## Historic Funding Available via Dept of Energy's Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation Grant Program

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law included historic levels of grant funding for building energy codes adoption, implementation, and technical assistance. A total of \$225 million in grants will be made available beginning on or about October 2022, through the Department of Energy's (DOE) *Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation* program.

The program will provide competitive grants to state and local agencies and their partners, that have demonstrated intent and capacity to advance their energy, climate, and resilience goals. Grant funding can be used for adoption and/or implementation of updated building energy codes; expanded workforce development opportunities; codes compliance; and advancement of equity, energy, and environmental justice.

The program is structured such that state and local government agencies must be the lead entities on grant applications. However, DOE strongly encourages agencies to form partnerships with organizations and other entities that can provide expertise related to codes adoption and implementation. These potential partnerships represent a significant opportunity for architects, their businesses and firms, to engage in the work of codes adoption and implementation. AIA encourages its members to reach out to state and local government agencies that are likely to take the lead on codes adoption and related activities. Communicate both your interest in forming a partnership, and the expertise you would bring to such a partnership.

The Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation grants are potentially game-changing opportunities for cities and states to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve resilience, and provide billions of dollars in energy bill savings for families and business owners by significantly improving building energy efficiency.

Read the full Notice of Intent here.

More details on the Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation program are available <u>here</u>, and well as in AIA's summary.

In May, AIA National hosted a webinar with the Department of Energy, to discuss the both the energy codes grants and other funding made available via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. That webinar can be viewed <a href="here">here</a>.