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A New Initiative Seeks to Help Small Cities Access Infrastructure Funding.

The program will work with communities to assemble strong grant applications that can win some of the billions of dollars available.

Thanks to the 2021 infrastructure law, billions of dollars are available to communities to invest in clean energy, transit, affordable housing, good-paying jobs and environmental justice initiatives. But for small and rural communities, these funds are often out of reach.

Many such communities don't have the staff or financial capacity to assemble strong grant applications. That's where a new initiative that aims to connect governments with the capital and training necessary to kickstart their projects comes in.

The <u>10,000 Communities Initiative</u> is the brainchild of the Milken Institute, a nonprofit think tank. Its goal is to help thousands of communities access infrastructure funds over the next year.

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