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Solar Regulation Implementation FAQ Now Available

The League of California Cities has posted on its website a [frequently asked questions](#) (FAQ) document for a new law requiring that cities speed up and streamline the permitting and inspection of rooftop solar energy installations. [AB 2188 \(Muratsuchi\)](#) imposes a number of new requirements with which cities must comply before Sept. 30. *For more, see Page 2.*



New Federal Grant Opportunities Available for Cities

The [U.S. Department of Justice](#) (DOJ), the [U.S. Department of Commerce](#) and the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) are offering several grant opportunities of interest to cities and local governments. *For more, see Page 2.*



GO-Biz to Host Regional Workshops on How Businesses Can Apply for the California Competes Tax Credit

Gov. Jerry Brown's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) is hosting free workshops on how to apply for the California Competes Tax Credit. Along with a webinar workshop on March 16, GoBiz is offering in-person webinars around the state. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The League strongly opposed this measure as it moved through the Legislature and was ultimately signed by Gov. Jerry Brown. For background information on AB 2188 see the article "[Citing Climate Issues, Local Solar Processing Mandate Bill Signed.](#)"

For more information about the FAQs or AB 2188, please contact [Jason Rhine](#), legislative representative, (916) 658-8264.

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The League encourages cities review the opportunities listed below and apply for these beneficial funds.

[Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration \(EDA\) – FY 2015 Economic Development Assistance Program](#)

EDA is soliciting applications from rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance and revolving loan fund projects under the EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive merit basis to support economic development, foster job creation and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. All applications for this program under funding cycle two of FY 2015 are due by March 12.

[National Endowment for the Humanities – Challenge Grants](#)

Challenge grants are capacity-building grants, intended to support significant humanities activities of high intellectual quality and to help institutions secure long-term support for their humanities programs. Through these grants, many organizations and institutions have been able to increase their humanities capacity and secure the permanent support of an endowment. Grants may be used to establish or enhance endowments or spend-down funds that generate expendable earnings to support and enhance ongoing program activities. Challenge grants may also provide capital directly supporting the procurement of long-lasting objects, such as acquisitions for archives and collections, the purchase of equipment and the construction or renovation of facilities needed for humanities activities. All applications are due by May 5.

[Office of Violence Against Women \(OVW\) – FY 2015 Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program](#)

The Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program (Arrest Program) recognizes that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are crimes that require the criminal justice system to hold offenders accountable for their actions through: investigation, arrest and prosecution of violent offenders; and close judicial scrutiny and management of offender behavior. The Arrest Program is designed to encourage partnerships between state, local and tribal governments, as well as courts, victim service providers, coalitions and rape crisis centers to ensure that sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking are treated as serious violations of criminal law. All applications are due by March 24.

[Bureau of Justice Assistance \(BJA\) – FY 2015 Law Enforcement and Missing Persons with Alzheimer's Disease](#)

This grant announcement focuses on programs strategically targeted to address community and law enforcement needs, specifically on developing community partnerships to assist law enforcement in locating and working with missing persons with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Products produced with prior funding include: pocket guides; training videos; evaluative questions to ask caregivers; and model policies, training keys, podcasts, and protocols for a comprehensive "holistic" approach for law enforcement and community partners to proactively prevent persons with Alzheimer's

disease from wandering and locate those who are reported missing. All applications for this program are due by April 6.

[National Institute of Justice \(NIJ\) – FY 2015 Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing](#)

The goal of the Using DNA Technology to Identify the Missing program is to:

- Assist eligible entities in performing DNA analysis on unidentified human remains and/or reference samples to support the efforts of states and units of local government to identify missing persons;
- Enter the resulting DNA profiles into the FBI's National DNA Index System using the Combined DNA Index System; and
- Enter any relevant case information related to unidentified remains into the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

NIJ estimates that it will make up to four awards for an estimated total of \$2 million for a project period of 24 months. All applications are due by April 28.

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Companies large and small that are adding jobs in the state are encouraged to apply for tax credits to help expand their business. GO-Biz evaluates the most competitive applications based on the factors required by statute, including total jobs created, total investment, average wage, economic impact, strategic importance and more. Applications are accepted online through a free and interactive [website](#).

This fiscal year, GO-Biz is authorized to award \$151.1 million in tax credits of which 25 percent (\$37.7 million) is reserved for small businesses. GO-Biz made the first allocation of \$31 million on Jan. 15 and is scheduled to make additional awards on April 16 (\$75 million) and June 18 (\$31.1 million plus any unallocated amounts from the previous application periods).

So far, GO-Biz has allocated approximately \$60 million to 85 companies that are projected to create over 10,000 jobs and make close to \$3 billion in investments. For more information about the California Competes Tax Credit visit the [GO-Biz website](#).

About GO-Biz

GO-Biz serves as California's office for economic development and offers a range of services to business owners. Those services include attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, important informational briefings and much more.

For more information visit www.business.ca.gov or contact Jorge.Jaramillo@gov.ca.gov.

Workshop Details

Eureka
Monday, Feb. 23
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Vallejo
Tuesday, Feb. 24
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Redding
Monday, Feb. 23
2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Walnut Creek
Tuesday, Feb. 24
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Petaluma
Tuesday, Feb. 24
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Oakland
Wednesday, Feb. 25
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

San Francisco
Wednesday, Feb. 25
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Salinas
Thursday, Feb. 26
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Bakersfield
Friday, Feb. 27
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Torrance
Monday, March 2
9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Lakewood
Monday, March 2
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Santa Clarita
Tuesday, March 3
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Corona
Tuesday, March 3
3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Indio
Wednesday, March 4
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

National City
Thursday, March 5
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Santa Ana
Thursday, March 5
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Thousand Oaks
Friday, March 6
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Cupertino
Friday, March 6
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Ventura
Friday, March 6
1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

Online Webinar
Monday March 16
2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
[Details and Registration](#)

April 7 is Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service

The Corporation for National and Community Service invites mayors from throughout the United States to participate in the third annual Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service. Scheduled for April 7, this year's event will highlight the impact of AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. Participating in the event is a way to spotlight the importance of citizen engagement, recognize the dedication of national service members, and inspire more residents to get involved in their communities.

[Register online](#) to participate.

The Corporation for National and Community Service has put together a [comprehensive toolkit](#) for the event that includes FAQs, key messages, sample news release, sample proclamation and more.

If you have any questions, please contact [Greg Ericksen](#) of the CNCS CA State Office at (310) 235-7711.
