



NRDC JUSTICE 40 IMPLEMENTATION

ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE PROGRAM + GRANTS

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Justice 40 Initiative

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“40% of the overall benefits of certain Federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized, underserved, and overburdened by pollution.”

— Executive Order 14008

- Government-wide initiative through federal programs to direct the benefits of federal funding into low-income communities, communities of color, and other marginalization communities using the using the CJEST and other tools to identify recipients.
 - Agencies sent a list of programs that they were going to put forward to ensure that communities receive these benefits.
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ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE GRANTS

- **IRA funded \$2.8 B in grants and \$200M in funds for CBOs in disadvantaged areas to increase capacity in disadvantaged communities:**
 - **Reduce pollution**
 - **Increase community climate resilience**
 - **Build community capacity to respond to environmental and climate justice challenges**
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ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE GRANTS

- **Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program (Community Change Grants)**
 - **Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program**
 - **Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program**
 - **Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program**
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Overview

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**Community Change
Grants: Track 1**

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**Community Change
Grants: Track 2**

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**Thriving
Communities**

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Community Change Grants Track 1

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Community Change Grants Track 1

**\$10-20 M Climate Action AND Pollution Reduction
Strategies project**

Shovel-ready 3 years for implementation

Requires at least 1 partner

Resilience zones/ air monitoring/ cooling centers

Due Nov 21, 2024 (in by September)

Application Elements

1. Climate Action Strategy
2. Pollution Reduction Strategy
3. Community engagement plan
4. Community strength plan
5. Readiness approach
6. Compliance plan

Due: NOV 2024

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Community Change Grants Track 2



Community Change Grants Track 2

\$1-3 M to support Community Engagement, Education, and Decision-Making Process

Requires at least 1 collaborating entity

Environmental advisory boards, Equity Action Plan development

Due Nov 21, 2024 (in by September)

Examples of “projects”

1. Educational & Training Programs
2. Environmental Advisory Boards
3. Collaborative Governance Activities
4. Participation in Governmental Funding & Budgeting

Due: NOV 2024

Community Change Grants

Section	Possible Points
Part 1. Community Driven Investments for Change	80 total
1.1 Community Overview	10
1.2 Selected Strategies	45
1.3 Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance Plan	15
1.4 Community Strength Plan	10
Part 2. Program Management, Capability, and Capacity	35 total
2.1 Performance Management Plan, Outputs / Outcomes	6
2.2 Project Linkages to the EPA Strategic Plan	4
2.3 CBO Experience and Commitment	5
2.4 Programmatic and Managerial Capability and Resources	15
2.5 Past Performance	5
Part 3. Readiness to Perform, Feasibility, and Sustainability	40 total
3.1 Readiness Approach	8
3.2 Feasibility	9
3.3 Sustainability	5
3.4 Program Budget Description	8
3.5 Compliance Plan	10
TOTAL	155

Section	Possible Points
1. Program Objectives	35
2. Project Collaboration and Participation	20
3. Project Linkages	4
4. Budget	8
5. Environmental Results	6
6. CBO Experience & Commitment	5
7. Programmatic and Managerial Capability and Resources	16
8. Past Performance	6
TOTAL	100

Community Change Grants



**Apply twice
(2x to 1 track,
1x to 2 tracks)
and to other
CCGPs**



**Need a partner
organization
(CBO, GVT, HBCU)**



**Leverage other
programs
(like Thriving
Communities)**

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Thriving Communities

Thriving Communities Grantmakers

- **\$150- 350k Subgrants for assessment, planning, and project development activities**
- **11 Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants**
- **TCTACs should be providing the TA**
- **Easier to apply for than CCG grants**



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Support & Technical Assistance

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RESOURCES

FINDING ALTERNATIVE FED GRANTS

- Milken Institute

APPLICATION SUPPORT

- Environmental Protection Network
- Environmental Finance Center
- TCTACS
- Change Technical Assistance (CCTA)
- Community Change Equitable Resilience Technical Assistance (CCER TA)

GRANT WRITING

- J40 Accelerator
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NRDC SUPPORT CCG GRANTS

- **Application Support**
 - **Partner Matching**
 - **Briefing Webinars**
 - **Sub-grantee & Grant Award Webinars**
 - **Grant Matching & Grant Writing Support**
 - **** Identifying help w/financial & reporting****
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**Extra slides for
addtl info**

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program

Provides \$5B in grants to states and local governments in two phases:

- 1) Formula grants for climate plans
- 2) Competitive grants worth \$4.6 billion to implement plans to reduce GHG emissions.

In GA, plan is led by EPD which is developing climate strategies and will produce a Priority Climate Action Plan due by March 1st.

Opportunity: EPA requires meaningful engagement with communities and EPA grants can compensate participants.



Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

- Began as an amendment to the Build Back Better Act
- Impact: **Reduce 2030 U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to 40%** (below 2005 levels)
- Focus: Addressing pollution in underserved communities, **supporting clean energy, and climate justice** and healthcare

Policy	Cost (-)/Savings (2022-2031)
Energy and Climate	-\$386 billion
Clean Electricity Tax Credits	-\$161 billion
Air Pollution, Hazardous Materials, Transportation and Infrastructure	-\$40 billion
Individual Clean Energy Incentives	-\$37 billion
Clean Manufacturing Tax Credits	-\$37 billion
Clean Fuel and Vehicle Tax Credits	-\$36 billion
Conservation, Rural Development, Forestry	-\$35 billion
Building Efficiency, Electrification, Transmission, Industrial, DOE Grants and Loans	-\$27 billion
Other Energy and Climate Spending	-\$14 billion
Health Care	-\$98 billion
Extension of Expanded ACA Subsidies (three years)	-\$64 billion
Part D Re-Design, LIS Subsidies, Vaccine Coverage	-\$34 billion
Total, Spending and Tax Breaks	-\$485 billion
Health Savings	\$322 billion
Repeal Trump-Era Drug Rebate Rule	\$122 billion
Drug Price Inflation Cap	\$101 billion
Negotiation of Certain Drug Prices	\$99 billion