



## Briefing Notice

### Funding Opportunities for Nonprofits, Municipalities, and Communities

#### IRA and IIJA Progress Report

Thursday, **September 26, 2024** • 3:00 - 4:30 PM EDT

**Dirksen Senate Office Building SD-G11**

**50 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002**

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing to explore *Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)* and *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)* funding dedicated to nonprofit organizations and municipalities. For example, the introduction of “**direct pay**” is allowing tax-exempt entities to access the benefits of federal tax credits for the first time. Meanwhile, the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency are hard at work rolling out new programs specifically tailored to these entities. The IRA and IIJA are opening new doors for nonprofits and local governments working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate.

These opportunities also bring questions: What capacities do varying organizations and municipalities have to apply for, manage, and monitor funding? What reporting requirements could pose challenges for grantees? What does equity look like across these different programs?

Panelists will address these questions and describe the status of IRA and IIJA programs that increase the technical and financial capacity of public sector groups. They will also share case studies from across the country where funding is making a difference in communities, and discuss what lessons can be learned to bolster these federal efforts going forward.

#### Speakers for this session include:

- ▶ **Michael Forrester**, Sr. Advisor, Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP), Department of Energy
- ▶ **Heather Maier**, Director of Finance and Operations, Nottoway County Public Schools
- ▶ **Ian Goldsmith**, Clean Energy Specialist, U.S. Energy Team, World Resources Institute
- ▶ **Jillian Blanchard**, Director, Climate Change and Environmental Justice Program, Lawyers for Good Government
- ▶ **Robin Lewis**, Director for Climate Equity, Interfaith Power and Light (DC.MD.NoVA)

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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