



Louisiana Brownfields Conference

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Meet the LITACorp Team



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- Alternate Federal Co-Chair, Delta Regional Authority
- Designee to the Board on behalf of Governor John Bel Edwards, Delta Regional Authority



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Overview

- Established by ACT No. 497 in the 2022 Regular Session, the Louisiana State Legislature authorized the Political Subdivision Federal Grant Assistance Fund (§100.192) “to assist political subdivisions with competitive federal grant opportunities made pursuant to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (P.L. 117-58)”
- As a result of this legislation, a collaborative partnership between LMA and PJAL established LITACorp, a new nonprofit organization, to administer these funds on behalf of DOA
- Beginning in 2023, LITACorp will administer technical assistance and a matching funds program specifically for local government entities located in rural and economically distressed areas



Goals

- Equip political subdivisions located in rural and economically distressed areas with the tools and resources they need to identify, apply for, and administer federal grants funded through the IJA
- Minimize barriers for political subdivisions to access federal resources by assisting them with meeting local cost share requirements of federal grant programs funded through IJA
- Acquire federal grant funds through the IJA to construct, improve, or repair public infrastructure – water and sewer systems, roads, bridges, railways, ports, broadband, etc. – in rural and economically distressed communities throughout Louisiana



Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA)

- Also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)
- Provides \$1.2 trillion nationwide for infrastructure, including:
 - Utilities
 - Transportation
 - Broadband
 - Climate, Energy, and the Environment
- Contains 375 different funding programs
- Many are competitive grant opportunities open to the city/town and parish level



Programs

- Technical Assistance Program
- Matching Funds Grant Program



Technical Assistance Program

- LITACorp launched the Technical Assistance Program (TAP) in June 2023
- LITACorp's TA Team is supported by Franklin Associates, GrantWorks, and Hunt, Guillot & Associates
- TA services include, but are not be limited to, the following:
 - Project development/prioritization
 - Funding identification
 - Grant writing
 - Grant administration
- Interested communities must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to LITACorp to be considered for TA services



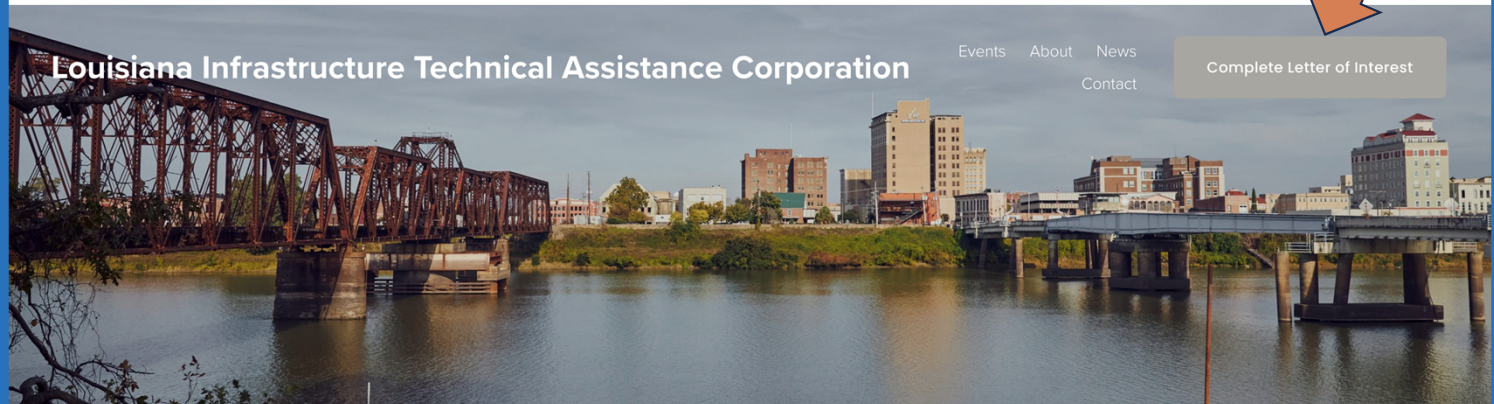
TAP Process

- ✓ Step 1: Letter of Interest Submitted
- ✓ Step 2: Eligibility Determination
- ✓ Step 3: Discovery Call with TA Team
- ✓ Step 4: Memorandum of Understanding
- ✓ Step 5: Needs Assessment
- ✓ Step 6: Strategic Priority Discussion
- ✓ Step 7: Grant Strategy
- ✓ Step 8: Grant Application
- ✓ Step 9: Grant Management



Letter of Interest

Have questions about LITACorp's Letter of Interest or need help completing it? LITACorp's hotline is now available Monday-Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm CT. Call (225) 230-2229 or email LOI@litacorp.org for assistance!





Matching Funds Grant Program

- LITACorp has developed a \$20 million Matching Funds Grant Program (MFGP)
- The MFGP assists local governments with meeting local cost share requirements established by grant programs funded through the IJA
- To participate in the MFGP, eligible communities must submit an application to LITACorp to be considered for an award
- LITACorp will evaluate all applications based on the following criteria: Distress, Rurality, Fiscal Health, and Capacity
- Regional partnerships will be encouraged to ensure federal grant applications are more competitive



Grant Awards

- LITACorp intends to award construction grants between \$250,000 and \$750,000, and non-construction grants between \$50,000 and \$350,000
- LITACorp reserves the right to make awards outside of these budget ranges, especially for projects demonstrating substantial regional impact



57 Engaged Localities

Village of:

- Anacoco
- Clarence
- Creola
- Estherwood
- Provencal
- Richmond
- Rosedale
- Simpson

Town of:

- Addis
- Baldwin
- Ball
- Berwick
- Brusly
- Chatham
- Cheneyville
- Elton
- Gramercy
- Grand Isle
- Jonesboro
- Jonesville
- Lake Providence
- Madisonville
- Maringouin
- Oberlin
- Plain Dealing
- Richwood
- Sarepta
- Sterlington
- Stonewall
- Washington
- Welsh
- Woodworth
- Zwolle

City of:

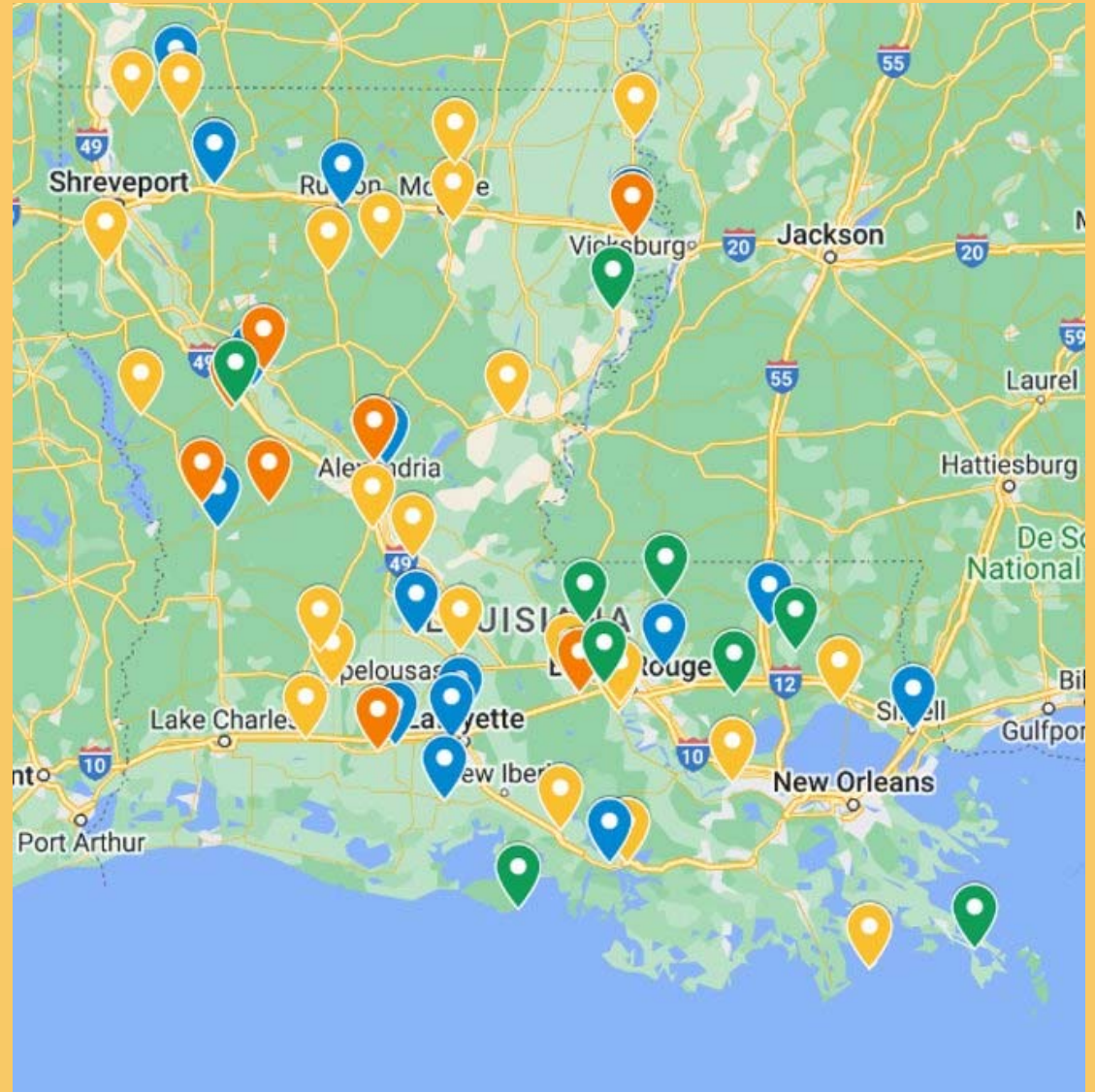
- Abbeville
- Amite City
- Carencro
- Central
- Crowley
- Leesville
- Minden
- Natchitoches
- Patterson
- Ruston
- Scott
- Slidell
- Springhill
- Tallulah
- Ville Platte

Parish:

- East Feliciana
- Iberia
- Livingston
- Natchitoches
- Plaquemines
- Point Coupee
- Tangipahoa
- Tensas
- West Baton Rouge

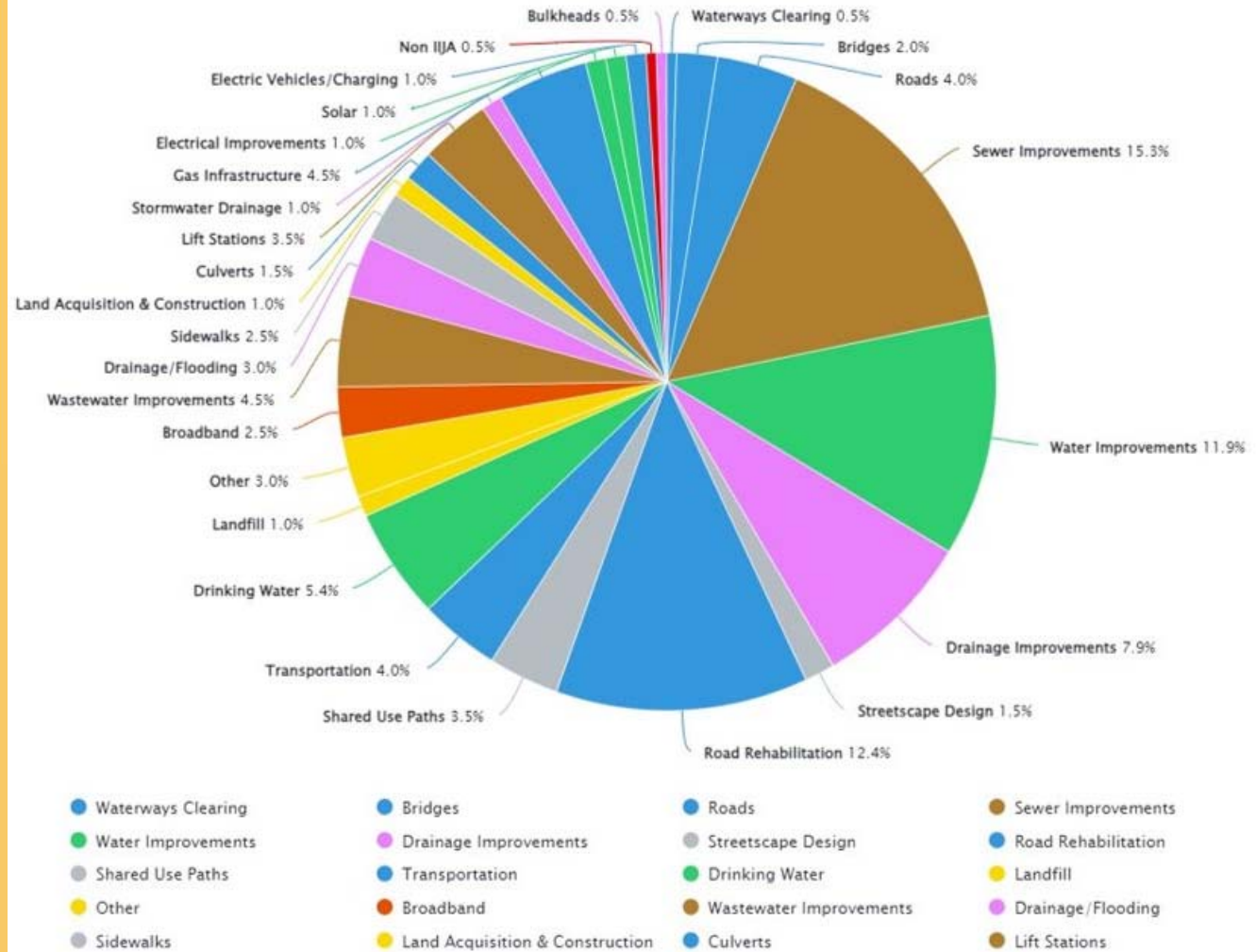


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Infrastructure Needs





Grant Writing

(to date)

- U.S. Department of Transportation
 - Natural Gas Distribution Infrastructure Safety and Modernization Grant (4)
 - Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-saving Transportation Program (2)
 - Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (1)
 - Safe Streets and Roads for All (1)
- U.S. Department of Energy
 - Smart Grid Grant (1)
- Delta Regional Authority
 - Community Infrastructure Fund (2)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 - LDEQ's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (4)
 - LDH's Drinking Water Revolving Loan (5)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
 - Coastal Resilience Fund (1)



LITACorp x Brownfields

- The IJIA provided \$1.5 billion to the U.S. EPA to support brownfields redevelopment
- LITACorp's Technical Assistance Team can support communities with developing and writing grant applications for the following programs:
 - Assessment Grants
 - Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants
 - Cleanup Grants
 - Multipurpose Grants
 - Job Training Grants



Questions & Answers



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