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Building Environmental and Climate Justice through Engagement

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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



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



Top-down: Climate Plans

 Climate Pollution Reduction Planning and Implementation Grants





Sector-based: Stationary Sources

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





TACKLING CLIMATE AND AIR POLLUTION 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 BILLON announced recently





SOLAR FOR ALL MISSOURI AWARDEES

- Missouri Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources
 Authority will: provide a combination of forgivable loans to
 enable solar adoption without the long-term repayment
 obligations associated with traditional loans; low-interest loans
 through a revolving loan fund that will continue to increase
 the state's solar capacity and impact in disadvantaged
 communities long after the program period ends; and the
 mobilization of financing and private capital into solar projects,
 facilitating market transformation for clean technologies.
- Growth Opportunity Partners will: achieve household energy savings, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and train individuals in solar workforce development programs.
- Oweesta Corporation will: address adoption barriers to Native residential and community solar deployment by acting as the intermediary between professional services partners, developers, Tribal governments and Tribal organizations.





SOLAR FOR ALL KANSAS AWARDEES

- 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 Prosperty Capital's program will
 operate in at least 44 states nationwide.
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CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS



CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

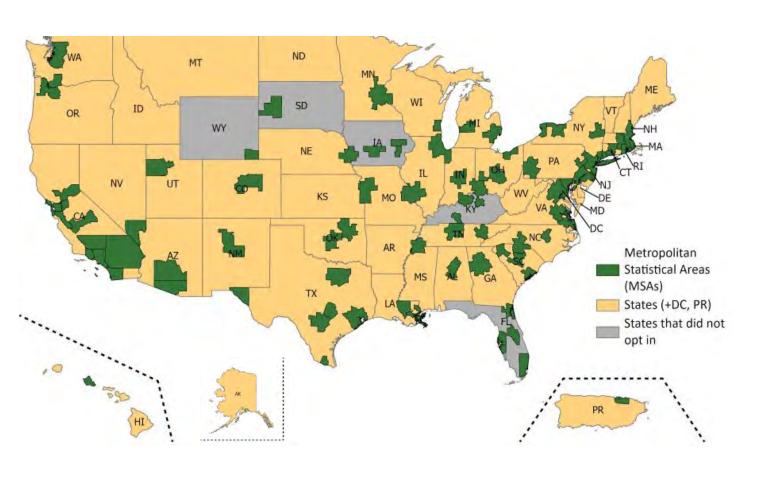


The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides **\$5 billion** in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.

This two-phase program provides **\$4.6 billion** for competitive implementation grants. **\$250 million** for noncompetitive planning grants, and approximately



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

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



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AIR MONITORING GRANTS



AIR QUALITY MONITORING OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

- On November 3, 2022, EPA announced the selection of 132 air monitoring projects in 37 states
 to receive \$53.4 million in funding to enhance air quality monitoring in communities across the
 United States with environmental and health outcome disparities stemming from pollution and
 the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Early 2024, EPA launched a non-competitive, direct award funding from the Inflation Reduction Act for eligible state, local, Tribal and territorial air agencies to establish new ambient air monitoring sites, and maintain, operate, or upgrade existing ambient air monitoring networks.
- These funds will supplement annual funding for air pollution control agencies in support of activites under Clean Air Act Section 103.
 - EPA regional offices will contact eligible entities about how to apply via Grants.gov.
 - Grant applications are due as soon as possible and no later than on May 31, 2024.



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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 OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

ELIGIBLITY

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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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:





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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 TARGET INVESTMENT AREAS



- Applications can address areas outside of TIAs. TIAs are just priority categories.
- The application process is the same for all applications, including TIAs,
 though there may be more specific requirements for some TIAs.
- If you are applying for a TIA, you must identify which TIA you are applying for (see Section IV.B of the NOFO).
- TIAs apply only to Track I awards.



TARGET INVESTMENT AREAS

Kansas City, MO

- 4 Kansas Federally Recognized Tribes:
 - Kickapoo Tribe of Indians
 - Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation
 - Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
 - Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
- Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities
 - ~627 in Kansas
 - ~637 cities, 110 towns, and 212 villages in Missouri

Target Investment Areas







\$150M Tribes in Alaska



\$300M Tribal Communities



\$100M Southern Border Communities



U.S. Territories

Note: These Track I investment area amounts are approximate and may be adjusted based on the quantity and quality of applications received.



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



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.





Applicant," all statutory partnerships must include a CBO.

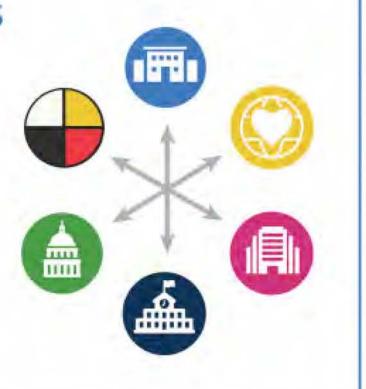


Collaborating Entities

Other entities can be involved in projects as Collaborating Entities.

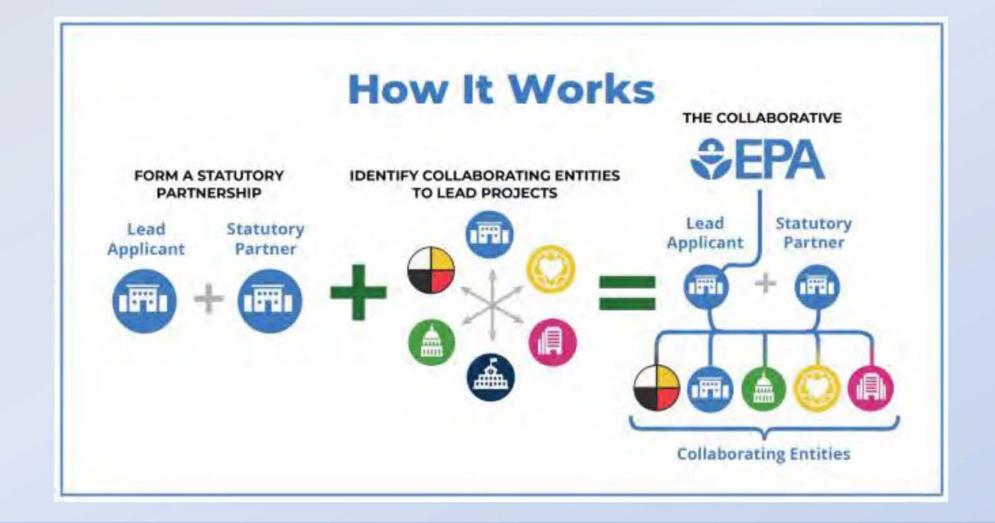
Collaborating Entities may include entities that legally could be Statutory Partners (CBOs, Federally recognized Tribes, local governments, and institutions of higher education) and entities that cannot legally be Statutory Partners (e.g., states and territorial governments, state recognized Tribes).

Multiple Tribes can be Collaborating Entities in an application.





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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 \underline{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
- Unsuccessful applicants able to request a debriefing
- For more information see Section II.C of the NOFO.



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- **CCG NOFO Modifications:** The open NOFO will likely be updated as needed to clarify issues.
- **Future Webinars:** Check the <u>CCG website</u> 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.
- For more information, places contact CCCD@one gov



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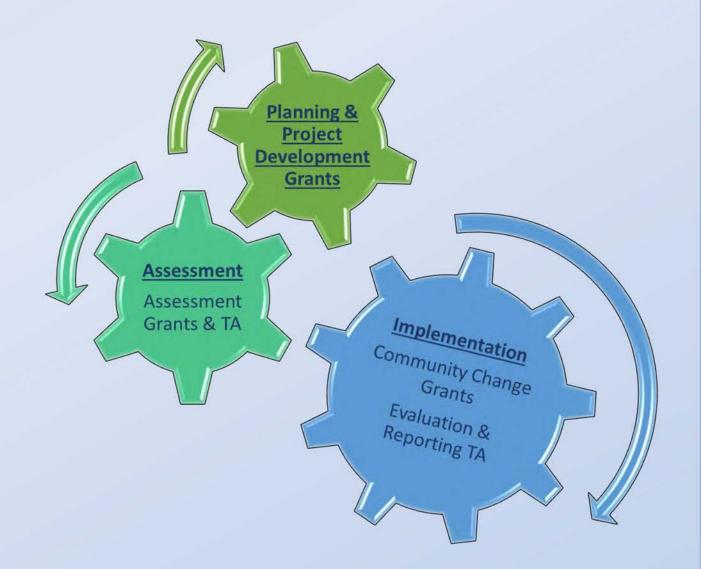
THRIVING COMMUNITIES GRANT MAKERS



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

Grantmaker offerings may be region specific

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



Thriving Communities Grant Makers

GRANT MAKERS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

9 REGIONAL

3 NATIONAL

Proposed Geographic Area	Legal Business Name	Submitter's State
Region 1	Health Resources in Action	MA
Region 2	Fordham University	NY
Region 3	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Inc.	MD
Region 4	*Research Triangle Institute	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 Environnemental 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]	*Research Triangle Institute	NC



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QUESTIONS?



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



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ENDYNA

Community Change Technical Assistance Regional Roadshow Kansas City

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EnDyna's Role:

Under contract to the EPA to deliver Technical Assistance (TA) under the Community Change Technical Assistance Program





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 will be available to provide advisement for:
 - pre-award support including but not limited to:
 - designing a project, preparing an application aligned to NOFO goals/evaluation
 - budget development, evaluation design, other SME support, grants.gov support, and facilitating partnerships
 - post-award support to help grant recipients manage, oversee, perform, and report on the grants.
- TA **does not** include writing an application for an applicant.
- Receiving Technical Assistance does not guarantee that applicants will be selected for funding.











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 with a partner?
 - Are they requesting the type of TA that EnDyna can provide?















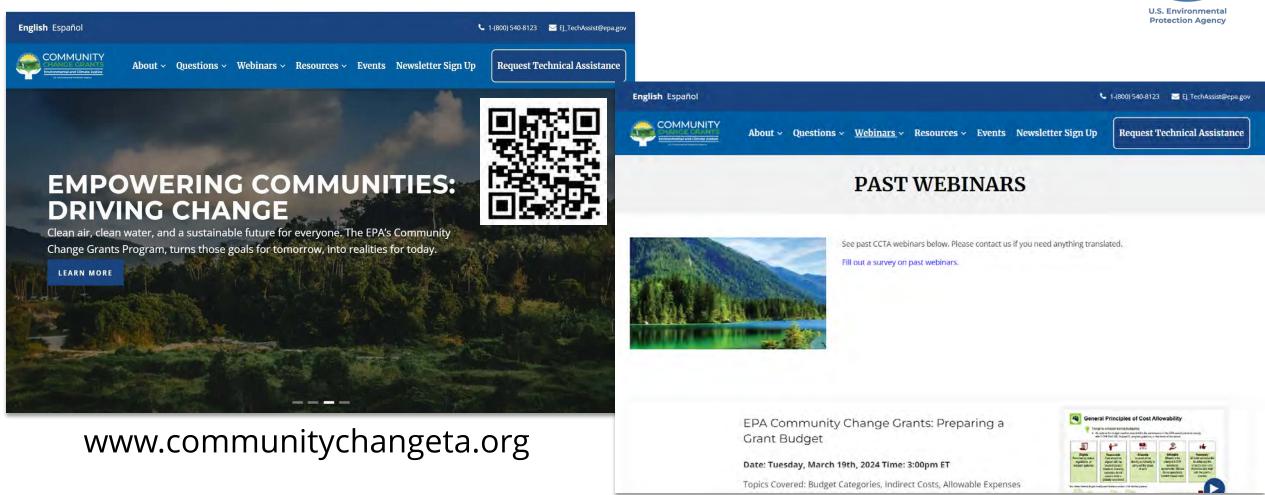






Community Change TA Website







Matching TA Needs with Expert 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



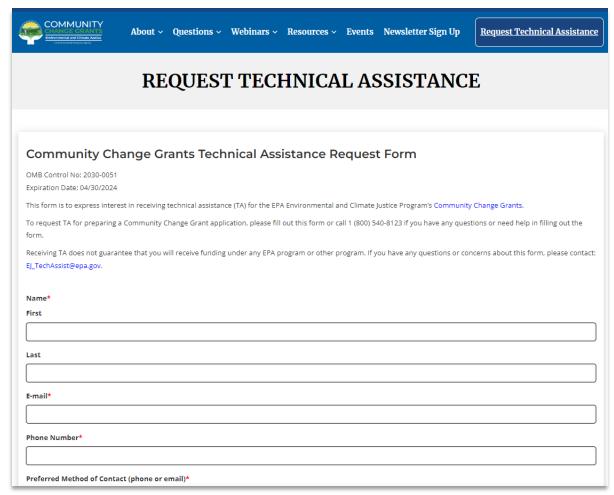


Request for Technical Assistance

- 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





www.communitychangeta.org/request-technical-assistance





Lead Technical Assistance Provider (LTP)

- Individual level contact for applicant
- One-on-one support for community
 Experienced working with communities and grant programs
- Continuous, consistent relationship
- Conduit to Subject Matter Experts

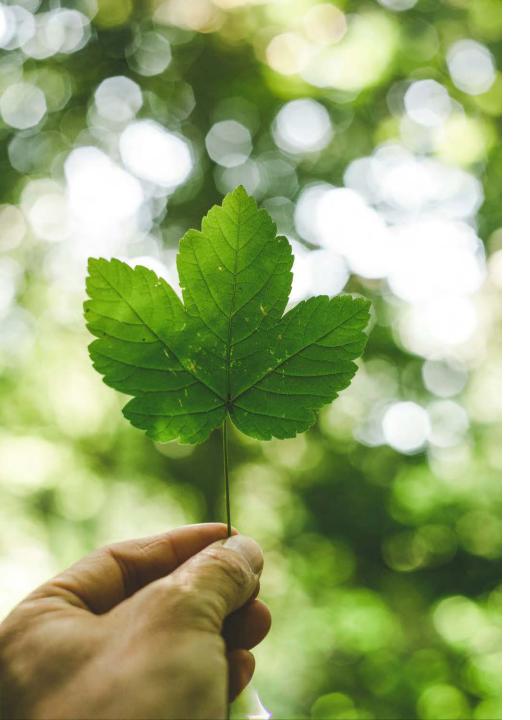












Specific Technical Support – Project Development



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



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Dr. Raksha Vasudevan, Senior Program Manager ICMA National TCTAC Team May 28, 2024







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What We Do

- Membership organization
- All things local government!
- Research
- Consulting and Technical Assistance
- Education and Training
- Peer to Peer Engagement
- In house topical expertise on brownfields, renewable (solar, wind) energy
- Expertise working with small and rural communities





EPA EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (TCTAC) Program

- 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
- The TCTAC program was launched by EPA, in conjunction with the Department of Energy, to ensure that environmental justice communities receive the technical assistance they need to benefit from the funding directed by the Justice40 Initiative
- Currently, there are 3 National and 14 Regional Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs)

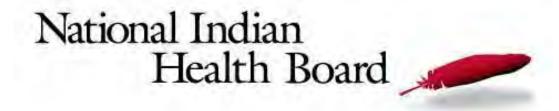




Three National TCTAC Centers







- The primary purpose of the national centers is to support regional TCTACS
- Use collective membership base to ensure that hard-to-reach and underserved communities have the knowledge, access, and capacity to apply to federal funding
- Help with coalition and partnershipbuilding among community leaders and key decision-makers, as well as provide trainings, webinars, technical assistance, resources, and workshops as needed





ICMA National TCTAC Team: local and tribal governments

- Well-established relationships with local government officials, practitioners, and tribal leaders
- Long history of working with small (urban and rural) communities
- Experience with federal grant processes
- Experience with grant review
- Extensive experience delivering technical assistance in the form of workshops, peer networks, and one-to-one support













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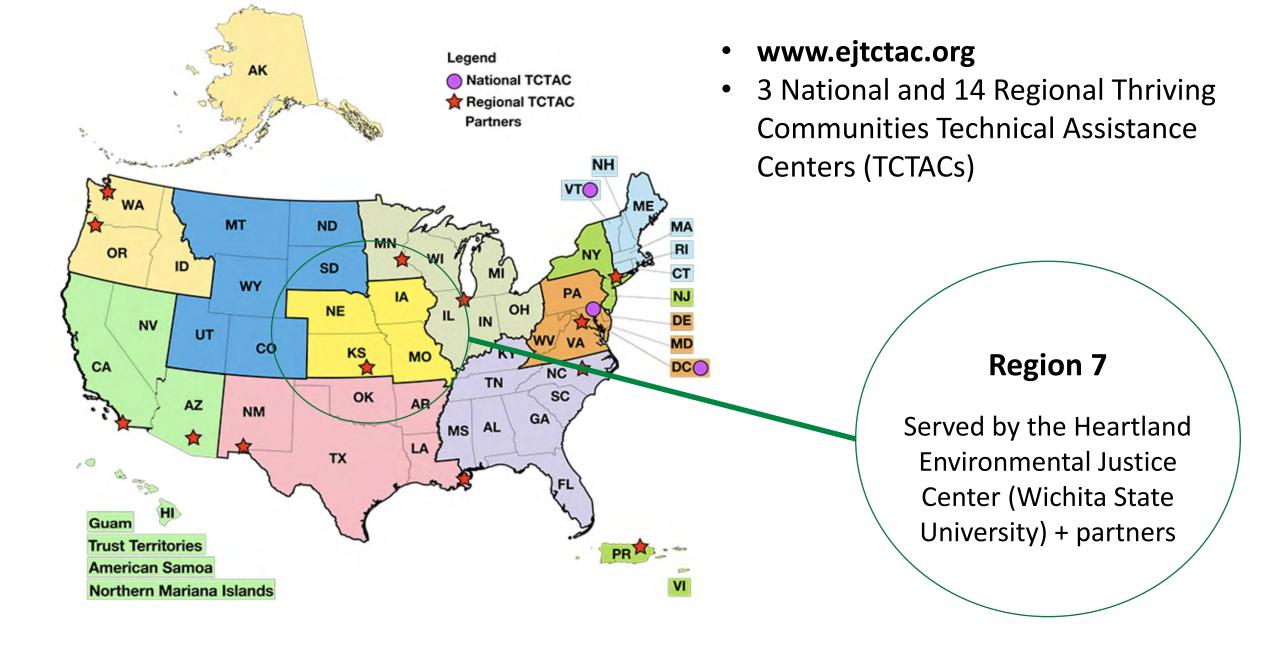
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Scan the QR code to visit to access our intake form!





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a Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center

www.heartlandej.org





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Center supports individuals and organizations
who serve in communities that are
experiencing environmental injustice across
lowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and
adjoining Indigenous Nations.

HEJC operates first as a listener to communities that have historically and systematically been disproportionately impacted by environmental, energy, climate, and public health adversities.

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Our Partners















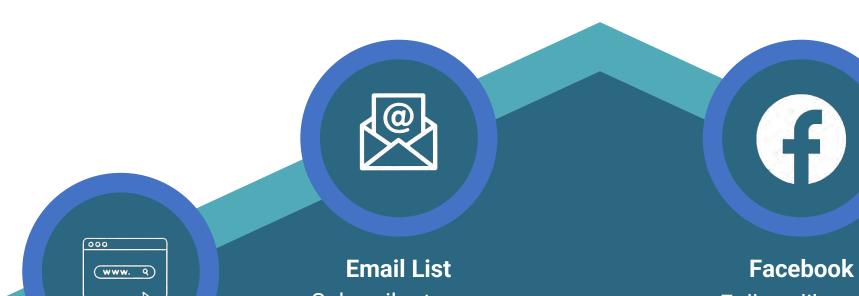








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