



# April 2023 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- [Great Community Give for VCC](#), virtual, April 19
- [Virginia Beach Earth Day](#), April 22
- [Earth Day Staunton](#), April 22
- [Fredericksburg's Earth Day Festival on the Rappahannock](#), April 22
- [Waynesboro Riverfest](#), April 29

*Click the events for more info!*

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## \$700 million Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program



The Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI Program) is a new competitive grant program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to strategically deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle charging and alternative fueling infrastructure in the places people live and work – urban and rural areas alike – in addition to along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors. CFI Program investments will make modern and sustainable infrastructure accessible to all drivers of electric, hydrogen, propane, and natural gas vehicles.

Virginia Clean Cities will provide support to any Virginia business or Virginia eligible entity for application. If your request is less than \$500,000 please know you could join a group or regional grants. For questions, please email [aharned@vacleancities.org](mailto:aharned@vacleancities.org).

### [Teaming Arrangement Sign Up List](#)

Applications must be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](#) no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on Tuesday, May 30, 2023

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## Rally in Richmond a huge success



*[photo courtesy of Rob Monroe, VA DEQ]*

VCC's return to the Richmond Main Street Station was a huge success! With a record number of attendees and a healthy fundraising total, we sincerely thank all of our sponsors, speakers, exhibitors, board members, stakeholders and attendees. We couldn't have done it without you and we value your partnership year round. Awards were given to several clean transportation leaders during the program.

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## Join us in the Great Community Give



VCC is participating in the Great Community Give again this year on Wednesday, April 19th, and you can join in the effort! What your donation is going towards: Adopt-A-Charger

The Adopt-A-Charger program accelerates the widespread adoption of electric vehicles through crowd-funded, grassroots support of public, fee-free electric vehicle chargers. As a sponsor, your donation will help purchase level 2 EV chargers that will then be donated to entities locally in Virginia for public use.

Any donation amount helps further EV infrastructure in the Commonwealth!

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## Rural hydrogen vehicle demos

As part of the Drive Clean Rural USA project and in collaboration with Toyota, the VCC team will be demonstrating a hydrogen Toyota Mirai in rural communities across Virginia. While hydrogen infrastructure has yet to be built out in the Commonwealth, this vehicle demonstrates one of the many technologies that are on the horizon for clean fuel vehicles in the Mid-Atlantic! If you would like to see the Mirai, join us at [Fredericksburg's Annual Earth Day Festival on the Rappahannock](#) on April 22nd or the [Riverfest in Waynesboro](#) on April 29th.



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## Geospatial Energy Mapper tool

## \$50m Clean Energy to Communities Program



**C2C: Clean Energy  
to Communities**

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



The U.S. Department of Energy's Argonne National Laboratory developed a comprehensive mapping tool under the [Mid-Atlantic Electrification Partnership](#). The Geospatial Energy Mapper (GEM) is an interactive web-based decision support system that allows users to locate areas with high suitability for clean power generation and potential energy transmission corridors. Browse and download data layers, or create a custom suitability model to identify areas for energy development.

GEM TOOL

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) this year launched a new up to \$50 million program to help communities across the country transition to clean energy systems that are reliable, affordable, equitable, and reflective of local priorities. The Clean Energy to Communities program (C2C) will connect local governments, electric utilities, community-based groups, and others with the innovative modeling and testing tools developed at DOE's world-class national laboratories to transform their clean energy goals and ambitions into reality.

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## Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program Guidance now available



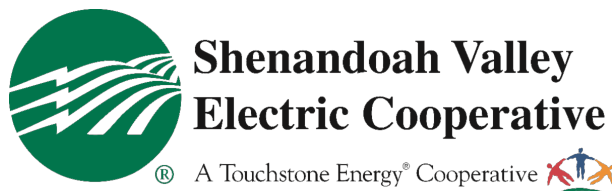
The [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) announced](#) program guidance for planning grants under the \$5 billion [Climate Pollution Reduction Grant \(CPRG\) program](#), which is part of the Inflation Reduction Act. This two-stage program – with \$250 million in noncompetitive planning grants, followed by \$4.6 billion in competitive implementation grants – will encourage states, air agencies, municipalities, and tribes to create and implement comprehensive climate pollution plans that ensure reductions and maximize benefits, especially for low income and disadvantaged communities.

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# New and Returning Members!



**Returning Diamond Level Member!**



**New Gold Level Member!**



**New and Returning Coalition Level Members!**

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