

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 are administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Our [Special Bulletins](#) alert you as funding and other resources become available for community development organizations.

Grant Opportunities & Announcements

Thriving Communities Grants Awarded — Prepare for Subgrant Opportunities

The EPA awarded \$600 million to [11 regional grantmakers](#) who will provide [subgrants](#) to support-capacity building in communities affected by environmental or public health issues. Grantmakers are expected to begin opening competitions and awarding subgrants by fall 2024. Community-based nonprofits and other eligible organizations representing disadvantaged communities will be able to apply to their regional grantmaker to receive:

- \$75,000 in fixed-amount grants
- \$150,00 in assessment grants
- \$250,000 in planning grants
- \$350,000 in project development grants

Thriving Community Technical Assistance Centers Are Accepting TA Requests

16 Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs) are now open to support communities and community-based organizations in navigating thousands of environmental justice grants and technical assistance programs across the federal government. They will provide grant writing and management training, capacity-building support, and intentional guidance to make the grants process accessible to underserved communities nationwide. [Locate your region's TCTAC](#) and apply for technical assistance now!

\$14 Billion Awarded to Nonprofits Via the National Clean Investment Fund

[Awardees](#) will establish national clean financing institutions that deliver accessible, affordable financing for clean technology projects that focus on investments in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Alongside private-sector investors, developers, and community organizations, awardees will deploy projects, mobilize private capital at scale, and enable millions of Americans to benefit from the program through energy bill savings, cleaner air, job creation, and more.

\$6 Billion Awarded to Nonprofits Via the Clean Communities Investment Accelerator

[Awardees](#) will establish hubs that provide funding and technical assistance to community lenders working in low-income and disadvantaged communities. This support will provide an immediate pathway to deploy projects in those communities while also building capacity of hundreds of community lenders to finance projects for years.

Congratulations to Our Partners

[Local Initiatives Support Corporation](#) (LISC) is one of five organizations leading [Power Forward Communities](#), a new coalition that was awarded \$2 billion from the National Clean Investment Fund to implement a decarbonization strategy that lifts up under-resourced communities — making housing more affordable, mitigating climate impacts and improving local health.

Several of our partners were awarded Clean Communities Investment Accelerator grants. [Opportunity Finance Network](#) received a \$2.29 billion grant via the Clean Communities Investment Accelerator to transform the community development finance industry with a new clean energy financing ecosystem. The [National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development](#) and the [National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders](#) are coalition partners in the [Justice Climate Fund](#), which received a \$940 million grant for clean energy community investments.

Important EPA Updates

Training Required for New Recipients & Applicants

The EPA is implementing a new [training requirement](#) to ensure new applicants are knowledgeable of grants application guidelines, budget formulation, and overall grants management rules and regulations.

Webinar Series: Environmental Justice for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples

Many of the grant opportunities available under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) include statutory requirements for partnerships and collaboration between Tribal Nations community-based organizations, and other entities. The [webinar series](#) highlights experts, resources, and information for advancing environmental justice and beneficial partnerships with tribes and indigenous peoples.

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