

Special Bulletin: **Federal Environmental Justice Resources**

The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provided \$3 billion for Environmental & Climate Justice Programs and \$27 billion for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, both administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Department of Energy also has environmental justice grant opportunities. Our [Special Bulletins](#) alert you as funding and other resources become available for community development organizations.

Grantmakers Announced — [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program](#)

Awardees have been announced for this \$550 million program. [Eleven grantmakers](#) will provide thousands of subgrants nationwide to nonprofit community-based organizations for assessment, planning, and project development activities centering around environmental justice. Subgrants through these grantmakers are expected to become available by Summer 2024. [More information](#) on how to apply for subgrants will be available soon.

Now Open — [Community Change Grant Program](#)

EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in [Community Change grants](#). Funds will support community-driven projects that build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges, strengthen their climate resilience, and advance clean energy. Eligible entities must include nonprofit community-based organizations. Apply by November 21, 2024. [Request technical assistance](#) for this program by May 31, 2024. The technical assistance assists eligible applicants in applying for and using EPA grant funding.

Recording Available — [EPA Grants Competition Process Webinar](#)

Access the December 4 webinar recording, presentation slides, frequently-asked questions, and helpful web links on the [EPA Grants Competition Process Webinar webpage](#).

TA Available — [Environmental Justice Thriving Community Technical Assistance Centers](#)

Sixteen Thriving Community Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs) across the country are currently standing up their technical assistance (TA) request processes, websites, and staff – and a few are now operational! TCTACs provide grant writing training, grant management training, and other TA and capacity-building support to underserved communities. See which TCTACs are already offering resources, training, and accepting TA requests on the [TCTACs webpage](#).

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Find out about EPA grant updates, changes, resources, and opportunities.

Apply by Feb 2 — [Community Energy Innovation Prize](#)

[\\$4.9 million in prize funds](#) are available through the *Clean Energy Ecosystem Track*. The funds will support community-led projects across a wide range of clean energy initiatives, technologies, and areas of focus that advance local clean energy transitions. The prize aims to support local organizations with proven track records of engaging underserved communities and/or promoting environmental, climate, and energy justice organizations as they enact community-led climate and clean energy solutions. Private nonprofit organizations are among those eligible to apply by February 2, 2024.

Apply by April 12 — [SOLVE IT Prize](#)

The Solutions for Lasting, Viable Energy Infrastructure Technologies (SOLVE IT) Prize aims to empower communities to identify and implement innovative clean energy solutions in a way that works for their unique needs and challenges. Disadvantaged and energy-burdened communities are of particular focus. In Phase 1, an estimated 25 winners will receive \$80,000 each. The competition is open to nonprofits, economic development organizations, and others with a history of successful participatory community-based initiatives. Apply for Phase 1 funding by April 12, 2024.
