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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



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





SOLAR FOR ALL

RHODE ISLAND SELECTEES

- **Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources will:** launch and expand a comprehensive suite of seven financial assistance programs and several project deployment technical assistance initiatives designed to equitably address barriers to solar adoption in Rhode Island's low-income and disadvantaged communities.

OTHER NEW ENGLAND SELECTEES

Maine Governor's Energy Office

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources

Vermont Department of Public Service

Inclusive Prosperity Capital, Inc.





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CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS



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CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION GRANTS

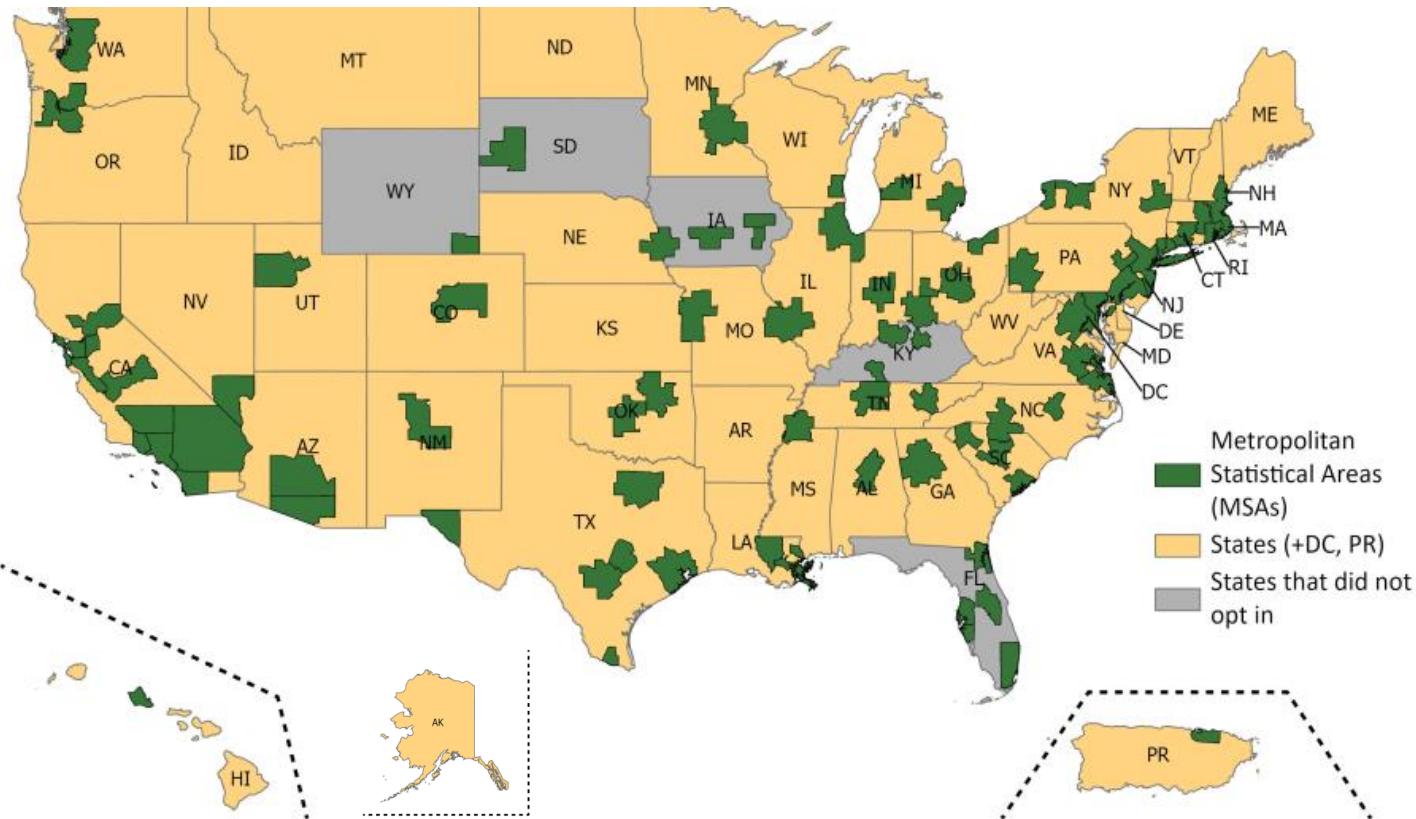
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The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program provides **\$5 billion** in grants to states, local governments, tribes, and territories to develop and implement ambitious plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollution.

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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GENERAL COMPETITION

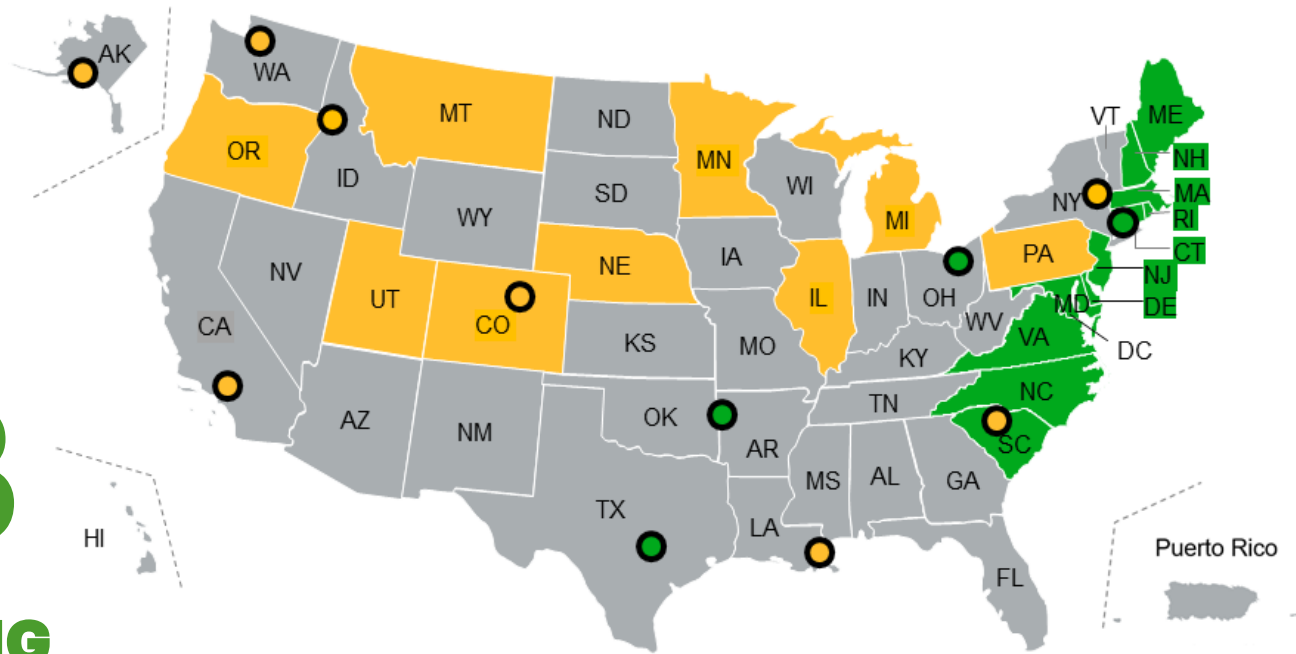
GHG REDUCTIONS¹
(MILLION METRIC TONS OF CO₂e)

25

APPLICATIONS

\$4.3B

ESTIMATED FUNDING



148

BY 2030

971

BY 2050

Application Type: ■ Coalition ■ Individual ○ Local/Tribal

¹ Calculated based on emission reduction estimates that were provided in the selected applications. CO₂e refers to carbon dioxide equivalent.



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MAXIMIZING EMISSION REDUCTIONS**

**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

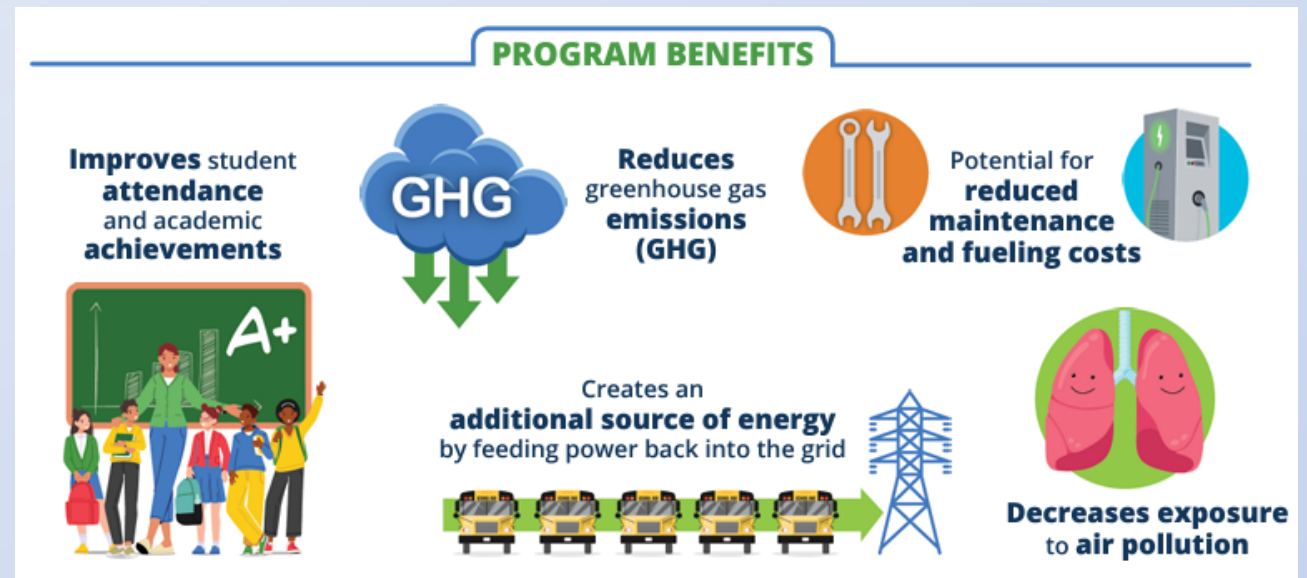


CLEAN SCHOOL BUS OFFICE OF AIR AND RADIATION

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.





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**ENERGY STAR
RESOURCES**



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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
 - Pearl Certification
 - Sears Home Improvement

Start Here

Enter your zip code and select a product to find incentives available to you.

Enter zip

Featured Products:

- Heat Pump HVAC
- Insulation
- Heat Pump Water Heaters
- Windows
- Electric Upgrades

[Find Incentives](#)

[Explore incentives](#) for other products.



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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.



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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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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.

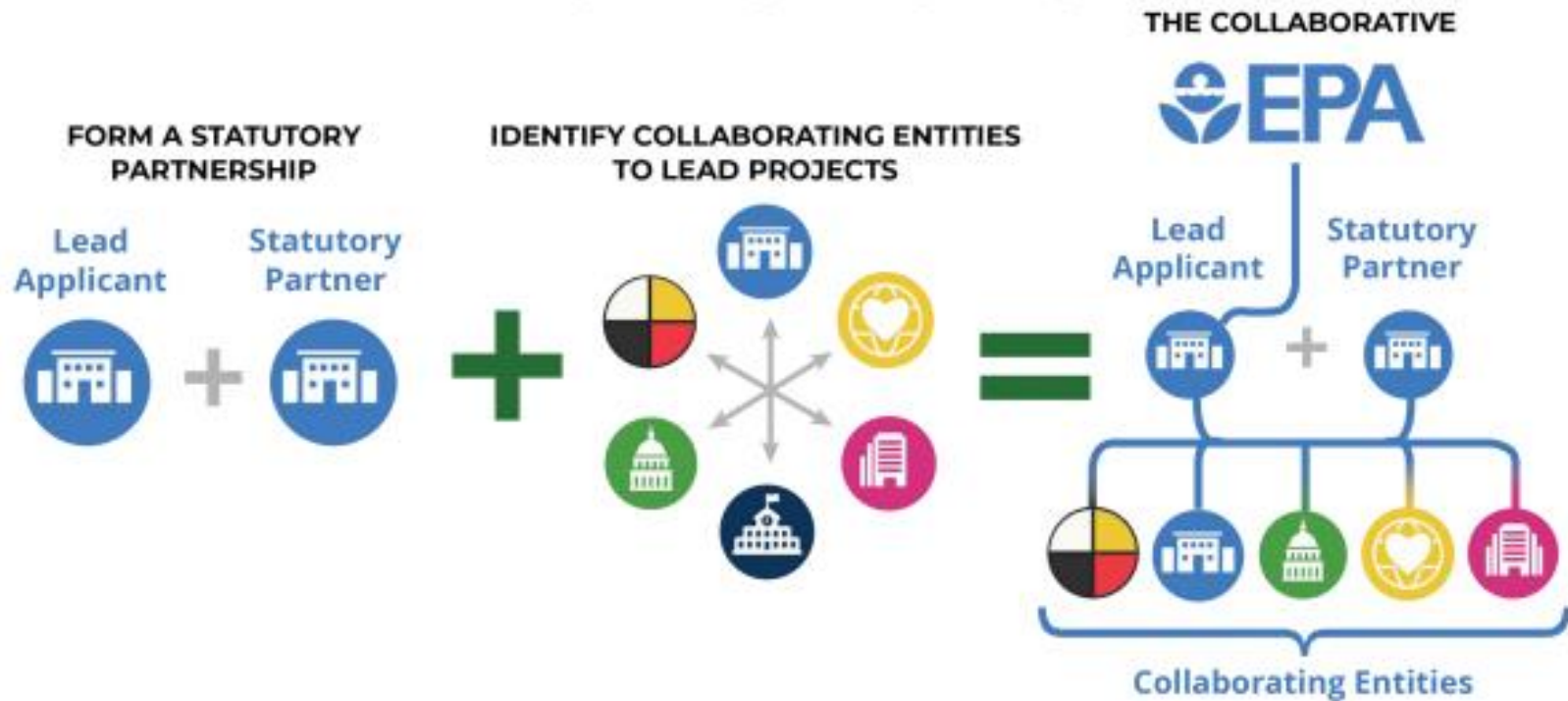




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How It Works





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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
- Unsuccessful applicants able to request a debriefing
- For more information see [Section II.C](#) of the NOFO.



COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REQUESTS UPDATE

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Announcement

DEADLINE TO REQUEST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS PROGRAM:

AUGUST 16, 2024

To provide eligible applicants with the most effective Technical Assistance (TA) possible, and in light of the of the fast-approaching November 21, 2024 Community Change Grants Program (CCGP) application deadline, EnDyna, EPA's TA contractor, will stop accepting new requests for TA after **August 16, 2024**. Eligible entities that are interested in receiving TA for CCGP application preparation must submit a **completed [TA intake form](#) by 11:59 pm Eastern Time on August 16, 2024**.

Please note that requesting TA by this deadline does not guarantee an entity will receive TA for their application or receive the full extent of the TA requested.



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CCGP Announcement

★ FIRST TRANCHE OF CCG SELECTEES ANNOUNCED!

- **21 Selected to receive \$325M in funding**
- **Identified projects slated to help disadvantaged communities tackle environmental and climate justice challenges through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience and build community capacity.**
- **Also delivers on Justice40 Initiative to ensure that 40 percent of the overall investments and benefits of certain federal investments go to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution.**



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CCGP Announcement

FIRST TRANCHE OF CCG SELECTEES ANNOUNCED!

- **Example Project Types of Community-Scale Projects to Address Environmental and Climate Justice Challenges**
 - **Home weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades**
 - **Build environmental justice workforce development trainings**
 - **Installation of onsite wastewater treatment systems**
 - **Clean Transportation and Public Transit**
 - **Climate Resilience**



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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](#) often for dates for future webinars and recordings. <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>.
- **CCGP Selections:** <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/community-change-grants-selections>
- Subscribe to the OEJEER Listserv, send a blank email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov.
- For more information, please contact CCGP@epa.gov.



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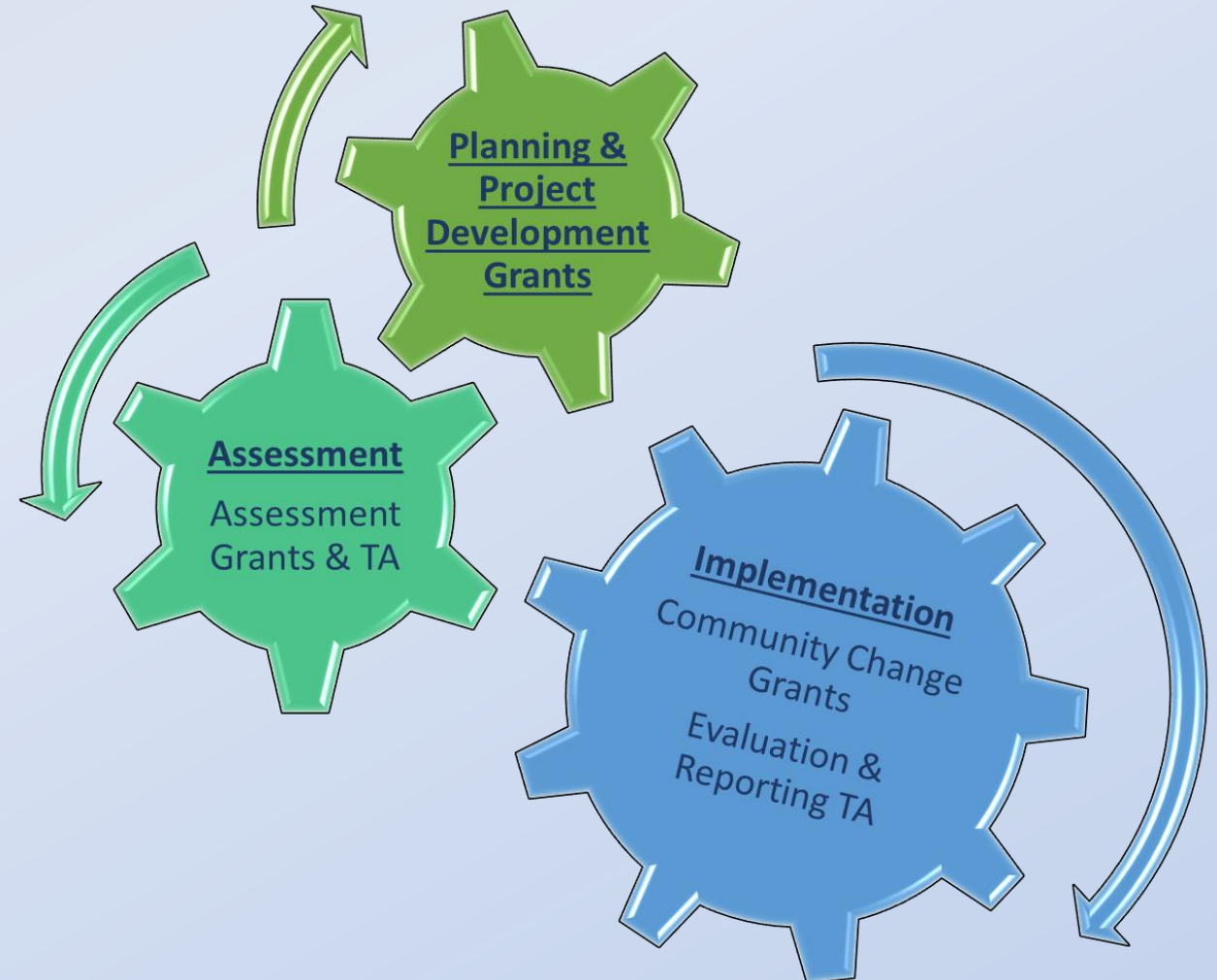
**THRIVING COMMUNITIES
GRANT MAKERS**



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

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 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]	*Research Triangle Institute	NC



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Announcement

EPA New England Makes Healthy Communities Grants Available!

- Eligible projects of up to \$40,000 in federal funding
- Deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, November 1, 2024, at 11:59 p.m.
- Projected number of awards: Approximately 15 cooperative agreements.
- Information sessions will take place at the following times:
 - **July 16, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET**
 - **August 14, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET**
 - **September 10, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. ET**
 - **October 2, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. ET**

<https://www.epa.gov/newenglandhc/healthy-communities-grant-program-new-england>



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QUESTIONS?

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Community Change Technical Assistance Regional Roadshow

Providence, Rhode Island

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ENDYNA



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

July 26, 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.



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Community Change TA Website




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English Español 1-(800) 540-8123 EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov

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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.

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PAST WEBINARS

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

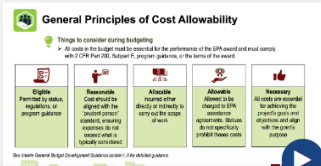
[Fill out a survey on past webinars.](#)



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




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.

Name*

First

Last

E-mail*

Phone Number*

Preferred Method of Contact (phone or email)*

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?



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



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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WHAT IS A TCTAC, AND WHAT CAN IT DO FOR YOU?

A PRESENTATION BY NATIONAL & REGION 1 PRO TEM TCTAC, THE INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Devin Jefferson & Sam Schipani | July 2024

Who are we? ISC TCTAC Team



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Grants Administrator

OUR MISSION

To create equitable climate change solutions around the world. We do this by forming collaborative, people-focused partnerships that support communities disproportionately impacted by the global climate crisis.

EJ TCTAC = ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE THRIVING COMMUNITIES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

What does that mean?

Raise your hand if...

- You know 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

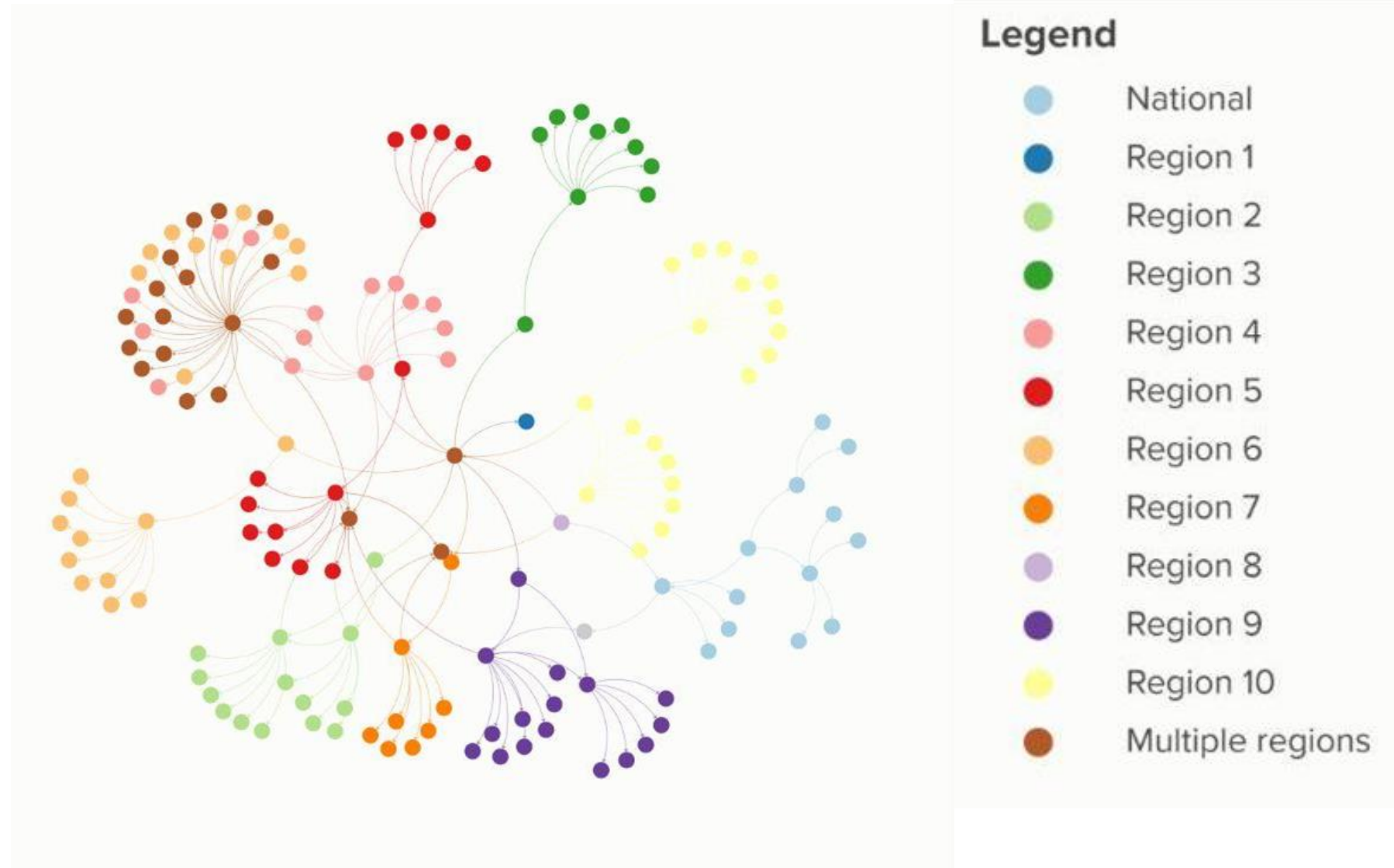
EJ Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers are focused on assisting program participants with information, tools, and assistance which build their capacity to:

- 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



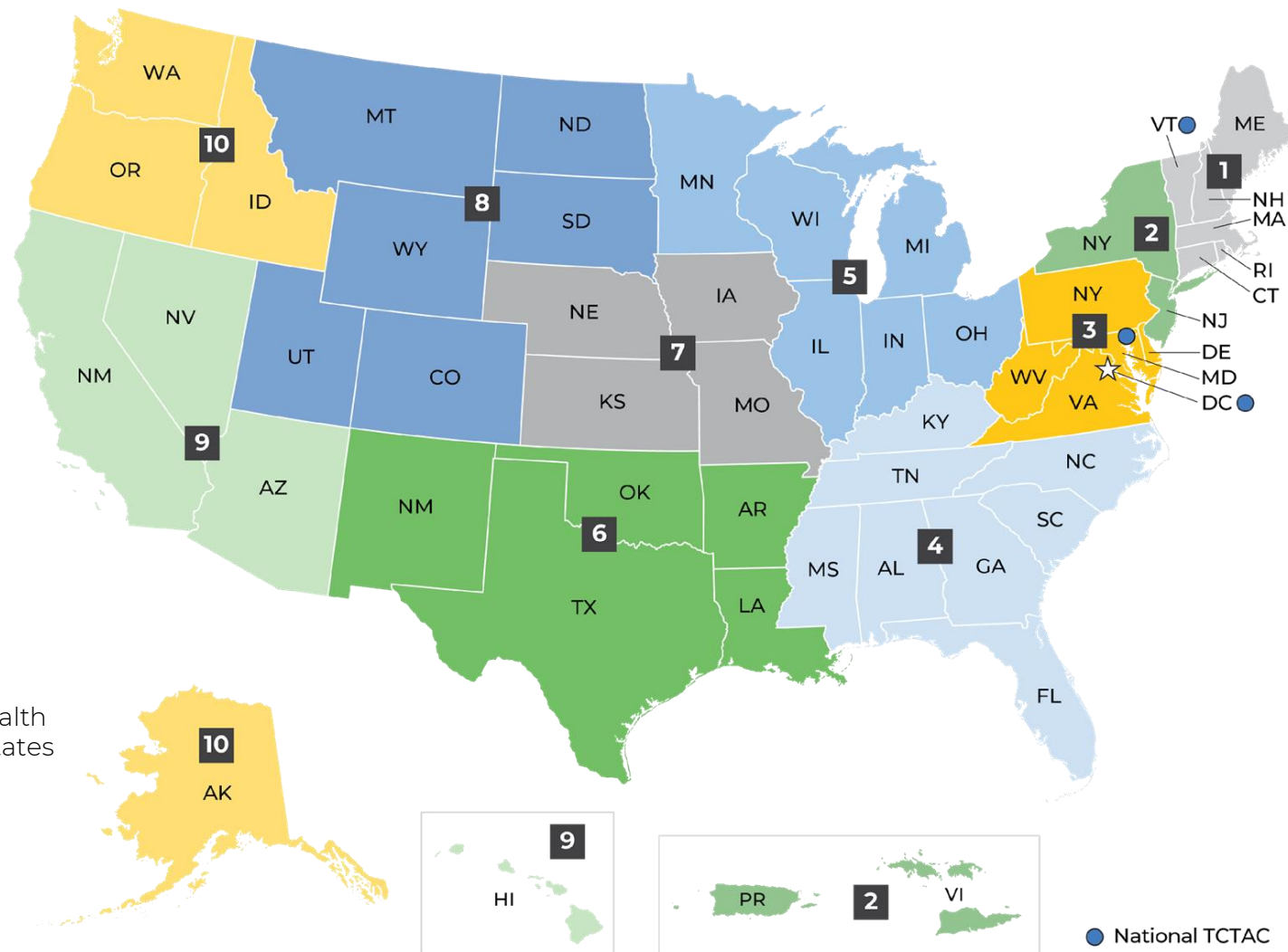
EJ TCTAC Regions

There are 18 TCTACs:

• **3** National TCTACs

• **15** Regional TCTACs

- **Region 1** CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT
- **Region 2** NJ, NY, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and 8 federally recognized Indian Nations
- **Region 3** DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV and 7 federally recognized tribes
- **Region 4** AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN
- **Region 5** IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI
- **Region 6** AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX
- **Region 7** IA, KS, MO, and NE
- **Region 8** CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY
- **Region 9** AZ, CA, HI, NV, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau
- **Region 10** AK, ID, OR, WA and 271 native tribes



● National TCTAC

How Nationals and Regionals Connect

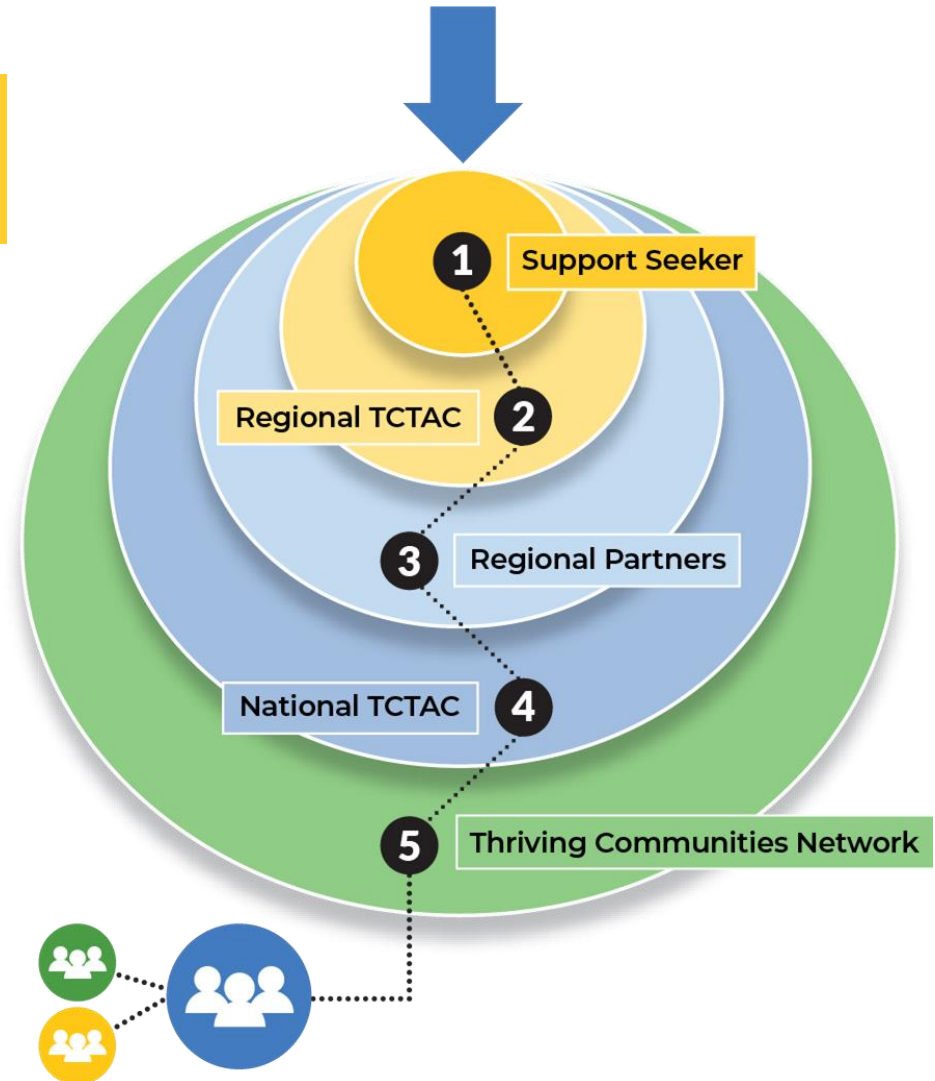
Support seeker from an eligible CBO, tribal government, or state/local government requesting expertise in federal grant applications, proposal writing, and grant management for environmental justice projects

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

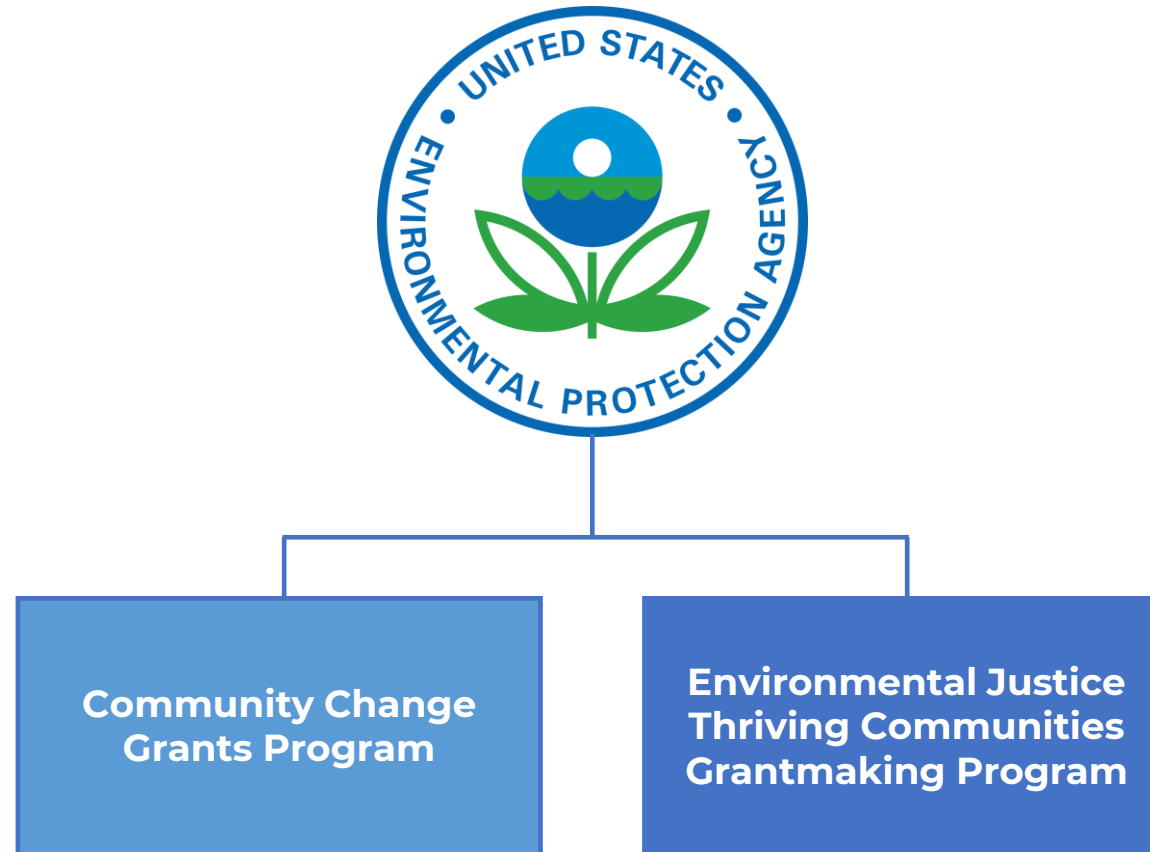
Regional Partnerships with over 160 organizations nationwide ready to support regional efforts in building capacity on the ground

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



Major Environmental Justice Funding Opportunities





Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants (CCG)

TOTAL FUNDING

Historical \$2 billion

OPEN NOW UNTIL NOVEMBER 21, 2024

- May/June 2024 to July 2024: Anticipated start for initial selections.
- Feedback is provided on applications for resubmission if submitted prior to Aug 1

TRACK I

- \$10-20 million each, 150 awards
- Community-driven investments for change
- Maximum 3 years

TRACK II

- \$1-3 million, 20 awards
- Meaningful engagement for equitable governance
- Maximum 3 years

WHO CAN APPLY?

A partnership between at least two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs).

A partnership between a CBO and one or any combination of the following:

- 1) Federally-Recognized Tribe
- 2) Local Government
- 3) Institution of Higher Education

Awards selected on a rolling basis.

Who can support with CCG applications

Role of TCTACs and conflict of interest:

- Making eligible entities aware of the CCG Program
- Describing and explaining the contents of the CCG NOFO
- Connecting CCG applicants to potential partners
- Connecting CCG applicants to other TA providers that may provide individualized technical assistance, including the CCG Technical Assistance Program and other TCTACs that do not plan to apply or participate in a CCG application.
- **Please note** that any TCTAC that enters into a contract with the CCG TA provider, EnDyna, to provide specialized TA on that program is precluded from applying for or participating in a CCG grant.

Who can support with CCG applications

Role of EnDyna

- EPA has contracted with EnDyna to deliver specialized Technical Assistance (TA) under the Community Change TA Program to eligible applicants. This is **free!**



Support for EPA Community Change Grants

EPA's Track I Checklist

<https://bit.ly/epatrack1checklist>



EPA's Track II Checklist

<https://bit.ly/epatrack2checklist>



Support for EPA Community Change Grants

Environmental Protection Network's 6
Step Application process

https://bit.ly/EPN_CCG



Anthropocene Alliance Find Expertise/Project
Partners Spreadsheet

https://bit.ly/find_experts_and_partners

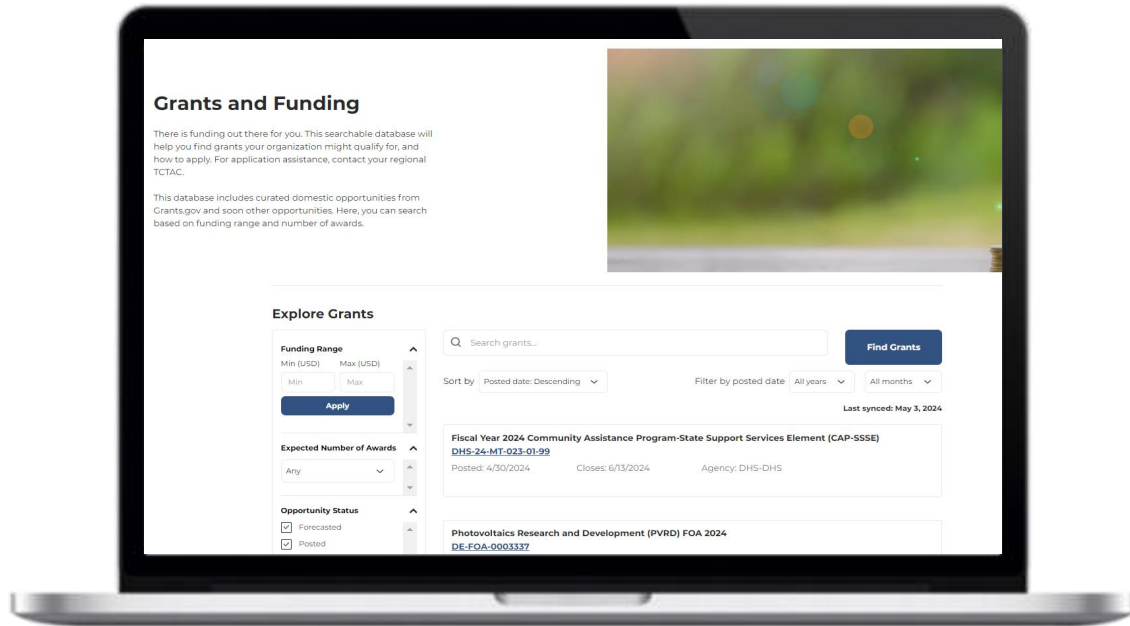


TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: NATIONAL & REGIONAL

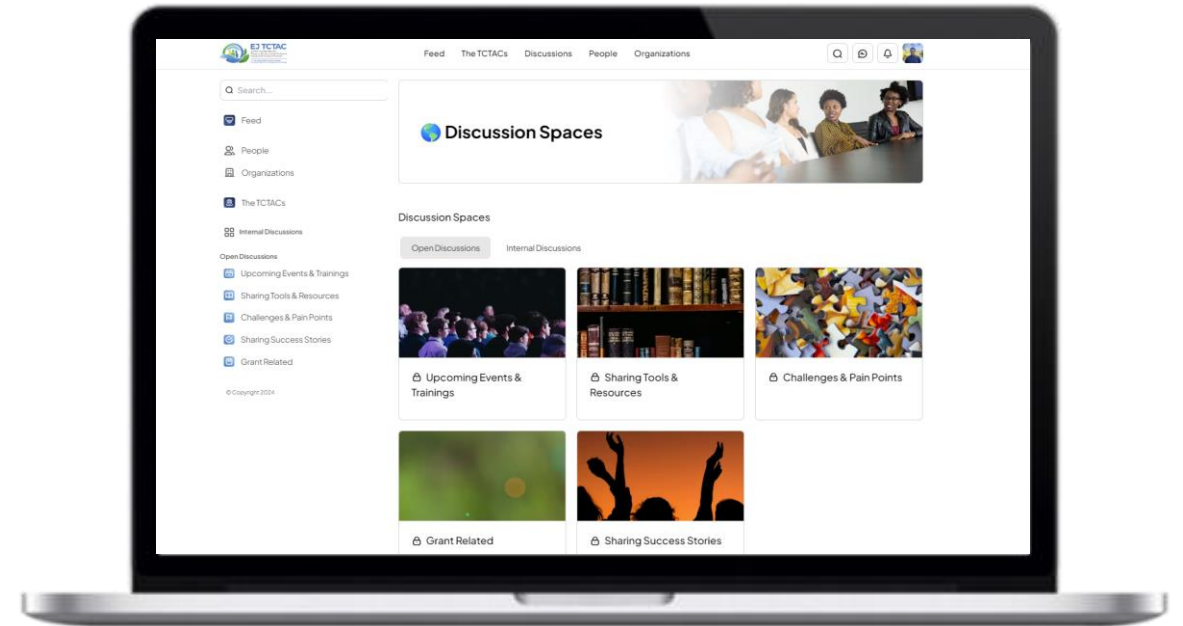
What is it and what is offered?

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

- 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

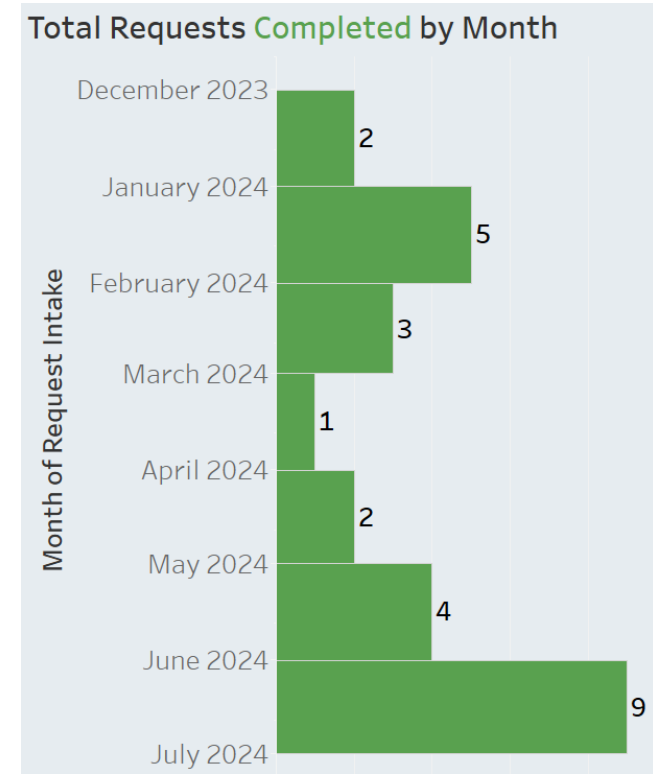
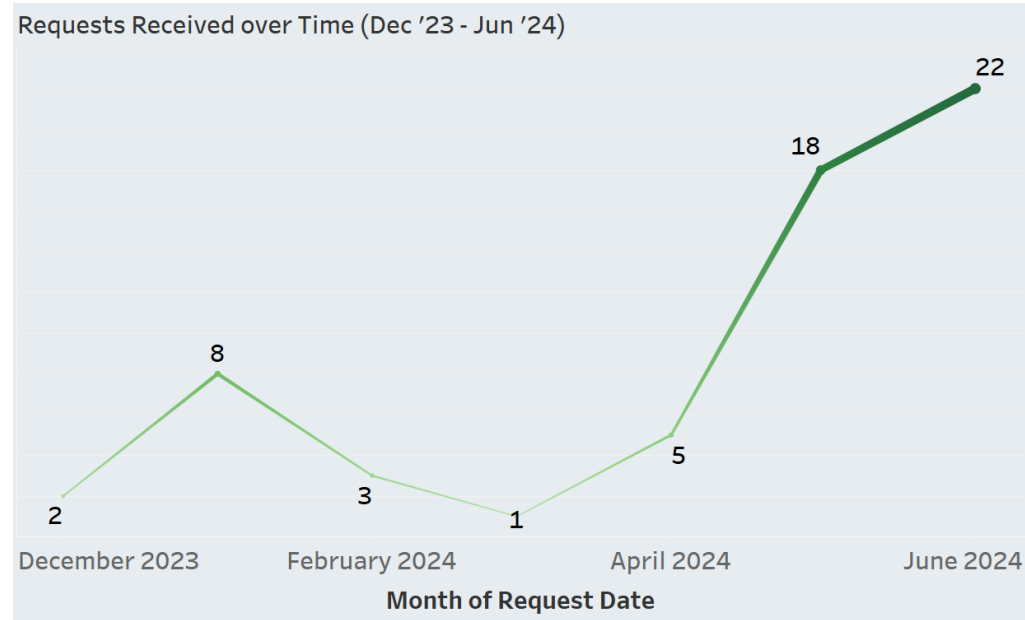
- Developing and providing cultural competency trainings for regional TCTACs and their partners
- Engaging in strategy discussions around grant compliance and allowable costs related to DOE portion of TCTAC funding
- Hosting cross-regional events



National Technical Assistance to Date

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:

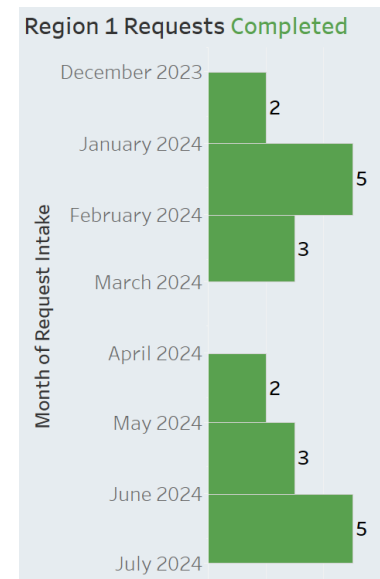
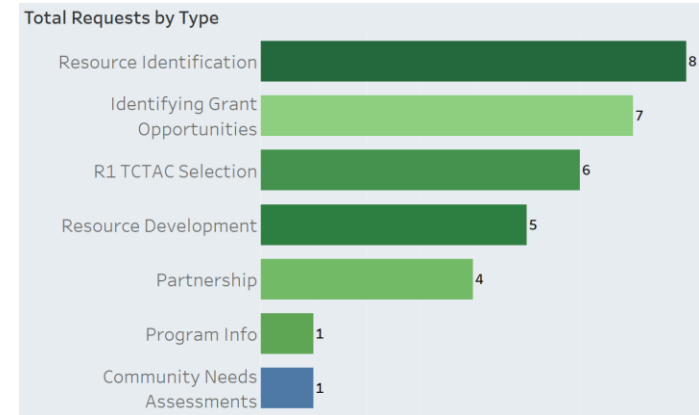
- Grant Writing & Management Training
- Identifying Opportunities
- Community Needs Assessments
- Group and Workshop Facilitation
- Partnership Development
- Identifying resources, such as specialized TA providers
- Resource Development, such as streamlined application templates and operational guides



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 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



KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH US

Don't be a stranger!

Upcoming TCTAC Events



Tribal Lands and Environment Forum

August 12-15 | Hybrid
(Eugene, OR, and online)
<https://bit.ly/3zF7pzm>

Forum for environmental professionals across the country to discuss management, protection, and restoration of Tribal lands



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.

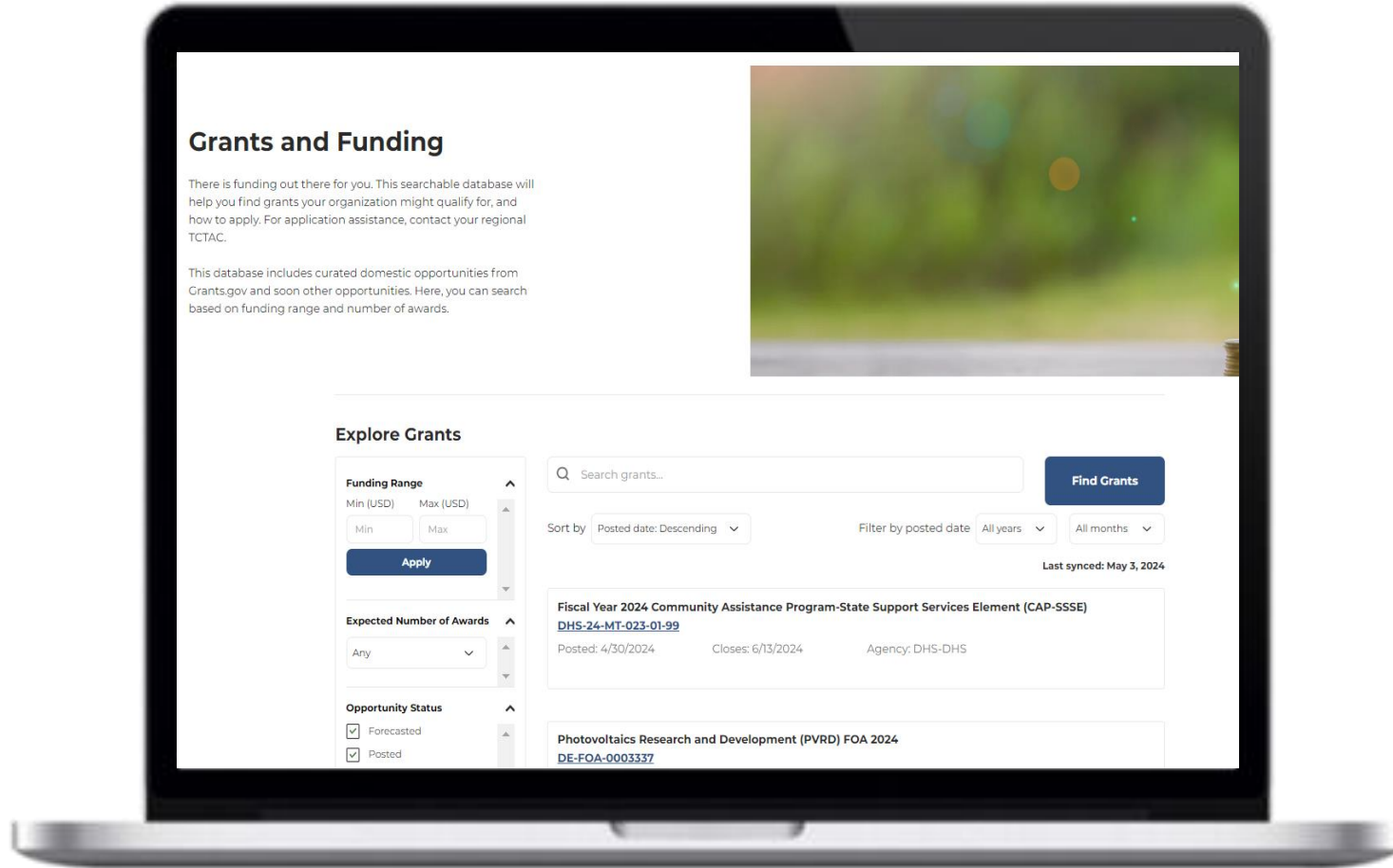


EJScreen Office Hours

August 21 | Online
<https://bit.ly/4bIG1hb>

Office hours for organizations using EJScreen, the EPA's environmental justice screening and mapping tool

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

Thank you for your partnership!

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