



## Building Resilience Together September 2025

This issue features **key opportunities** and updates from [state, federal, and local sources](#)—all tied to our resilience theme. Explore [direct links to grants, programs](#), and initiatives that support your work and community..

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### Opportunities

**Building Resilience Together** means embracing change, investing wisely, and supporting one another through challenges. In this issue, we spotlight [Brian Robinson, who transformed adversity during the Great Recession into opportunity by founding a construction company and expanding into three successful franchise locations](#). We also explore how construction businesses can [future-proof operations by spending smarter](#)—not just less—especially in workforce management to retain skilled labor and reduce long-term costs. Finally, we highlight the [U.S. Department of Transportation's announcement of \\$46 million in grants](#) to support innovative finance and asset concession strategies, reinforcing our shared commitment to resilient infrastructure and sustainable growth.

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