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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 grant funding for local governments and NGOs to improve energy efficiency and air quality in the nation's K-12 schools.

The U.S. Department of Energy is expected to open Renew America's Schools grants soon, with up to \$80 million available for school projects to reduce building operating costs through efforts like ventilation system improvements and building envelop and lighting projects. The funding will be available to state and local governments as well as non-governmental groups including associations, community organizations, and workforce training providers.

The DOE Notice of Intent announcement can be found on the DOE website <https://www.energy.gov/articles/biden-harris-administration-announces-845-million-make-clean-energy-improvements-and-lower>.

They are hosting a webinar about the grants on December 7, 2022.

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. If you have any questions, please contact our executive director, Julie Carpenter julie@aiacincinnati.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krutarth Jain".

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