

EPA National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call

JUNE 25, 2024

**Expanding the
Conversation**



**working for
environmental
justice**

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Recording and transcript will be available online in the near future

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Tenemos interpretación en español disponible para aquellos que prefieren escuchar en español.

- Cómo cambiar el canal de audio en español
- Las personas pueden agregar preguntas en español al módulo de preguntas y respuestas
- Los materiales de la reunión estarán disponibles en español.



Spanish-language interpretation is available for those who prefer to listen in Spanish.

- How to switch to Spanish language audio channel*
- Individuals can add questions in Spanish to the Q&A Pod*
- Meeting materials will be made available in Spanish.*

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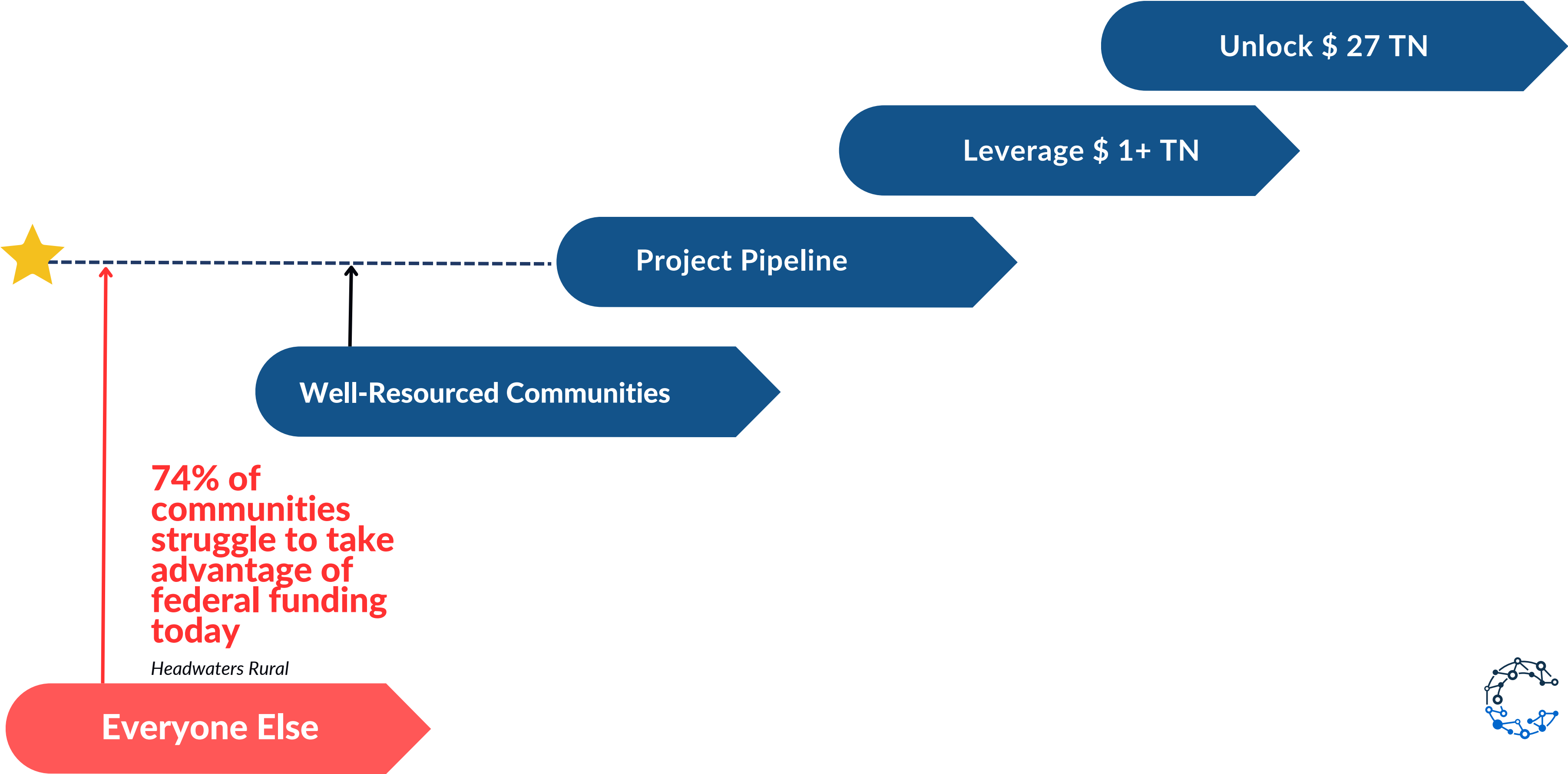
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Community Infrastructure Center and 10,000 Communities Initiative

Creating access to the expertise, training, capital and partnership networks required to advance your community infrastructure project.



The Problem



The Solution



Project Pipeline

- We need a project centric approach with a strong focus on high-demand projects;
- It will take federal, philanthropic, and impact capital to move these projects.





We built a technical platform to accelerate direct support to enable up to 10,000 underserved communities advance their priority projects and access project funding, grants and loans.

Regional Approach



Intermediary Partners



Our Partners

Over the last four years, we have worked with scores of organizations to advocate and advance project predevelopment funding and capacity for under-served urban, rural, EJ and labor communities, in both the climate and energy space and with frontline groups focused on place-based generational wealth creation.

CalPERS

CalSTRS

Climate Justice Fund

Coalition for Green Capital

Dream

Enterprise Community

Green for All

Greenlining Institute

EPA TC-TAC program

Re-Genesis Institute

Blanchard House Institute

Groundwork USA

Harlem Children's Zone

Heartland/Steel Valley Authority/AFL-CIO Investment Trusts

NY Common Fund

NRDC

Partnership for Equitable and Resilient Communities

Smart Growth America

Strive Together

African-American Alliance of CDFIs

Friendship House Association of American Indians

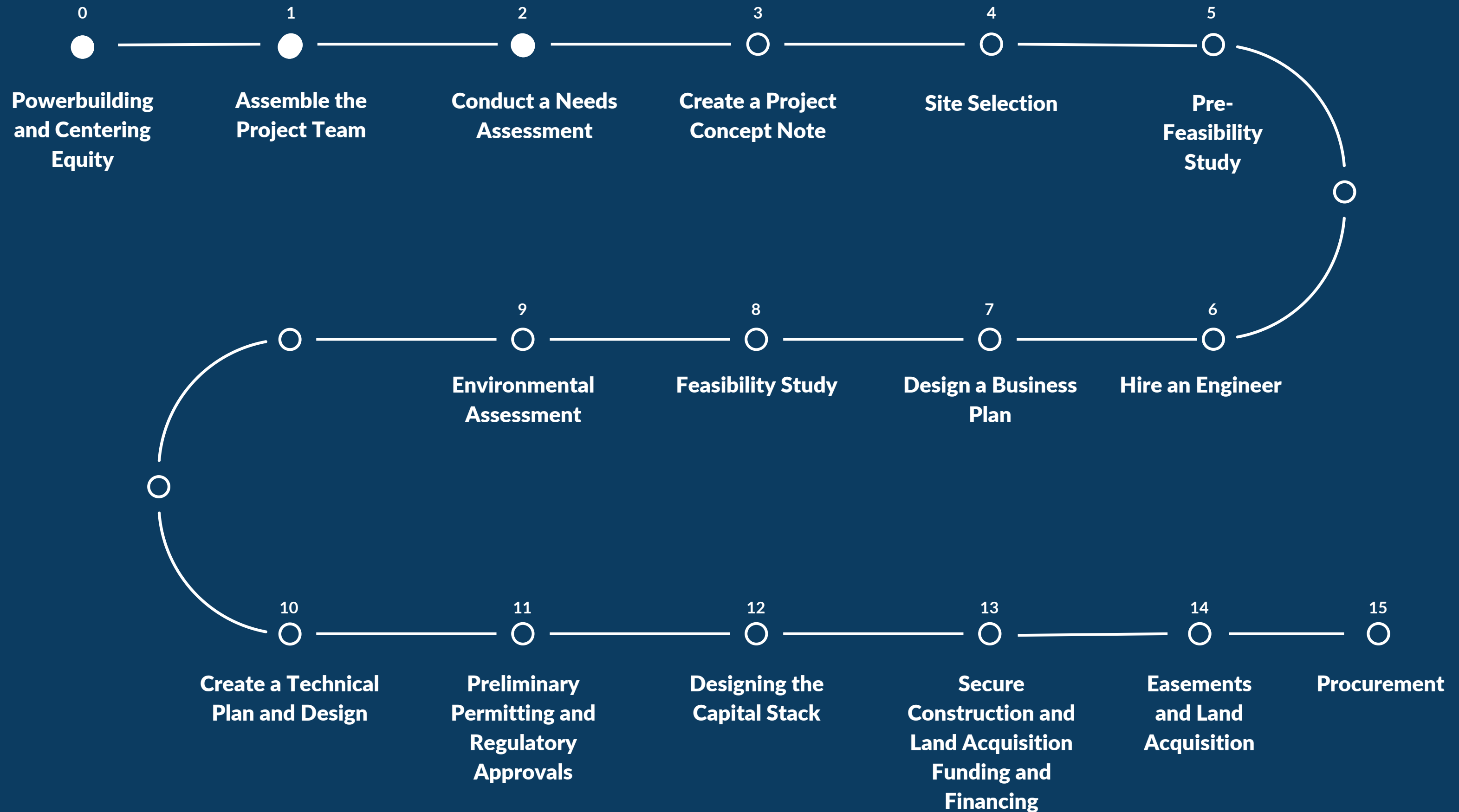


What is a Project Sponsor?

The CIC seeks to provide direct and free technical support for underserved community project sponsors. A project sponsor is a representative from an organization who can directly advance and “owns” a project. Examples of Project Sponsors include: Tribal Nations, Non-Profits, Justice40 Organizations, Regional Coalitions, Academic Institutions, Developers, Faith-Based Organizations, Utilities, as well as Municipalities, Counties, and States.



WHAT IT TAKES TO DEVELOP A PROJECT



CREATING THE ECOSYSTEM TO SUPPORT COMMUNITIES DURING THE WHOLE LIFECYCLE OF THE PROJECT

Project Sponsors

- Match to Right Grants
- Access to best practices and knowledge
- Access to experts for support (legal, engineering, real estate)
- Access to teaming partners and gap funders

Community Infrastructure Center

Capital and T.A Providers

- Competitive applications that meet eligibility requirements
- High-quality applications
- Ability to filter and match based on size and community alignment

2024 at a Glance

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund Clearing House

- Regular public convenings with GGRF applicants, awardees for shared resources during product design and pipeline development (Q1 2024)
- Demonstration of 5-6 projects from identification to transaction (Q2 2024)

Expansion of Predevelopment Shared Services

- Integrations with AI grant writing services to drive down grant writing time and cost
- Integrations with data providers to aggregate project-level data quickly
- Integrations with providers for additional project eval ranging from climate disclosure to diligence requirements

State Deployment Activity

- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Arkansas
- California
- North Carolina
- Alaska
- Washington
- Oregon
- Colorado

The Road to 10,000 Communities

Channels	Project Estimate
STATES California, North Carolina, Michigan, Colorado, Minnesota, Arkansas	2500
SELECTED SITES FEMA Resilience Zones, DOE Energy Communities, LISC Broadband Projects	1400
FEDERAL AGENCIES DOE, EDA, USDA, DOT, EPA	1500
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS Infinite Erie, Northwest Region	500
CITIES AND COUNTIES NLC, NaCo	1000
TRUSTED AGGREGATORS PERC, Dream for All, Accelerator for America	1100



Thank You



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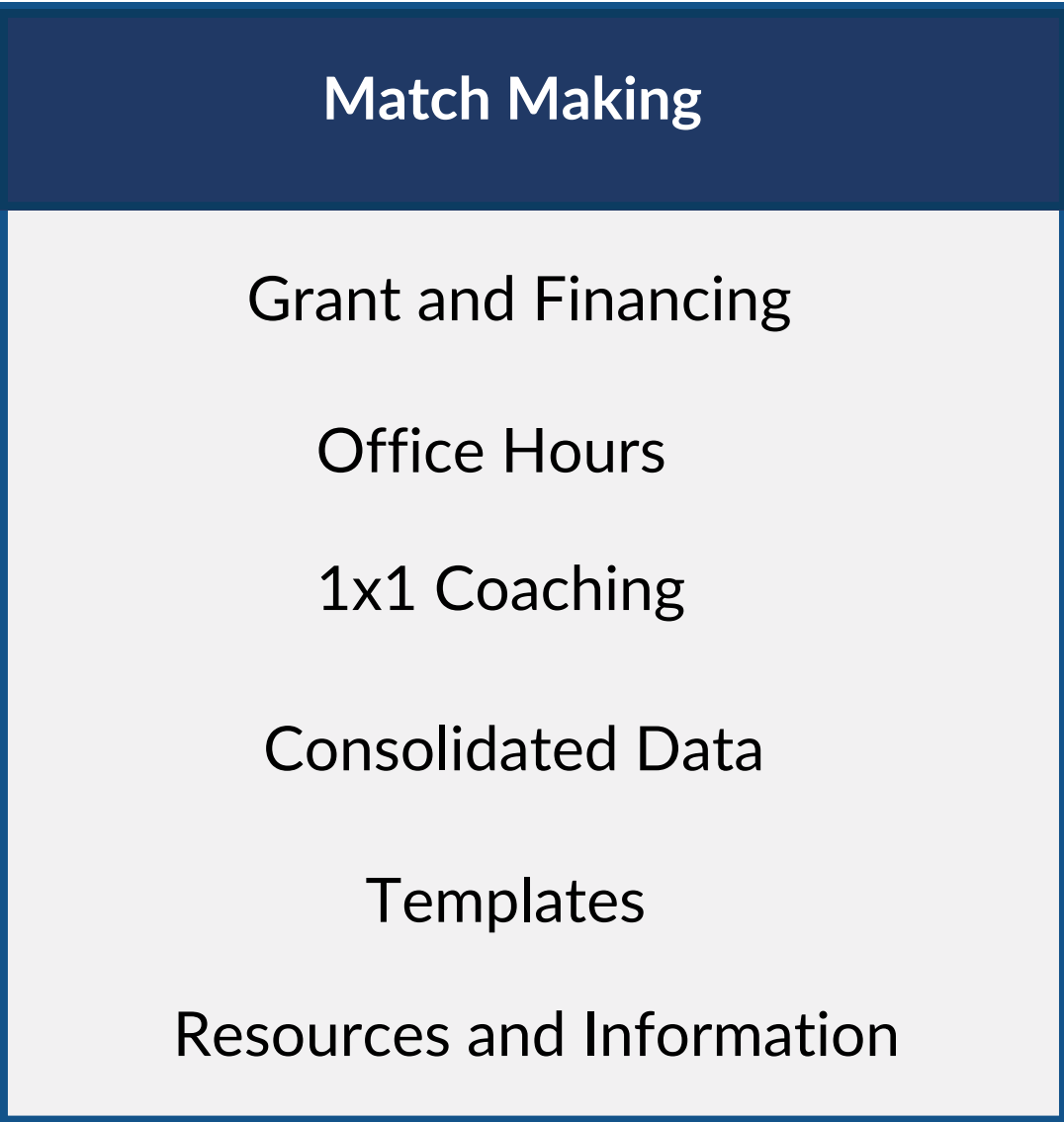
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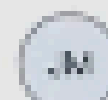
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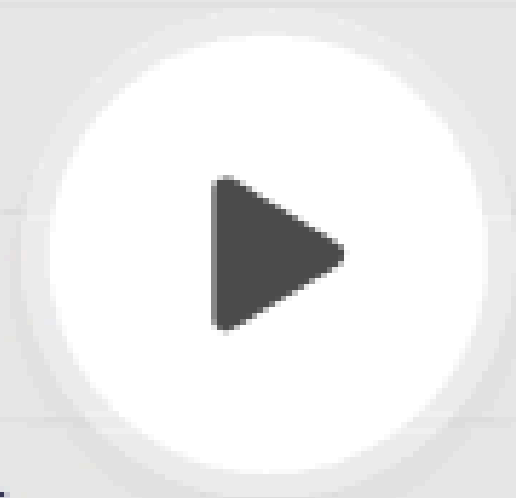
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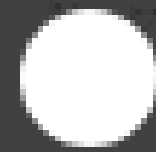


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Broadband Use Case

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Events

Here you can find CIC-specific events and external events related to project development, navigating funding opportunities, learning from other communities and providers, and office hours. Want to share a public event or internal working session? Click "Add an Event" to schedule an event.

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Upcoming events

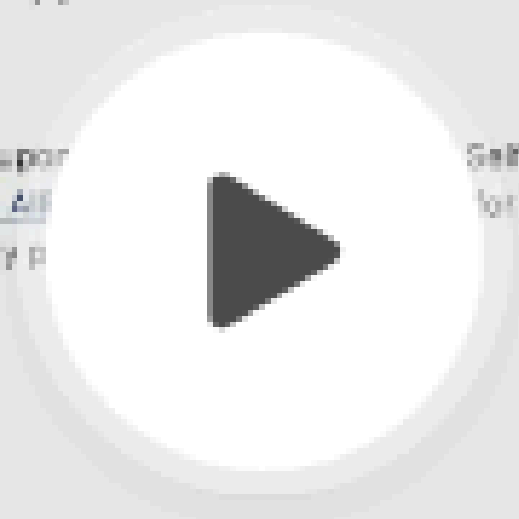
Past events

Digital Equity Unwrapped

Tue, Dec 10, 3:00pm

With the holiday season upon us, we're excited to announce the [National Digital Inclusion Alliance](#) (NDIA) is hosting a virtual event encouraging digital equity p...

Self-Reliance (LSR) Community Broadband Networks Initiative and the [Building for Digital Equity \(B4DE\)](#) event of the year and...



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How State Energy Financing Institutions Are Designing Programs in Partnership with LPO

Thu, Dec 14, 12:00pm

Under the Title 17 Clean Energy Financing Program, the U.S. Department of Energy's Loan Programs Office (LPO) can provide loan guarantees for projects that support clean energy deployment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law grants certain clean energy projects supported by State Energy Financing Institutions (SEFIs), including those using commercially available technologies like wind and solar, eligibility for LPO financing. This new authority, bolstered with funds from the Inflation...

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