Act

- \$250 Billion Authority for Redeveloping Fossil Assets
- \$3 Billion for Environment and Climate Justice
- \$20 Billion in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
- Bonus Tax Credits for Clean Energy Projects in Energy Communities
- §48C Tax Credits for Clean Energy Manufacturing and Industrial Decarbonization
- USDA RD Clean Energy

## Annual Appropriations

- Workers
  - DOL, ARC, EDA, EPA
- Economic Development
  - ARC, EDA, SBA, USDA
- Environmental Remediation
  - DOI, EPA
- Housing
  - USDA, HUD, DOE
- Social Services
  - HHS, ED, DOL, EPA



# Funding Awards in West Virginia

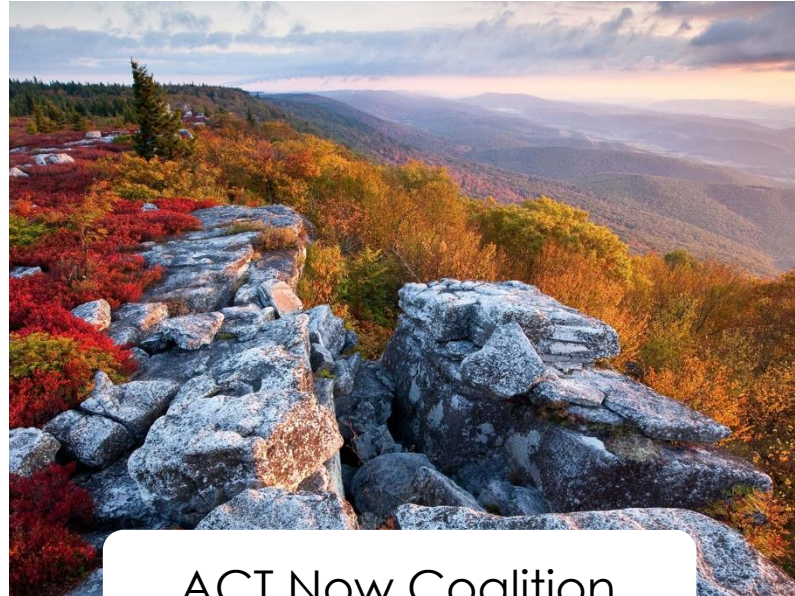


## Clean Water Solution for Coalwood Community | Welch, West Virginia



Site of Coalwood sewer project with Welch homes in the background. (Photo by McDowell County)

Officials from the EPA and West Virginia join McDowell County officials at ribbon cutting to celebrate the Coalwood sewer project.



### ACT Now Coalition

- Southern West Virginia.
- Federal grants totaling \$62.8 million and \$26 million from nonfederal sources will support economic development in coalfield communities.



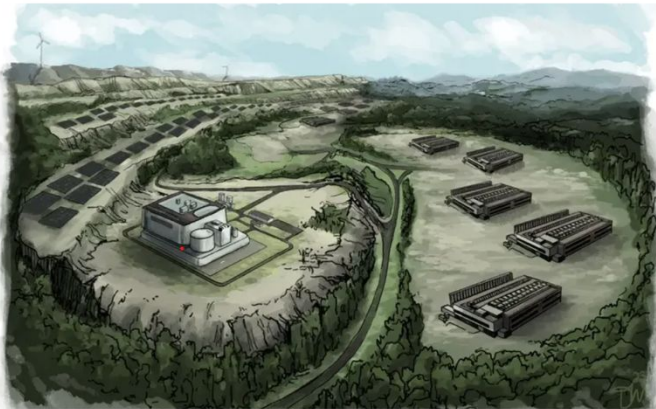


## Virginia's bold plan to turn old coal mines into clean data centers

Data Center Ridge is the first phase in a state-endorsed plan to advance test sites for solar, wind, pumped hydro, small nuclear, and other clean energy innovations.



By Elizabeth McGowan  
13 September 2024



*This story was originally published by [Energy News Network](#).*

## Energy communities can offer strong advantages:

- ✓ Ample land
- ✓ Federal incentives (including for clean power)
- ✓ New market drivers for data centers
- ✓ Co-location with clean power generation
- ✓ Grid access on-site
- ✓ Water cooling technologies
- ✓ Broadband access
- ✓ Transportation options
- ✓ Available workforce

# Federal Resources for Property Reinvestment



**Site Readiness**



**Planning**



**Basic  
Infrastructure**



**Workforce**



**Energy  
Repurposing**



**Non-Energy  
Economic  
Development**



# Energy Communities AmeriCorps



## Adding Capacity to Support Communities and Workers

- **\$8 million initiative** to support community-centered activities to revitalize low-capacity energy communities.
- **150 full-time AmeriCorps VISTA** members working in RRT geographies.
- Builds on established partnership between **Conservation Legacy**, AmeriCorps and DOI OSMRE.
- Volunteers will **build capacity** through writing grants and Community Benefits Plans (CBPs), asset mapping, volunteer mobilization, outreach on tax credits (e.g. direct pay), community engagement, data analysis, and program development.



Image from AmeriCorps.

**Recruitment open now for  
positions starting in October!**

## ✓ Engage Energy Communities IWG resources and Rapid Response Teams

- ✓ Sign up at website  Funding update newsletter
- ✓ Social media  Funding updates
- ✓ Attend webinars and workshops
- ✓ One-Stop Shop

## ✓ Act on funding opportunities

- ✓ Try out funding Clearinghouse
- ✓ Navigator available to help
- ✓ Cultivate coalitions
- ✓ Assemble grant-writing resources
- ✓ Secure matching funds, where necessary





# Thank you!

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