



**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

NEVADA'S FEDERAL GRANT RESOURCE

NACFA Council Update

About Us

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance, or OFA, was created with the passage of Assembly Bill 445 of the 81st Legislative Session

Vision

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance supports our stakeholders in obtaining, increasing, and maximizing federal assistance.

Mission

The Governor's Office of Federal Assistance reduces barriers by providing inclusive, collaborative, comprehensive, and centralized support in obtaining federal dollars for Nevada.





What's New

Eureka Grant Summit

CGMS Cohort

Outreach & GMP Updates

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REMINDER

- **Capacity Building**

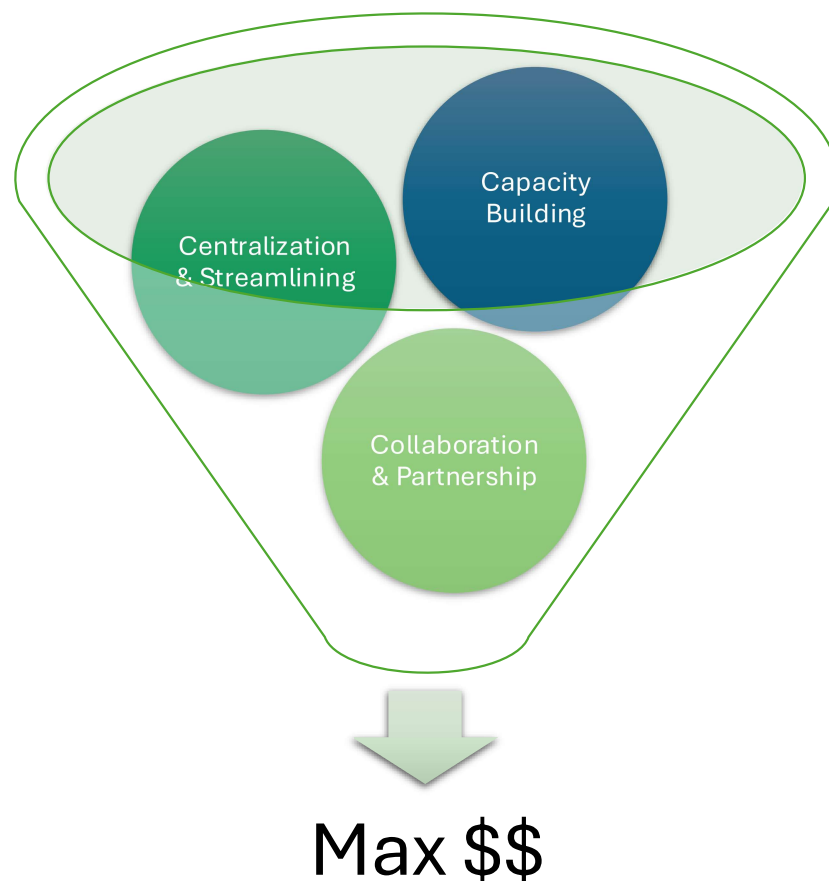
- *Emphasizing training*
- *Providing resources*
- *Serving as a prime recipient and pass-through entity*

- **Centralization and Streamlining**

- *Consolidate grant application, tracking, and reporting*
- *Ensure real-time monitoring*
- *Standardize procedures and data gathering/sharing*

- **Collaboration and Partnership**

- *Fostering partnerships with local government, nonprofits, & private sector*
- *Maximize impact of federal funds*
- *Public=private partnerships and long-term economic development*



TIMELINES

Outcomes Chart				
Phase	Strategic Goal	Actions	Measurable Outcomes	Timeline
Short-Term	Increase number of federal grants by 10%	(1) Conduct workshops for state agencies (2) Expand grant support (3) Streamline compliance measures	(1) 10% increase in grants awarded (2) Number of workshops conducted (3) Number of monitoring site visits conducted (4) Number of site visit findings (5) Percentage increase in federal funds secured	1 Year
Medium-Term	Strengthen grant management capacity via CGMS	(1) Implement CGMS across all state agencies (2) Improve data- sharing protocols (3) Automate compliance tracking	(1) Number of state agencies using CGMS (2) Compliance improvement percentages (3) Reduction in administrative burdens (4) Improved reporting accuracy and timeliness	2-3 Years
Long-Term	Build a statewide culture for competing for discretionary grants	(1) Foster public-private partnerships (2) Establish best practices (3) Create continuous improvement processes	(1) Number of discretionary grants awarded (2) Jobs created through grants (state positions?) (3) Increase in total federal funds received by state agencies (4) Improvements in Nevada's federal funding per capita ranking	4-5 Years and beyond



EUREKA GRANT SUMMIT





Eureka Grant Summit Highlights

- **3-Day Intensive Training** held in rural Nevada to build grant capacity
- **Focused on State, Local, and Tribal Stakeholders** across Northern and rural Nevada
- **Tribal-Specific Training Day** dedicated to the unique needs of tribal governments and organizations
- **Hands-On Sessions** covering:
 - Federal compliance & Uniform Guidance
 - Grant writing fundamentals
 - Budget development, narrative, and justification
- **Rural Prioritization:** Targeted support for under-resourced communities
- **Collaborative Engagement** with state agencies, tribal governments, and nonprofit leaders
- **Capacity Building** to strengthen grant readiness and improve access to federal funding

Event Takeaways

68 attendees from nonprofit, local, and tribal sectors.

Highly rated (8–10 average) for content and engagement.

Attendees appreciated the in-person format, networking, and accessible beginner-level material.

Top strengths: Engaged speakers, welcoming environment, and direct access to OFA staff.

Suggestions for improvement:

- Add roundtable/networking sessions.
- Offer hybrid option for broader access.
- Invite more state agencies to participate.

Strong interest in ongoing OFA training opportunities.



CGMS FY25 Study Cohort Launch

In collaboration with Nevada GrantLab, we've launched a 10-session Study Cohort to help selected applicants prepare for the Certified Grants Management Specialist (CGMS) exam from the National Grant Management Association (NGMA). Fully scholarship-funded by Nevada GrantLab.

OFA has selected 10 scholarship recipients:

- 7 – State Agencies
- 1 – NSHE
- 1 – Clark County
- 1 – Non-profit

While OFA does not administer the CGMS exam (which is managed by the NGMA), our goal is to equip participants with practical tools, insights, and peer support to help them feel prepared and confident on their certification journey.



What the Study Cohort Offers

What the Study Cohort Offers:

- ✓ Overview of the CGMS exam process & requirements
- ✓ Deep dives into core grant management domains
- ✓ Risk assessment, compliance, and monitoring exercises
- ✓ Study strategies, real-world examples, and peer connections
- ✓ Access to a resource library with templates and practice tools
- ✓ Mock exam workshops and optional one-on-one coaching

✓ Did You Know?

There are roughly 321 *Certified Grants Management Specialists* in the entire U.S.!

Our goal is to **grow that number right here in Nevada** — strengthening our statewide capacity to manage, secure, and maximize federal grant dollars. Together, we're building a strong foundation for CGMS success — and reminding participants they're not navigating this journey alone!

Outreach Updates

Nevada Rural Electric Association's Board of Director's Meeting in Wells, NV

- OFA delivered a presentation in Wells, NV to the Nevada Rural Electric Association's Board of Directors, covering grant readiness, Uniform Guidance updates, and tools for effective grant discovery, underscoring OFA's commitment to strengthening rural grant capacity.

Elko Nonprofit Training Workshop

- OFA will deliver a presentation at the Elko Nonprofit Training Workshop on July 17–18, focused on federal grant opportunities, building grant readiness, and navigating compliance requirements. This effort supports the broader goal of strengthening Nevada's nonprofit sector through capacity building and strategic development.

Collaborating with the Guinn Center

- In collaboration with the Guinn Center, OFA is supporting the development of a follow-up to the April 2025 report, Federal Footprint: A Snapshot of Federal Funds Use in Nevada's State Budget. The new brief, A Review and Analysis of Federal Funding in Nevada, will examine the use and impact of federal funding on "downstream" recipients such as nonprofit organizations and private entities.



Grant Matching Program Updates



Walker River Paiute Tribe Letter of Commitment

- \$66,043.80 has been processed for the Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Program, which provides federal resources to states and direct recipients to replace, rehabilitate, and purchase buses and related equipment, as well as to construct bus-related facilities. The program also supports technological upgrades and innovations for low- or no-emission vehicles and facilities.

Nevada Rural Electric Association Letter of Commitment

- \$1,222,495.89 has been processed for NREA through the IIJA Grid Resilience Grant 40401(d). This will assist Nevada's small utilities to improve the resilience of the electric grid against disruptive events by modernizing the grid. If awarded this will support the following counties: Clark, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lincoln, Nye, Washoe, and White Pine.



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TRAINING
NAVIGATING
FEDERAL GRANTS:
COMPLIANCE &
STRATEGIC INSIGHTS
FOR STATE AGENCIES

AUGUST 15 | 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM

SOUTHERN NEVADA LEGISLATIVE OFFICES
7120 AMIGO STREET
LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

Upcoming Training

OFA is hosting an in-person federal grants training on August 15, 2025, in Las Vegas, covering key updates to 2 CFR 200, budgeting, compliance, and insights from the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Open to Southern Nevada state employees in programmatic and fiscal roles—lunch provided and registration available via NEATS.

Legislative Session Updates

Passed Bills



AB554 - Establishes the Nevada Grant Matching Program as a revolving fund, allowing unused funds to carry forward each biennium. This change strengthens the program's sustainability and maximizes the state's ability to leverage federal funding.



AB442 - Improves transparency and coordination for state grants by requiring notification to nonprofits of payment delays over 30 days and annual reporting. It also authorizes OFA to work with agencies on policies for advanced payments and federal compliance.

Other Passed Bills



In collaboration with the Governor's Finance Office (GFO), the Office of Federal Assistance (OFA) is supporting the implementation of the legislation outlined below.

AB355 – ensures that unspent funds from the Capital Improvement Funds for school districts—including rural and tribal areas—do not revert to the State General Fund and can be carried forward. It also expands eligibility for rural school districts to receive grants for projects on qualified tribal lands, even without local tax levies.

AB224 - authorizes the State Board of Finance to issue \$100 million in general obligation bonds to support capital improvement grants for school districts in counties with populations under 15,000, helping address critical facility needs in Nevada's most rural areas.



Questions???



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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Title: Fund to Assist Rural School Districts in Financing Capital Improvements

Issuing Agency: Governors Finance Office – Office of Federal Assistance

Funding Opportunity Number: FY26-RSD-CAP-002

Announcement Type: Update per passage of AB355

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Key Dates:

- Opening Date: August 11, 2025
- Application Deadline: October 10, 2025
- Anticipated Award Date: Within 30–60 days of application approval, subject to fund availability

A. Program Description

Pursuant to Chapter 387 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), as amended by Assembly Bill 355 (2025), the State of Nevada has established the *Fund to Assist Rural School Districts in Financing Capital Improvements*. Administered by the Governor's Finance Office, this fund provides financial assistance to eligible school districts located in counties with populations under 100,000 for the purpose of financing critical capital improvement projects.

Assembly Bill 355 enhances the administration and accessibility of the fund by allowing any unobligated funds remaining at the end of a fiscal year to carry forward into the next fiscal year, rather than reverting to the State General Fund. This change ensures greater continuity and predictability for long-term capital planning.

The bill also authorizes the Director of the Office of Finance to award grants regardless of whether a qualifying tax has been levied when:

- A school district receives a gift, grant, or donation for a capital project located on qualified tribal land; or
- Interest is accrued on funds received for such a project.

This provision expands flexibility and increases access to capital improvement funds, particularly benefiting school districts serving qualified tribal lands.

To qualify for grant funding under this program, one or more of the following conditions must be met:

- A county must levy a property tax dedicated to school capital improvements in accordance with Sections 2 or 3 of AB519; or
- The board of trustees of a school district must receive a gift, grant, donation, or accrued interest for a capital project located on qualified tribal land.

Counties with populations between 52,500 and 57,500 are required to levy a property tax between \$0.01 and \$0.25 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Counties with populations under 100,000 that fall outside this range may voluntarily adopt a similar tax to become eligible for state matching grants.

Taxes levied under this program are not subject to the ad valorem tax cap set forth in NRS 361.453 or to any partial abatements. If a county required to levy the tax fails to adopt an ordinance by June 30, 2024, a default rate of \$0.25 per \$100 of assessed property value will automatically be imposed on all taxable property within that county.

The overarching goal of the program is to support the construction, acquisition, expansion, or renovation of school facilities across rural Nevada, including those located on tribal land. Qualified applicants will receive state matching funds proportional to the revenue generated through their local tax levy, fostering a sustainable state-local partnership to strengthen Nevada's rural educational infrastructure.

B. Program Goals

The purpose of the Fund is to support:

- New construction or purchase of school buildings including teacherages, dormitories, dining halls, gyms, and stadiums.
- Renovation or expansion of existing facilities.
- Acquisition of property for school sites, playgrounds, and stadiums.
- Projects that serve qualified tribal lands will be prioritized, as \$25 million in grant funding is specifically reserved for these purposes.
- Capital improvement projects may include the construction, expansion, renovation, or acquisition of permanent school facilities and infrastructure directly used for educational purposes.

C. Eligibility Information

Eligible applicants include:

- Boards of Trustees of Nevada school districts located in counties with populations less than 100,000, and
- Counties that levy a tax under Section 2 or Section 3 of this act,

- school districts in counties under 100,000 population that receive a gift, grant, donation, or accrued interest for a capital project located on qualified tribal land, even if a qualifying tax is not levied.

Projects located on qualified tribal lands are eligible and encouraged. Tribal partners are encouraged to coordinate with school districts and counties, but a tax levy is **not required** when applying based on qualifying tribal gifts, grants, or accrued interest per AB355.

Qualified tribal land is defined as land held in trust for or by an Indian tribe or individual Native American, subject to federal restrictions, and where the tribe exercises governmental authority.

D. Funding Information

Total Funding Available: \$50,000,000

- \$25,000,000 for school districts generally
- \$25,000,000 reserved for capital projects on qualified tribal land

Award Ceiling: Determined based on county tax levy and demonstrated need

Cost Sharing Requirement: Cost sharing is required under this program. Grant awards may match up to 100% of the revenue generated through a county's qualifying tax levy or, for projects located on qualified tribal land, the value of eligible non-tax contributions. These contributions may include gifts, grants, donations, or accrued interest, as authorized under Section 2.5, subsection 5(c) of AB355. For projects on qualified tribal land, the grant award may be equal to the full value of such contributions, even in the absence of a tax levy.

E. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit:

- **Project Description** – The capital project must align with the purposes.
- **Financial Documentation – One of the following must be provided:**
 - a. Documentation of tax assessed
 - b. Certification of proceeds from the Board of Trustees of the school district in a county that has levied a tax imposed
 - c. **Documentation of the value of a gift, grant, donation, or accrued interest received for a capital project located on qualified tribal land**
 - Include the total amount of **tax assessed or eligible non-tax contributions** for the capital project from the immediately preceding fiscal year.
- **Use of Funds Plan** – How funds will be expended.
- **Detailed Budget** – Provide a line-item breakdown of how both local and requested state funds will be spent, ensuring all costs are reasonable, necessary, and tied to the proposed capital project.
- **Include the total grant amount requested** - If applying based on a gift, grant, donation, or interest for a project on tribal land, include documentation of the value received or accrued as per **AB355 Section 2.5, Subsection 4(b)(3))**
- **Oversight Panel Details** – Counties must establish an oversight panel.

F. Oversight and Compliance

Counties must:

- Establish a five-member Oversight Panel consisting of the following (Section 5.5):
 - One member who serves as the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners
 - One member who serves on the Board of Trustees of the school district
 - One member who is a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe or nation located in the county
 - One member who is a resident of the county and who has experience with construction of schools and is appointed by the president of the board of trustees of the school district.
 - One member who is a resident of the county and has experience in financing public works projects and is appointed by the chair of the Board of County Commissioners.
- Panel members serve two-year terms after the initial appointment. Members are eligible for reappointment. Initial term lengths may be staggered to ensure continuity.
- Hold at least quarterly meetings
- Track credits/debits and make recommendations regarding tax termination and fund use
- Recommend future use of the money raised by the county levying a tax.
- Review the amount of any appropriation, grant, gift or donation received by the county for the construction of the school facilities
- Make a recommendation for the date of termination of a tax levied, if the date of the tax is not otherwise fixed.
- Grant recipients must submit quarterly expenditure and progress reports to the Governor's Finance Office using the reporting templates provided.

G. Submission Instructions

Applications will be evaluated based on completeness, eligibility, and consistency with the program's objectives. The Governor's Finance Office – Office of Federal Assistance, reserves the right to request additional documentation or clarification during the review process.

Applicants must submit a complete application package via email to **grants@ofa.nv.gov**, using the subject line: **FY25-RSD-CAP-002 Application – [Your County Name]**. All materials must be submitted in PDF format. Incomplete or improperly formatted applications may not be considered. For questions or assistance, please contact the Governor's Finance Office – Office of Federal Assistance at **(775) 684-0156**.

H. Award Administration Information

Successful applicants will be notified via official award letter within 30–60 days of application approval. A grant agreement must be carried out before funds are disbursed. Grantees must submit quarterly performance and financial reports in accordance with the guidance issued by the Governor's Finance Office – Office of Federal Assistance. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may result in suspension or termination of the award.



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NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO)

Title: AB224 – Rural School District Capital Improvement Bond Grant Program

Issuing Agency: Governor's Finance Office – Office of Federal Assistance

Funding Opportunity Number: FY26-RSD-BOND-001

Announcement Type: New – Implementation of AB224

Funding Instrument Type: Grant

Key Dates:

- **Opening Date:** August 15, 2025
- **Application Deadline:** October 15, 2025
- **Anticipated Award Notification:** Within 30–60 days of application approval, subject to fund availability

A. Program Description

Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 224 (2025), the State Board of Finance is required to issue up to \$100,000,000 in general obligation bonds to support capital improvements in Nevada school districts located in counties with populations under 15,000.

The proceeds of these bonds will be deposited into the Fund to Assist School Districts in Financing Capital Improvements, established under NRS 387.333. These funds will be used by the Director of the Office of Finance to provide grants for capital improvements, as defined in NRS 387.3335, to eligible school districts.

This program is designed to assist rural districts facing critical infrastructure challenges, particularly where existing facilities are condemned, unsafe, or economically infeasible to renovate compared to new construction.

B. Program Goals

The goals of the AB224 Grant Program are to:

- Fund construction or replacement of condemned or uninhabitable school buildings
- Support renovations where costs do not exceed 40% of new construction
- Enable acquisition of permanent infrastructure for educational use
- Improve student safety and access to quality learning environments in Nevada's most rural counties

C. Eligibility Information

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a school district located in a Nevada county with a population under 15,000, as determined by the most recent official census or population estimates
- Submit an application that meets one or more of the emergency conditions outlined in NRS 387.3335, including:
 - A condemned school facility
 - A facility deemed unsafe or unfit for use
 - A facility where renovation exceeds 40% of the cost of new construction
- Demonstrate that the county's ad valorem tax rate is at the maximum limit allowed by law

D. Funding Information

- **Total Funding Available:** Up to \$100,000,000 (bond proceeds)
- **Award Ceiling:** Based on demonstrated project need and eligible scope
- **Funding Source:** General obligation bonds issued by the State of Nevada
- **Use of Funds:** Capital improvements only, as defined under NRS 387.3335
- **Definition of Proceeds:** Includes revenue from bond sales and any accrued interest

E. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following:

1. **Project Narrative** – Description of the capital improvement need and alignment with NRS 387.3335

2. **Eligibility Documentation** – Population data, proof of tax rate status, and evidence of emergency conditions
3. **Budget & Financial Plan** – Itemized project costs and expected use of funds
4. **Timeline & Readiness** – Key milestones and anticipated construction dates
5. **Certifications** – Governing board approvals and compliance acknowledgements

F. Oversight and Reporting

Grantees will be required to:

- Enter into a grant agreement with the Governor’s Finance Office
- Submit quarterly performance and financial reports
- Maintain all documentation related to the use of funds for potential audit or review

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