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Climate Justice through Engagement

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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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# TACKLING CLIMATE AND AIR POLLUTION MAXIMIZING EMISSION REDUCTIONS

## Sector-based: Mobile Sources

- Clean School Bus Program
- Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles
- Clean Ports
- Diesel Emissions Reductions Act Program

## Top-down: Climate Plans

- Climate Pollution Reduction Planning and Implementation Grants

## Bottom-up: Environmental Justice (EJ)

- Community Change Grant Program
- TCTAC Program
- EJ Govt.-to-Govt. Program
- Collaborative Problem-Solving Coop. Agreement
- Thriving Communities Grant Makers

## Sector-based: Stationary Sources

- Methane Emissions Reduction Program
- Funding to Address Air Pollution/Air Monitoring





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MAXIMIZING EMISSION REDUCTIONS**

**SOLAR FOR ALL**



# SOLAR FOR ALL

## PROGRAM GOALS

- **Funding residential and residential-serving community solar projects** that will cumulatively reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions by over 30 million metric tons CO2 equivalent.
- **Reaching communities in all states and territories, including in Tribal Lands**, maximizing the reach and breadth of Solar for All.
- **Creating equitable access to affordable, resilient solar for nearly a million low-income households**, by providing subsidies, low-cost capital, and technical assistance to projects, communities, and developers.
- **Delivering hundreds of thousands of good-paying, high-quality jobs**, especially in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

**\$7 BILLION** announced  
*recently*





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# **CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS**



# SOLAR FOR ALL

## VERMONT SELECTEES

- **Vermont Department of Public Service will:** provide the incentives, organizational structures, and program policies needed to install thousands of solar systems on the roofs of low-income and disadvantaged homeowners, on the roofs and sites of managed permanently affordable apartment buildings, and as residential-serving community arrays that will provide meaningful benefits to the homeowners, affordable housing residents, and renters.
- **Inclusive Prosperity Capital, Inc. will:** support the development of low-income community solar projects, reduce carbon emissions, generate energy cost savings, and promote quality jobs, community wealth-building, community energy resilience, and equitable workforce development. Inclusive Prosperity Capital's program will operate in at least 44 states nationwide.

## OTHER NEW ENGLAND SELECTEES

Maine Governor's Energy Office

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources

Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources







# CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS

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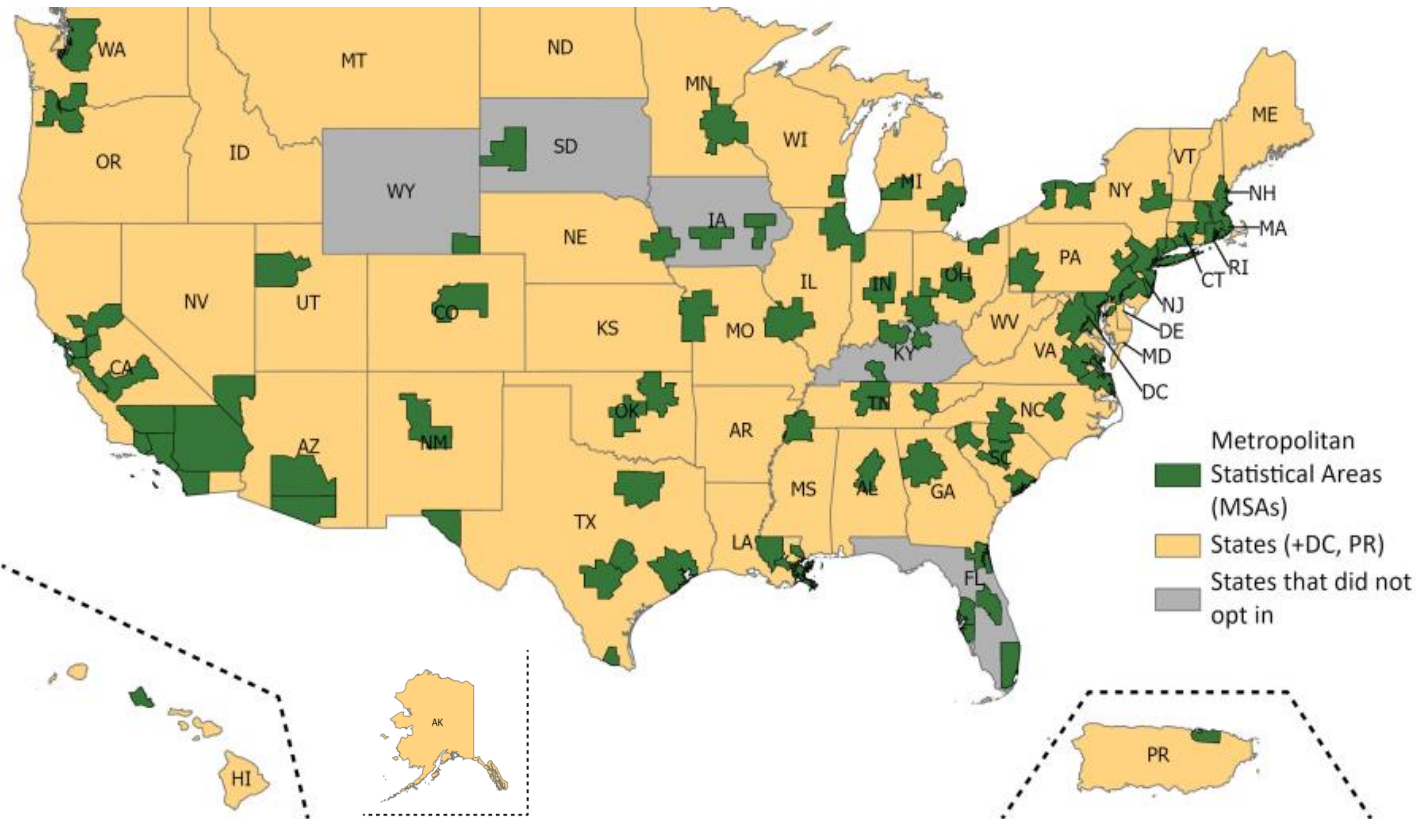


The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides **\$5 billion** in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.

This two-phase program provides **\$250 million** for non-competitive planning grants, and approximately **\$4.6 billion** for competitive implementation grants. Implementation grant selectees will be announced later this summer.



# CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION



Because of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program, over

# 96%

Of the United States is now covered by a **Climate Action Plan.**



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MAXIMIZING EMISSION REDUCTIONS**

**CLEAN HEAVY-DUTY  
VEHICLES (CHDV)  
GRANTS**



# CLEAN HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION



The Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program provides:

# \$1 BILLION

in grants to replace **non-zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles** with **zero-emission vehicles** and **refueling infrastructure**.

This program provides at least **\$400 million** for projects serving communities located in an area in nonattainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.





# CLEAN HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES

## OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

### PROGRAM GOALS

Application deadline is **July 25, 2024**

- Encourage widespread adoption of zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles and expand the nation's zero-emission charging and refueling infrastructure.
- Reduce air pollution, emitted greenhouse gases, and criteria pollutants, especially in non-attainment areas and communities with environmental justice concerns.
- Provide benefits to the communities in which replacement vehicles will operate, including cleaner air, which will result in improved health outcomes, reduced noise pollution, and clean energy job creation.
- Increase availability of domestic manufacturing and workforce capacity to support the production, operation, and maintenance of zero-emission vehicles, engines, and other key components (e.g., batteries).





# CLEAN HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES

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### ELIGIBILITY

#### Eligible Activities

- The incremental cost of replacing a non-zero-emission Class 6/7 zero-emission vehicle
- The purchase and installation of refueling infrastructure that will support vehicles replaced under this program
- Driver/mechanic training related to the maintenance and operation of new technologies, and vehicle warranties
- Costs directly related to the implementation, management, and oversight of the project, including recipient and subrecipient personnel and benefits, contractual services, consulting on vehicle deployments, travel, supplies, and indirect costs

#### Eligible Applicants

- States, including U.S. territories
- Municipalities, including public school districts
- Indian tribes
- Nonprofit school transportation associations



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**DIESEL EMISSIONS  
REDUCTION ACT (DERA)  
TRIBAL AND TERRITORY  
GRANTS**





# DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT

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### TRIBAL DERA PROGRAM DETAILS

Application deadline is **December 6, 2024**

- **FUNDING LEVEL & ELIGIBILITY:**
  - \$8 million for federally recognized Tribal governments, intertribal consortia, and Alaska Native Villages
  - \$1 million for territories, including government agencies of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- **ISSUE:** Nearly 8 million legacy diesel engines are in use in the United States and emissions from these engines are a significant source of health problems.
- **GOAL:** Reduce diesel emissions from older diesel engines emitting large amounts of NOx and PM2.5, which contribute to serious public health problems, including asthma, lung disease, and various other cardiac and respiratory diseases

Other opportunities under the State DERA and National DERA programs are expected in the future.





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# **CLEAN SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM**

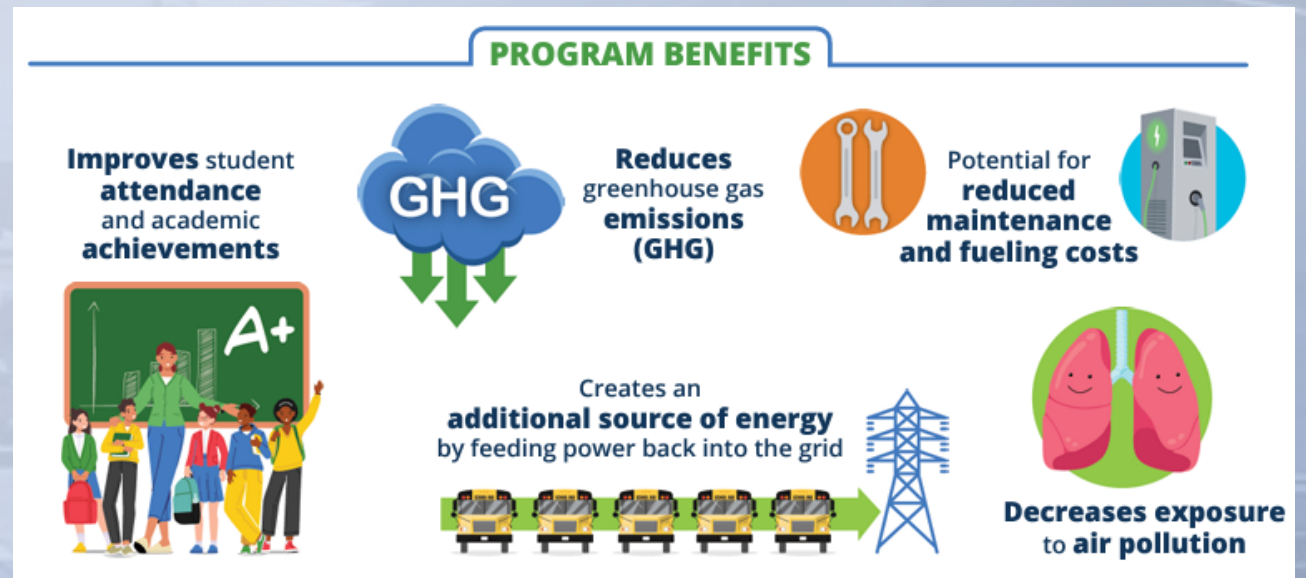


# CLEAN SCHOOL BUS OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

## PROGRAM DETAILS

**\$5 Billion** over **5 years** to replace the nation’s existing school buses with cleaner models.

- **GOAL:** accelerate the transition to zero emission vehicles and produce cleaner air in and around schools and communities
- **TO DATE:**
  - \$3 billion, of which \$120 million to New England
  - 8,500 school bus replacements, including 310 among 31 New England school districts
  - Just announced an additional 531 selectees, 58 of which are in New England, including South Burlington School District!





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**ENERGY STAR  
RESOURCES**

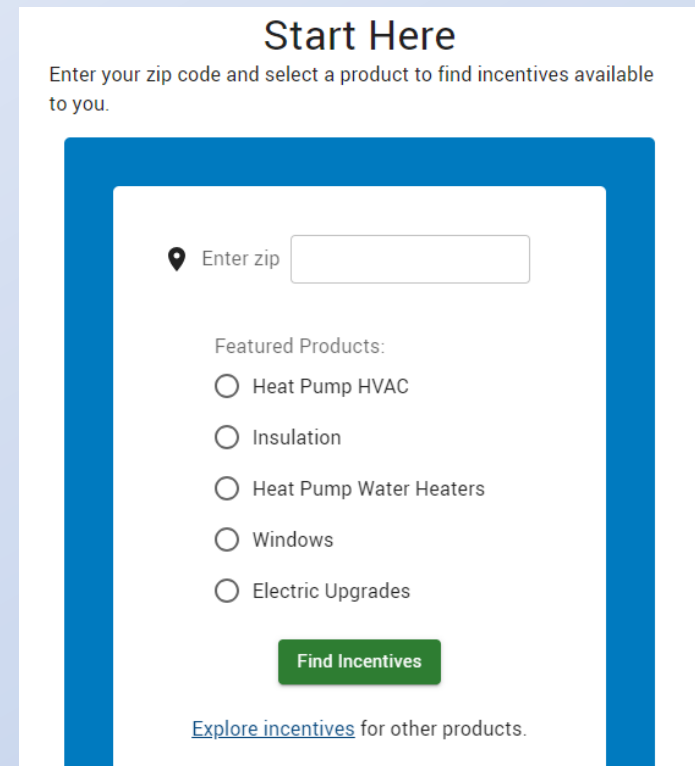


# ENERGY STAR OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

## NEW RESOURCES

**ENERGY STAR** symbolizes simple, credible, unbiased information on energy efficiency.

- NEW! Home Improvement Savings web tool to help identify all energy efficiency incentives in the area
- NEW! Home Upgrade Service Provider Partnership which pre-screened several companies to highlight those specializing in concierge services
  - Air Service Professionals
  - Pearl Certification
  - Philadelphia Energy Authority
  - QuitCarbon
  - Sealed Inc.
  - Sears Home Improvement





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**COMMUNITY  
CHANGE GRANTS**



# COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS

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EPA received **\$3 billion** through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to fund environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities.

- \$2.8 billion for grants including \$2 billion for the Community Change Grants Program (CCGP).
- \$200 million for technical assistance related to the grants.
- \$300 million (estimated) for Target Investment Area (TIA) B for projects benefitting Tribes outside Alaska-Section II.B of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- Grants cannot exceed three years (no extensions).
- All grants must be awarded by September 30, 2026





## GOALS

Designed with meaningful community, Tribal and other stakeholder input, the investments EPA makes through the Community Change Grants are intended to achieve the following goals:



Fund community-driven pollution and climate resiliency solutions.



Invest in strong cross-sectoral collaborations with partners



working with and for communities.



Deliver technical assistance and capacity-building support.



Strengthen communities' decision-making power.



# COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS

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### Track I\*

#### Community-Driven Investments for Change

- Project types include:
  - Climate Action Projects examples
    - Green Infrastructure & Nature-Based Solutions
    - Mobility & Transportation Options
    - Brownfield Development
    - Workforce Development
  - Pollution Reduction Projects
    - Indoor/Outdoor Air Quality & Community Health
    - Clean Water Infrastructure
    - Hazardous Waste Management
- Per Award Amount: \$10M – cannot exceed \$20M

### Track II

#### Meaningful Engagement for

#### Equitable Governance

- Educational and Training Programs
- Environmental Advisory Boards (EABs)
- Collaborative Governance Activities
- Participation in Governmental Funding and Budgeting Processes
- Per Award Amount: \$1M – cannot exceed \$3M







# COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS ELIGIBLE ENTITIES

The following entities are eligible to enter a Statutory Partnership under this NOFO:

- **Community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs)**
  - Demonstrates connection to community through services provided to residents and stakeholders.
  - Recognized as a non-profit organization by IRS or state, Tribal, etc. authority
  - An Intertribal Consortia may meet the definition of CBO if they meet the CBO requirements in the NOFO and 40 CFR 35.504(a) and (c) requirements.
- **Federally recognized Tribe** (as defined by the Clean Air Act-Section III.A.3 of the NOFO)
  - “Any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village, which is federally recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians.”
  - Does not include State-recognized Tribes (but they can be collaborative entities-see later slides)
- **Local government**
- **Institution of higher education (IHE)** *\*More details found in Section III.A of the NOFO\**



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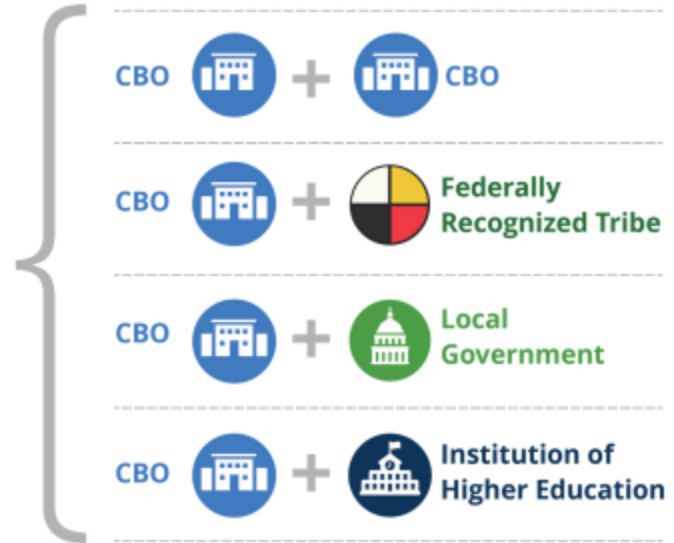
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# Statutory Partnership

Applicants must either be a partnership of two community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs) or a partnership between a CBO and a federally recognized Tribe, local government or institution of higher education.

Partnerships must be documented and meet certain legal requirements (see Appendix B).

Additional information on eligibility and partnerships can be found in Section III of the [NOFO](#).



Note: While the CBO does not have to be the "Lead Applicant," all statutory partnerships must include a CBO.



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## Collaborating Entities

Other entities can be involved in projects as **Collaborating Entities**.

Collaborating Entities may include entities that legally could be Statutory Partners (CBOs, **Federally recognized Tribes**, local governments, and institutions of higher education) and entities that cannot legally be Statutory Partners (e.g., states and territorial governments, state recognized Tribes).

Multiple Tribes can be Collaborating Entities in an application.

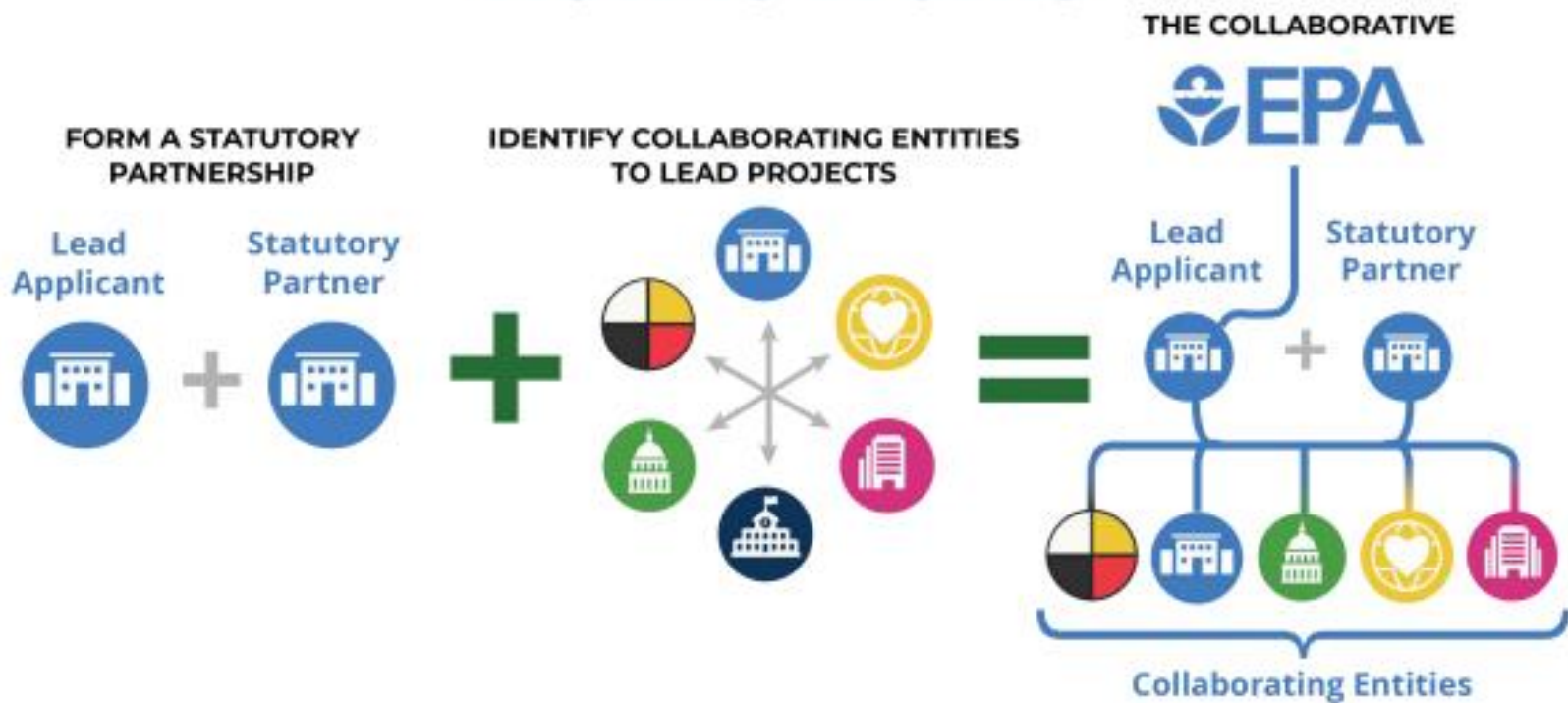




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## How It Works





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### Check for Eligibility

- Meet the partnership eligibility requirements ([Section III.A](#))
- Meet applicable threshold eligibility requirements ([Section III.D](#)).

### Understand the Requirements for Different Tracks

- Review the requirements and evaluation criteria for each Track ([Sections IV.B](#) and [V](#)).
- Alaska Tribal and U.S. Southern Border target investment areas have unique requirements ([Section II.B](#) and [Appendix H](#)).
- Understand the post-award requirements ([Section VI](#)).

### Triple Check Your Application

- Do not exceed the page limits for the Project Narrative portion of the application package and other attachments ([Section IV.B](#)).
- Include all applicable attachments and forms to the application package ([Section IV.B](#)).
- Address all the evaluation criteria in your Project Narrative (for Track I or II, respectively) ([Section V](#)).

### Innovative Application Process

- Application packaged accepted until November 21, 2024 through [grants.gov](https://grants.gov)
- Unsuccessful applicants able to request a debriefing
- For more information see [Section II.C](#) of the NOFO.



# COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS

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- **CCG NOFO Modifications:** The open NOFO will likely be updated as needed to clarify issues.
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** FAQs are posted here <https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-02/community-change-grants-nofo-faq-2.1.2024.pdf> and updated regularly to address NOFO questions.
- **Future Webinars:** Check the [CCG website](https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program) often for dates for future webinars and recordings. <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>.
- Subscribe to the OEJECR Listserv, send a blank email to: [join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov).
- For more information, please contact [CCGP@epa.gov](mailto:CCGP@epa.gov).



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**THRIVING COMMUNITIES  
GRANT MAKERS**

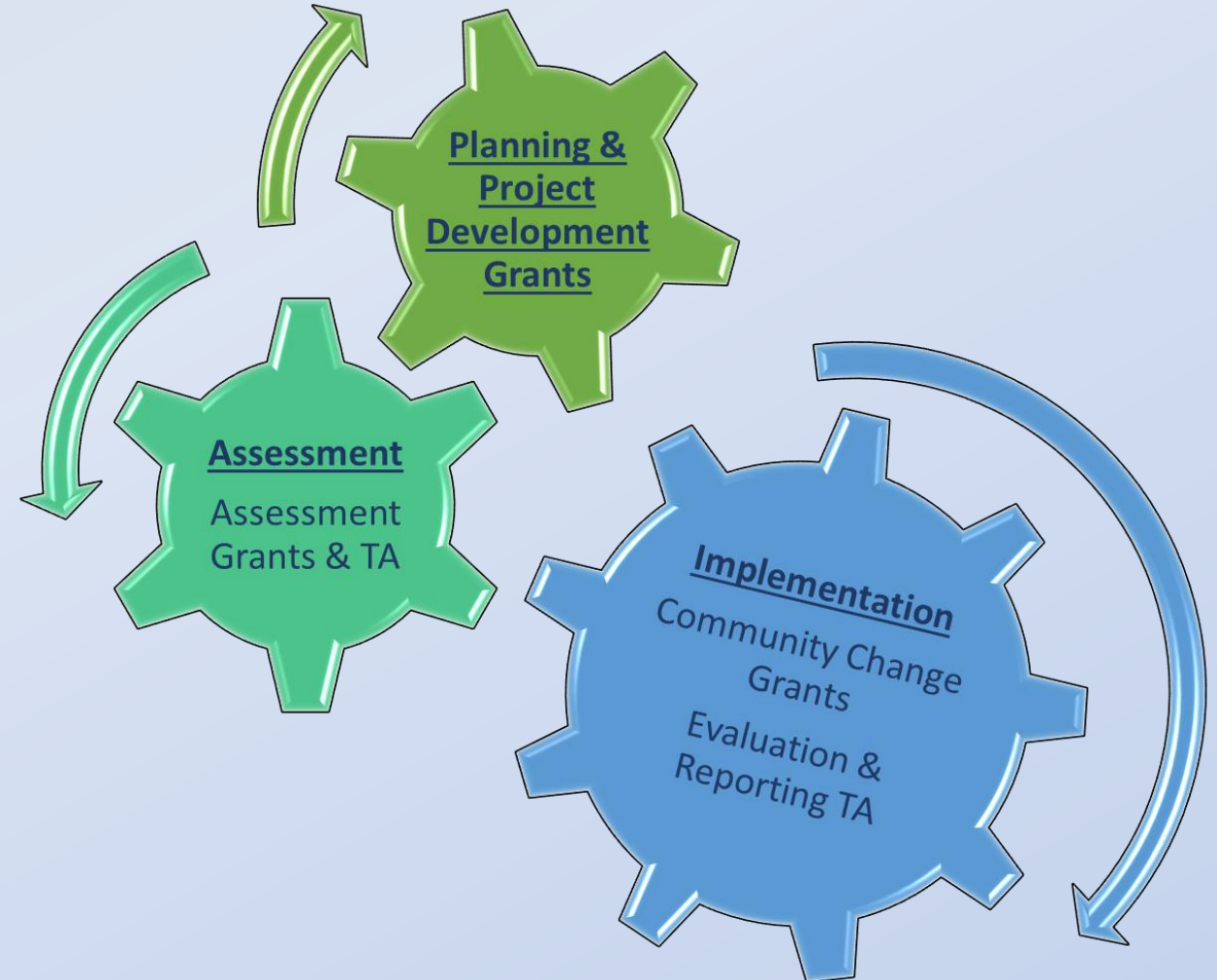




# THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT MAKERS OVERVIEW

## GOALS OF TCGM

- **Provide resources as soon as possible** on the ground to communities and their partners.
- **Provide substantial support in oversight and tracking** of all awards to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse.
- **Meet communities where they are** in their journey.
- **Investing in communities** to solve the toughest problems in places with the biggest challenges.
- **Reach program objectives** while achieving **lasting, meaningful change** on the ground.







# THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT MAKERS

## ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

### Eligible Subrecipients are as follows:

- Nonprofit organizations, community-based & grassroots nonprofit organizations
- Philanthropic and civic organizations with nonprofit status
- Tribal governments (both federally recognized and state-recognized) and intertribal consortia (i.e., a partnership between two or more tribes that work together to achieve a common objective.)
- Local governments (as defined by 2 CFR 200.1 – includes cities, towns, municipalities, and counties, public housing authorities and councils of government)
- Institutions of Higher Education
- Native American Organizations (includes Indian groups, cooperatives, nonprofit corporations, partnerships, and associations that have the authority to enter into legally binding agreements)
- Puerto Rico & US Territories
- Freely Associated States (FAS) – including local governmental entities and local nonprofit organizations in the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Palau

### Ineligible Subrecipients include:

- Individuals
- For profit businesses
- State governments



# Thriving Communities Grant Makers

## Funding Categories – Projected Availability: Summer 2024

### T1 Assessment | T2 Planning | T3 Project Development

#### Tier 1 Assessment Projects up to \$150,000 (1 year)

**Ex:** research (that is incidental to the project design) • sampling • testing • monitoring • investigations • surveys and studies • public education

#### Tier 2 Planning Projects up to \$250,000 (1-2 years)

**Ex:** Planning • Partnership-building • Public outreach and education • Coordination with community stakeholders to address environmental issues • Training activities for community organizations and community members • Projects and activities to spur community involvement (e.g., cleanups of vacant lots) • Smaller land purchases and acquisitions that require less than half of the total amount of subgrant funding

#### Tier 3 Development of Projects up to \$350,000 (2 years)

**Ex:** Project Development • Blueprints for construction or cleanup projects, schematics, and technical development • Work to get permits in place directly related to an environmental project • Smaller land purchases and acquisitions that require less than half of the total amount of subgrant funding • Implementation of project plans • Public outreach and education

**\*A limited number of \$75,000 non-competitive fixed-amount subawards will be available for severely capacity-constrained CBOs to access**

Grantmaker offerings may be region specific



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# Thriving Communities Grant Makers

## GRANT MAKERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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Proposed Geographic Area	Legal Business Name	Submitter's State
<b>Region 1</b>	<b>*Health Resources in Action</b>	<b>MA</b>
Region 2	Fordham University	NY
Region 3	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Inc.	MD
Region 4	<b>*Research Triangle Institute</b>	NC
Region 5	The Minneapolis Foundation	MN
Region 6	Texas Southern University	TX
Region 7	Reference Central National GM	
Region 8	JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.	CO
Region 9	Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), Inc.	CA
Region 10	Philanthropy Northwest	WA
National GM East [Regions 1-3]	Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC)	VT
National GM West [Region 8-10]	Climate Justice Alliance	CA
National GM Central [Region 4-7]	<b>*Research Triangle Institute</b>	NC



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# QUESTIONS?

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# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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# Community Change Technical Assistance Regional Roadshow

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**EnDyna's Role:  
Under contract to the EPA to deliver  
Technical Assistance (TA) under the  
Community Change Technical  
Assistance Program**

June 11, 2024



# Community-Driven Approach

Attaining Transformative and Sustainable  
Environmental and Climate Justice in Communities

Technical Assistance Tailored to Communities:  
Grounded in Equity | Responsive and Respectful | Relevant

## “This is a movement, not a contract”

- We are here to follow community voice and help address as many roadblocks as possible
- We are rooted in a firm conviction that the community has the capacity and ability to self-actualize and self-realize climate solutions in their neighborhoods





# Purpose

- Technical assistance is available to provide advice on:
  - pre-award support,
    - Developing a project and preparing an application aligned to the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) goals, including but not limited to: budget development, evaluation of design, and other Subject Matter Expert (SME) support , grants.gov and SAMS.gov support, and facilitating partnerships
  - post-award support to help grant recipients manage, oversee, perform, and report on the grants.

Disclaimer: TA **does not** include writing the application for the grant and receiving TA does not guarantee applicants will be selected for funding.



# Community Change TA Website



English Español 1-(800) 540-8123 EJ\_TechAssist@epa.gov

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## EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES: DRIVING CHANGE

Clean air, clean water, and a sustainable future for everyone. The EPA's Community Change Grants Program, turns those goals for tomorrow, into realities for today.

[LEARN MORE](#)

www.communitychangeta.org

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## PAST WEBINARS



See past CCTA webinars below. Please contact us if you need anything translated.

[Fill out a survey on past webinars.](#)

EPA Community Change Grants: Preparing a Grant Budget

Date: Tuesday, March 19th, 2024 Time: 3:00pm ET

Topics Covered: Budget Categories, Indirect Costs, Allowable Expenses

**General Principles of Cost Allowability**

Things to consider during budgeting

- Eligible: Permitted by statute, regulations, or program guidance
- Reasonable: Cost should be aligned with the program's purpose, creating maximum benefit to the community while a feasible alternative
- Allowable: Required direct costs or indirectly incurred costs that are necessary to carry out the purpose of work
- Allowable: Allowed to be charged to EPA resources; appropriate, efficient, and necessary; PROHIBIT excess costs
- Necessary: All costs are essential to achieving the program's purpose and align with the program's purpose

See more General Budgeting Guidance on the website



# Request for Technical Assistance

- Contact Information
- Type of Organization
- Intent to apply
- Applying with Partner
- Location of Community
- Project benefits for Disadvantaged Community
- Type of Project
- Type of TA needed

**Questions about how to make a TA Request:  
1(800)540-8123  
Email: EJ\_TechAssist@epa.gov**



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## REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

### Community Change Grants Technical Assistance Request Form

OMB Control No: 2030-0051  
Expiration Date: 04/30/2024

This form is to express interest in receiving technical assistance (TA) for the EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Program's [Community Change Grants](#).

To request TA for preparing a Community Change Grant application, please fill out this form or call 1 (800) 540-8123 if you have any questions or need help in filling out the form.

Receiving TA does not guarantee that you will receive funding under any EPA program or other program. If you have any questions or concerns about this form, please contact: [EJ\\_TechAssist@epa.gov](mailto:EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov).

Name\*

First

Last

E-mail\*

Phone Number\*

Preferred Method of Contact (phone or email)\*

[www.communitychangeta.org/request-technical-assistance](http://www.communitychangeta.org/request-technical-assistance)





# Eligibility Review

- Is the organization eligible for TA?
  - Community Based Organization
  - Local Government
  - Federally Recognized Tribe
  - Institute of Higher Learning
- Is the community disadvantaged?
- Do they intend to apply and with what partner?



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# Matching TA Needs with TA Providers

STEP 1

TA Request  
Comes In

STEP 2

Eligibility  
Review for TA

STEP 3

One-on-One  
with LTPs

STEP 4

TA  
Coordination  
& Workplan  
Development

STEP 5

Specific  
Technical  
Support



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# Lead Technical Assistance Provider (LTP)

- Individual level contact for applicant
- One-on-one support for community
- Experienced working with communities and grant programs
- Try to locate geographically with the Applicant
- Continuous, consistent relationship
- Managed by a Technical Assistance Coordinator (TAC)
- Conduit to Subject Matter Experts





# Specific Technical Support – Application Development

- Readiness Approach
- Compliance Plans
- Meaningful Engagement
- Linkage to EPA Strategic Plan
- Environmental Results
- Performance Measurement Plans
- Budget, Indirect Costs, etc.







# Questions

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# TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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Communities

what's possible

# Region 1 Roadshow

## Community Equity & Resiliency

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# Who are we? ISC TCTAC Team



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Sr. Program Officer



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Program Assistant



Francesca Cesti-Browne  
Vice President of Finance  
& Operations

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# OUR MISSION

To support communities around the world address environmental, economic and social challenges to build a better future shaped and shared by all.







INSTITUTE FOR  
Sustainable  
Communities

what's possible

# Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance

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What is it?

# Raise your hand if...

- You knew what a TCTAC is
- You've been in touch with someone who works for a TCTAC





# Background

- The Justice40 Initiative, launched by Executive Order in 2021, mandates that 40% of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to communities that have been marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution and climate change.
- It impacts the direction of tens of billions of dollars in funds from legislation including the Inflation Reduction Act and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.





# Thriving Communities Network

The Thriving Communities Network (TCN) is a federal interagency effort to coordinate place-based technical assistance and capacity-building resources for urban, rural, and Tribal communities experiencing a history of economic distress and systemic disinvestment.

Through TCN, federal partners at USDA, EPA, HUD, DOC, DOT, FEMA, GSA, HHS, and DOE commit to coordinating and collaborating across a set of TA programs and engaging their regional and field staff who often serve as key points of contact for communities.



# Program Objectives

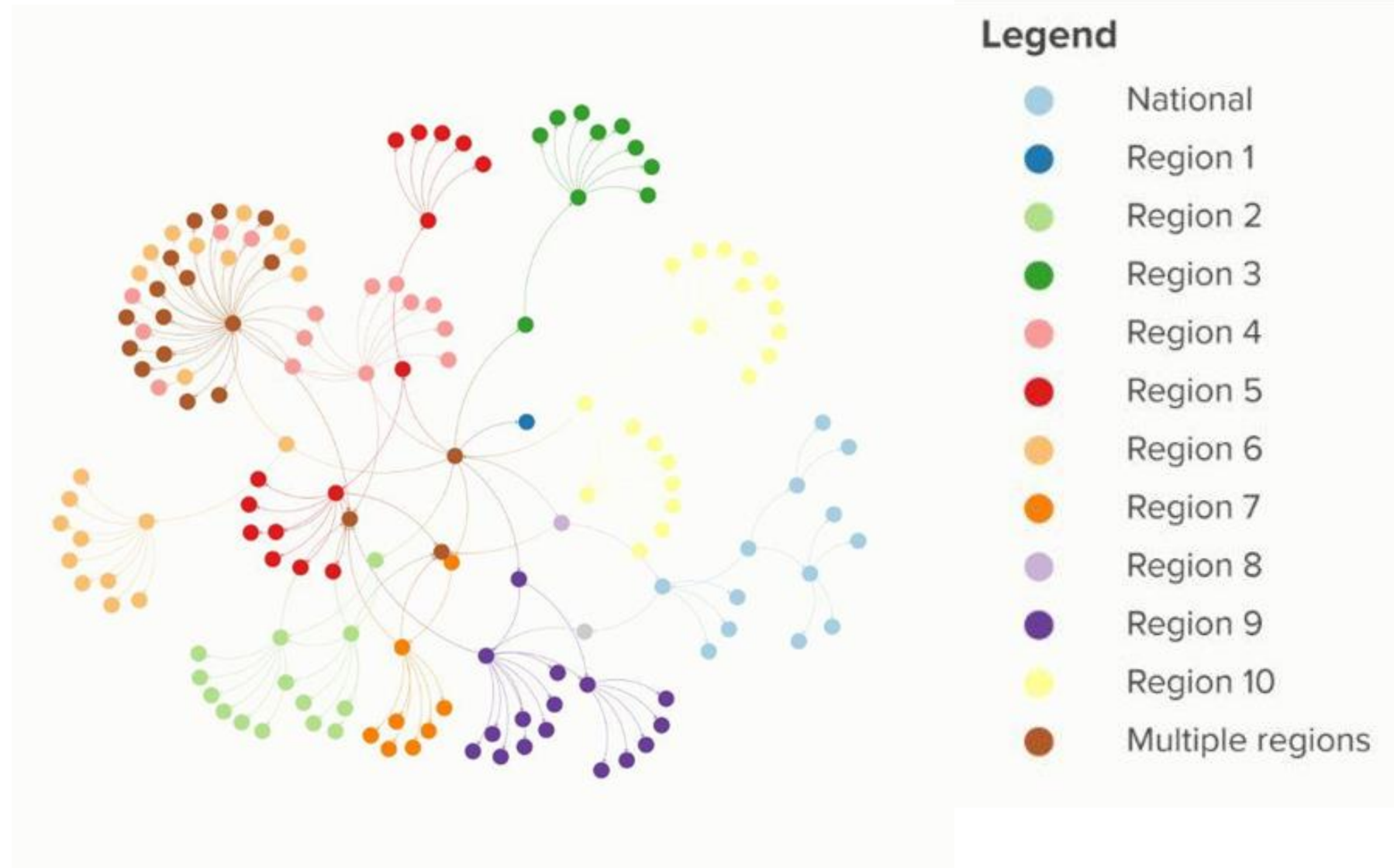
EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers are focused on assisting program participants with information, tools, and assistance which build their capacity to:

- 01 Identify grant, subaward, and procurement opportunities in environmental protection, health, justice, and energy justice.
- 02 Apply for, prepare, manage grants, and navigate federal systems like Grants.gov and SAM.gov.
- 03 Engage with decision-makers and inform policy, project design, and implementation in the environmental and energy sectors.
- 04 Analyze financing options and partnership opportunities to support environmental and energy justice objectives.



# Network of TCTAC Partners

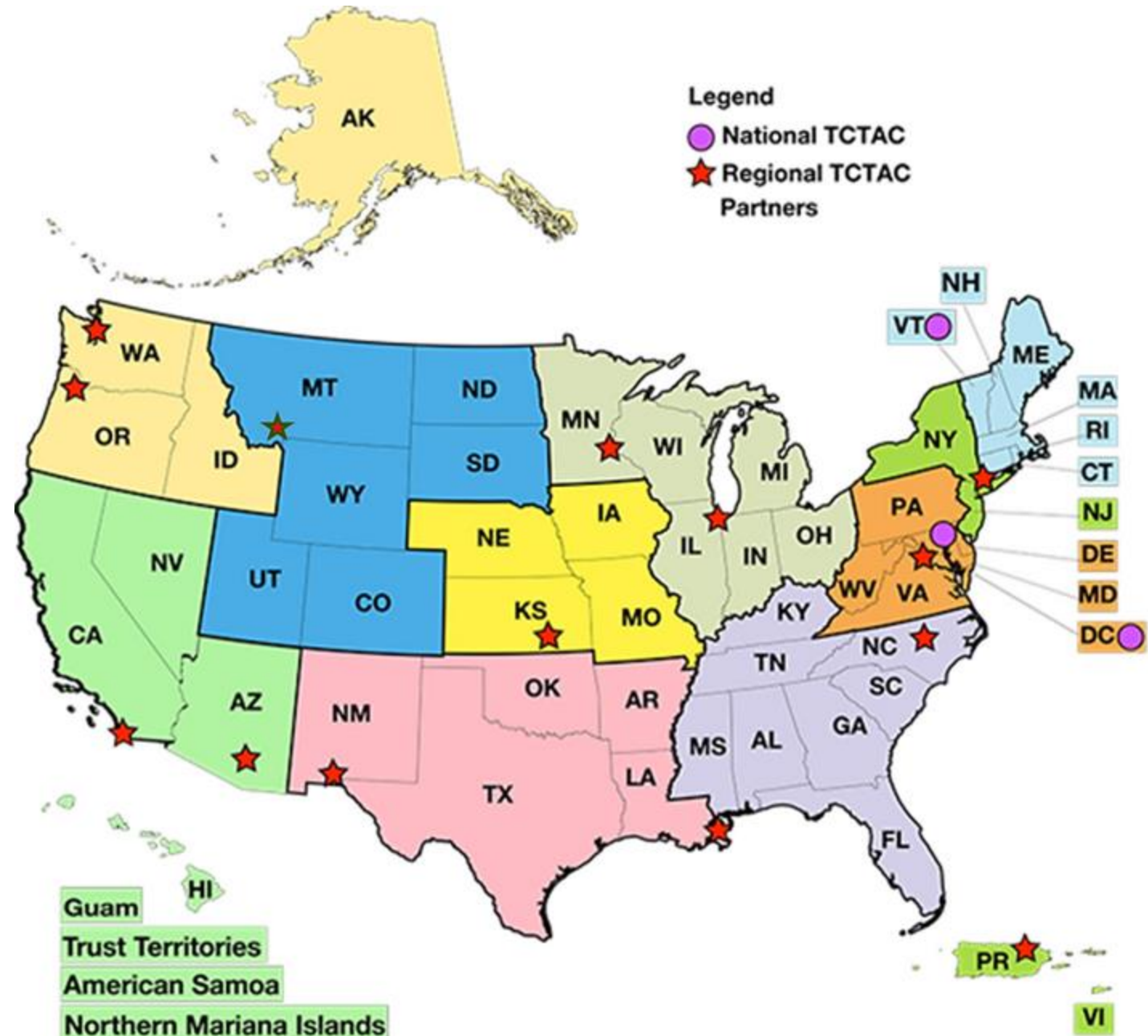
Over **150** partners within the TCTAC Network



# EPA Regions

## 3 National TCTACs

- Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC)
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- National Indian Health Board





# How Nationals and Regionals Connect

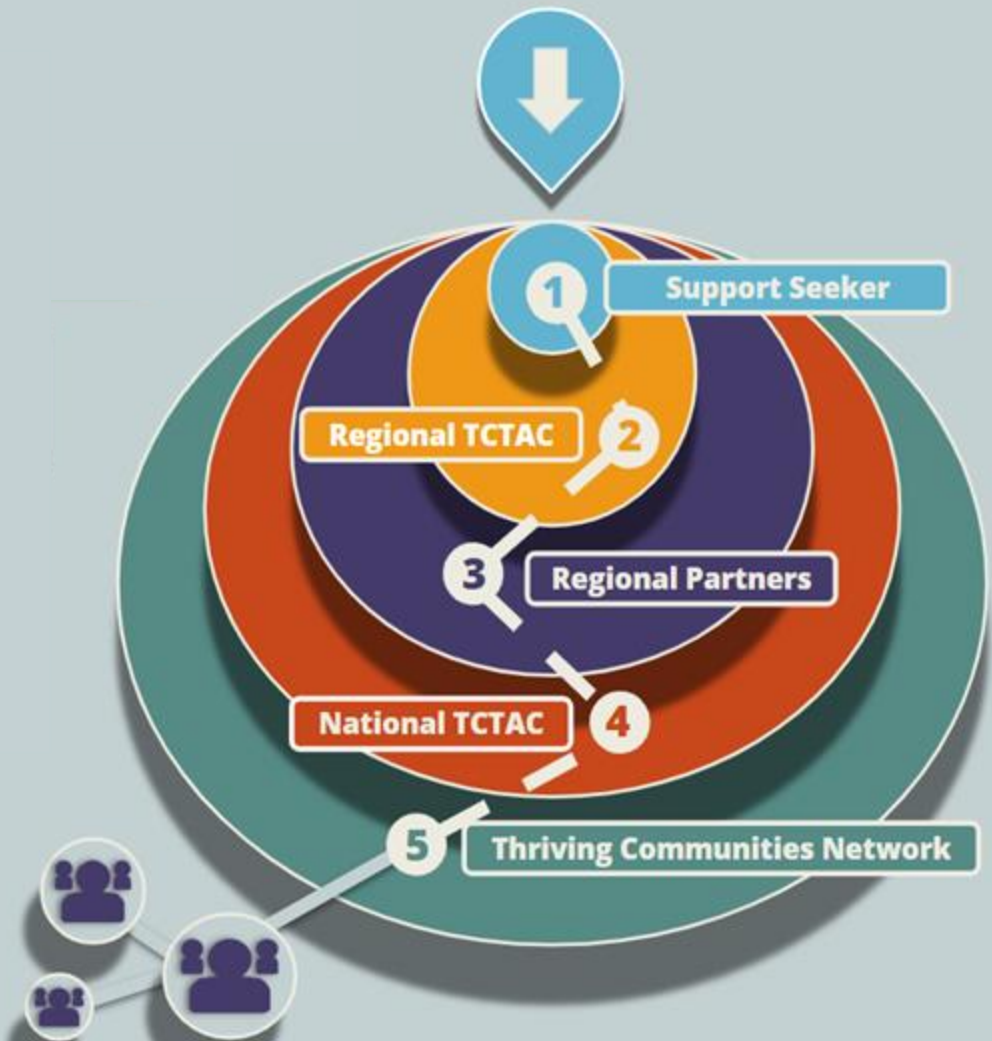
**Support Seeker** from an eligible CBO, tribal government, or state/local government requesting expertise in federal grant applications, proposal writing, and grant management for environmental justice projects

**Regional TCTAC** prepared to provide technical assistance in collaboration with an extensive regional network of partners

**Regional Partnerships** with over 160 organizations nationwide ready to support regional efforts in building capacity on the ground

**National TCTAC** coordinating with regional centers and partners through resource-sharing and networking opportunities

**Thriving Communities Network** expanding our program's access to a range of technical assistance providers







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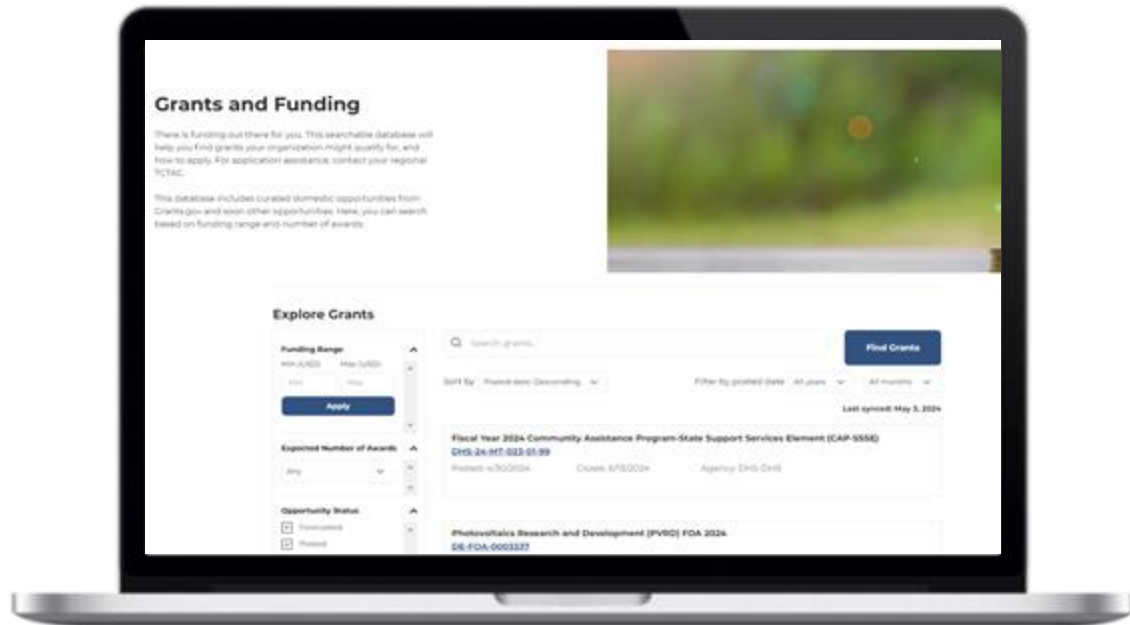
# Technical Assistance, National & Regional

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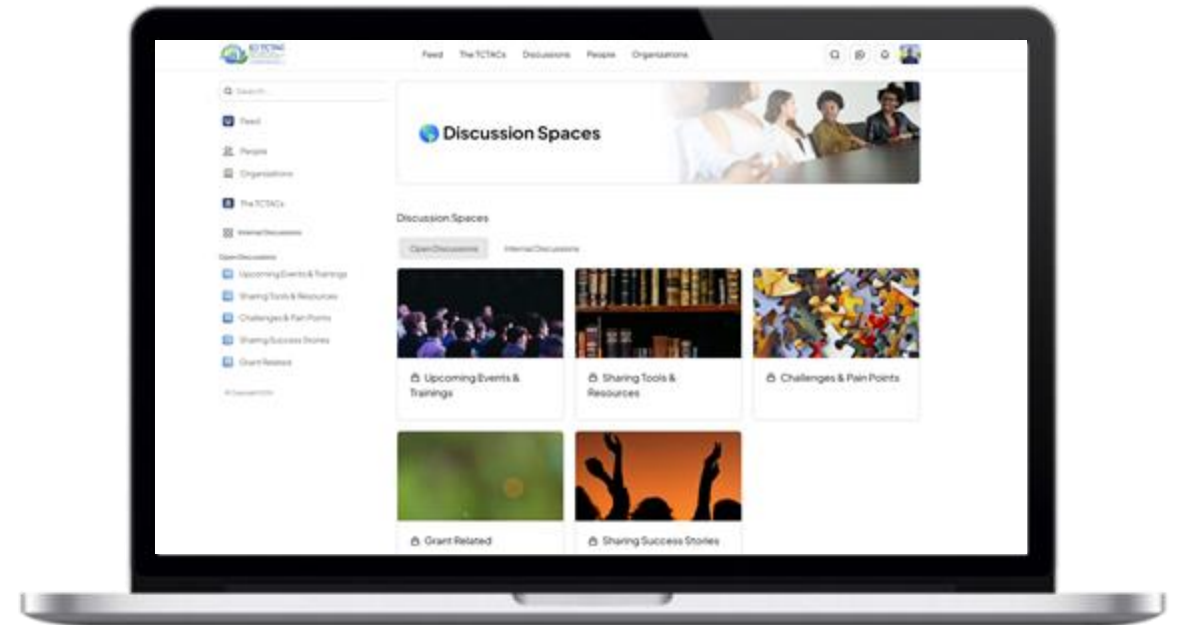
What is it and what is offered?

# Partnership with Atma Connect

- Specializing in web-based platforms that reach last-mile communities, enable localization, and drive support and funding to smaller organizations.
- Launch of public EJ TCTAC website in May 2024
- Development of an internal collaborative platform for the TCTACs



Website



Collaborative Platform

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADAPTATION PROFESSIONALS

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- American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP)
  - ASAP was formed in 2011 as a professional society that could help bridge the geographic and sectoral gaps that naturally develop in any field-and especially in the diverse, dynamic, and emerging field of climate adaptation
  - ASAP member network includes over 1,000 professionals and 40 organizations.
  - ISC + ASAP are developing a collaborative process to field TA requests to ensure timely delivery of technical assistance.
    - ASAP will do targeted recruitment of adaptation professionals outside of their network when appropriate.



# Examples of TA to Regional TCTACS

- Developing and providing cultural competency trainings for regional TCTACs and their partners
- Engaging in strategy discussions around grant compliance and allowable costs related to DOE portion of TCTAC funding
- Hosting cross-regional events



# National TA Offerings We're Building Out

In partnership with the American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP), an organization bridging sectoral and geographic gaps in the evolving field of climate adaptation, we are establishing a comprehensive list of tailored technical assistance to regional TCTACs and community coalitions, including but not limited to:

- Grant Writing & Management Training
- Community Collaboration Networks
- Budget Management
- Community Climate Resilience
- Cross-Sector Coalition Building
- Community Needs Assessments
- Group and Workshop Facilitation
- Grants Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting
- GIS Spatial Analysis
- Equitable Data Analysis
- Clean-energy Workforce Development

• Signed Strategic Planning

# Region 1 TA To Date

ISC is currently the Region 1 provider until a permanent organization is onboarded. In this role, we:

- Receive Region 1 TA requests at [region1tctacinquiries@sustain.org](mailto:region1tctacinquiries@sustain.org) and organize request information to be handed off to permanent Region 1 organization.
- Respond to Region 1 inquiries when possible by using ISC's network to connect appropriate resources
- Support implementation of Region 1 needs assessment to communities and other stakeholders in preparation for permanent organization onboarding this summer
- Attend Region 1 TCTAC events
- Development of Region 1 needs assessment

# Our Process For Addressing TA Requests

## Phase 1 Gain Clarity

### Activities

Follow up email/call with requester with questions

Follow up with national team to determine if this is the first touch point

### Deliverables

Put request into TA request form

### Timeframe for Response

Two business days

## Phase 2 Ideate Strategy

### Activities

Determine if technical assistance is best offered by national TCTAC, regional TCTAC, or another partner

Identify if previous technical assistance requests have been similar

Discuss strategy with EPA/nationals

### Deliverables

Follow up with requester on next steps

### Timeframe for Response

Five business days

## Phase 3 Implement Strategy

### Activities

Implement strategy in alignment with implementation activity

### Deliverables

TA strategy implementation deliverables based on strategy

### Timeframe for Response

Five business days to 3 months depending on strategy

## Phase 4 Evaluate and Follow Up

### Activities

Evaluate technical assistance strategy

Follow up with requester

### Deliverables

Close out TA request on request form

### Timeframe for Response

10 business days



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# Keeping In Touch With Us

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Don't be a stranger!



# Upcoming TCTAC Events



OMEGA AND BRENDA WILSON  
West End Revitalization Association  
(WERA)



MS. MARGARET GORDON  
West Oakland Environmental  
Indicators Project (WOEIP)

Join these and other leaders to learn how you can build relationships for science that serves communities.

## Workshop: Building Relationships for Equitable Research Partnerships

June 14, 3 p.m. | Online  
<https://bit.ly/3R9iSNh>

Workshop on how to foster equity in research partnerships.



## June TCN Learning Series: Renewable Energy and Green Tax Credits

June 25, 3 p.m. | Online  
<https://bit.ly/3yIA85J>

Thriving Communities Network's monthly learning series, hosted by the Department of the Treasury, with a focus on "elective pay" or "direct pay," a provision of the IRA for local governments and tax-exempt entities to benefit from renewable energy tax incentives

## Environmental Justice Boot Camp

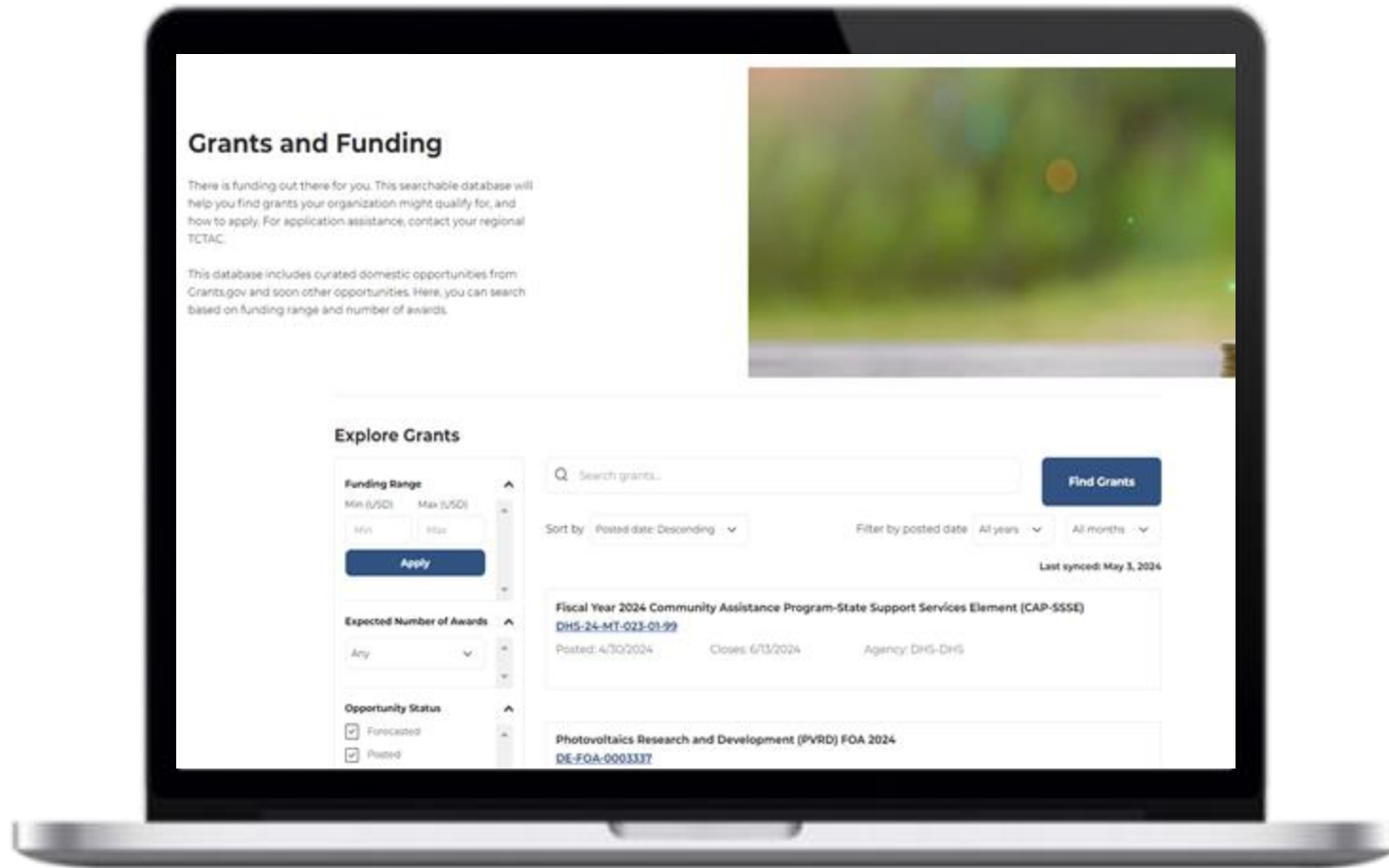
August 15-16, 2024

## Environmental Justice Boot Camp

August 15-16 | Hybrid  
(Boston and online)  
<https://bit.ly/3RdJZqA>

Two-day intensive course on approaches for conducting effective and solution-driven environmental justice research.

# How to get started...



- <http://www.ejtctac.org/> - utilize the EJ TCTAC website!
- Scan the above QR code to email us with your Region 1 TA requests



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