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Dear Community Leader,

AIA Cincinnati, the southwest Ohio chapter of the American Institute of Architects received an update from AIA National on new legislation that includes opportunities for local and county governments.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law includes grant funding for building energy codes adoption, implementation, and technical assistance. We anticipate the Department of Energy's (DOE) Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation program will be accepting applications in October. 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 - including architects and construction professionals - that can provide expertise related to codes adoption and implementation. The full Notice of Intent and details on the Resilient and Efficient Codes Implementation program are available online. Our executive director, Julie Carpenter julie@aiacincinnati.org, can also email you the information.

In August, Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act (H.R. 5376) which includes opportunities for states and local governments to adopt the latest energy codes or zero-energy stretch codes. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund includes grants to enable low-income and disadvantaged communities to deploy or benefit from zero-emission technologies. The legislation also provides funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for grants and loans to improve water efficiency, energy efficiency, and resilience of eligible affordable housing units. State energy offices are also able to request funding to establish rebate programs for high-efficiency electric appliances and whole-house energy savings improvements (applicable to single- and multi-family dwellings).

These new grant programs are potentially game-changing opportunities for municipalities 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.

If your community is interested in pursuing one of these grants and would like to engage an architect in your project, AIA Cincinnati is able to share RFQ and RFP documents with our members. You can also find a list of firms employing AIA members on our website under Resources.

We will continue to share updates on opportunities for our local communities.

Sincerely,

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