



Technical Assistance and Funding Resources Guide

A Monthly Update from U.S. EPA, Region 2

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This guide is designed to assist community organizations, local governments, universities, and other partners in navigating technical assistance and funding opportunities across Region 2. This guide includes opportunities from a diversity of sources. Mentions of an opportunity or links to non-EPA sites do not imply official EPA endorsement.

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Environmental Justice

Learn about the EPA's [Office of Environmental Justice](#) and read the [Annual Environmental Justice Reports](#) to learn how the Agency's programs and resources serve vulnerable communities across the country. For up-to-date information about Environmental Justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a blank email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov. Follow us on Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](#)

Para recibir información actualizada sobre oportunidades de financiamiento de Justicia Ambiental, eventos y seminarios web, suscríbase al listserve de Justicia Ambiental de la EPA enviando un mensaje en blanco de correo electrónico a: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov. Síguenos en Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](#).

Opportunities

EPA Community Change Grant Program

EPA's new [Environmental and Climate Justice](#) Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants) will invest approximately \$2 billion dollars in [Inflation Reduction Act](#) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to respond to environmental and climate justice challenges.

Deadline To Apply is November 21, 2024

[More information here](#)

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights will hold multiple trainings and office hours to help users with the update. Trainings are structured webinars on EJScreen 2.3. Office hours are a chance for the public to talk with EPA EJScreen experts about many topics including how to use and apply the tool, technical issues, and any other questions. Registration is not required for trainings or office hours. More information can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/ejscreen-office-hours-training>.

Office Hours Date and Time: August 21 at 12pm EST

[Click here to join](#)

Additional Opportunities

Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTAC)

These centers will provide training and other assistance to build capacity for navigating federal grant application systems, developing strong grant proposals, and effectively managing grant funding. In addition, these centers will provide guidance on community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services for limited English-speaking participants, thus removing barriers and improving accessibility for communities with environmental justice concerns. Each of the technical assistance centers will also create and manage communication channels to ensure all communities have direct access to resources and information.

[For more information](#)

Tools & Resources

EPA	<p>In August 2023, EPA released the Environmental Justice Toolkit for Lead Paint Enforcement Programs. The Toolkit provides strategies, examples, and other information for federal, state, Tribal and local government enforcement practitioners to use during all stages of environmental enforcement and compliance monitoring activities designed to eliminate harmful exposures to lead paint in housing. This resource is a compilation of best practices and supports commitments made in EPA's Lead Strategy, which seeks to reduce lead exposures locally with a focus on underserved communities and promote environmental justice through a whole of government approach.</p>	More information here
EJ Toolkit for Lead Paint Enforcement		
EJScreen 2.2	<p>In June 2023, EPA again updated EJScreen, the Agency's publicly available environmental justice (EJ) screening and mapping tool. EJScreen 2.2 makes important improvements to better meet the needs of users, including a redesigned and enhanced report, a new environmental indicator with corresponding indexes, and refreshed demographic and environmental data.</p>	More information here
The Community Environmental Justice Mapping Tool	<p>EJScreen 2.2 provides updated reports which compile various datasets into one document to help users better understand the multiple factors that impact their community. It also includes a new environmental indicator on Toxic Releases to Air, as well as associated EJ and supplemental indexes. This new indicator quantifies the relative potential human health impacts from exposure to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) chemicals into the air. More information on the new indicator can be found on the EPA's EJScreen webpage.</p>	
	<p>Trainings: EPA is holding multiple trainings and office hours for users on EJScreen 2.2.</p>	
Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program	<p>The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) Brownfields Amendments authorize EPA to provide funding to organizations to conduct research and to provide training and technical assistance to communities to help address their brownfields challenges. Information presented on this site lists past and current technical assistance and research projects EPA funds and resources that are available to all communities. Please review the Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Application Resources for information on open solicitations.</p>	More information here Información en español

Rural Communities

Opportunities

USDA Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants	USDA – Rural Energy for America Program Renewable Energy Systems & Energy Efficiency Improvement Guaranteed Loans & Grants The program provides guaranteed loan financing and grant funding to agricultural producers and rural small businesses for renewable energy systems or to make energy efficiency improvements. Agricultural producers may also apply for new energy efficient equipment and new system loans for agricultural production and processing. Funds may be used for the purchase and installation of renewable energy systems, including anaerobic digesters.	<i>Open for Fiscal Years 2024 Application Windows:</i> September 30, 2024	More information here
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[See the USDA Rural Energy for America Grants Page here for more details.](#)

USDA ReConnect Loan and Grant Program	The ReConnect Loan and Grant Program furnishes loans and grants to provide funds for the costs of construction, improvement, or acquisition of facilities and equipment needed to provide broadband service in eligible rural areas. The application window is now OPEN.	Ongoing	More information here
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New Jersey Audubon Watershed Restoration & Community Empowerment Program	New Jersey Audubon is pleased to issue this request for proposals to nonprofit partners and Tribal organizations doing conservation work in the Delaware River Watershed. The Watershed Restoration and Community Empowerment Program is designed to support organizations needing less than \$75,000 to work on capacity building and planning projects that address habitat, water quality, stormwater or public access to water and the outdoors throughout the Delaware River watershed.		More information here
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Tools & Resources

USDA Guide to Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding for Rural Development	<p>The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) passed in August 2022 represents the largest single investment in rural electrification since the passage of the Rural Electrification Act in 1936.</p> <p>Sections 22001 through 22005 of IRA provide new loan and grant products and unprecedented incentives to expand clean energy, transform rural power production, create jobs, and spur economic growth.</p>	More information here
HUD Rural Gateway	<p>The Rural Gateway provides technical assistance, training, peer learning, and resource sharing to support rural housing and economic development.</p> <p>For more information, contact HUD's Office of Rural Housing and Economic Development at 1-877-787-2526 or rhed@hud.gov.</p>	More information here
EPA's Environmental Finance Center Network Small Wastewater Treatment Assistance	<p>EPA's Environmental Finance Center Network offers free help on training and technical assistance to small wastewater and decentralized wastewater treatment works serving approximately 10,000 or fewer people.</p>	More information here
USDA Rural Development Recreation Economy Resource Guide	<p>USDA's Forest Service (FS), Rural Development (RD), and the National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) have developed this resource guide for rural communities to identify resources that develop the recreation economy.</p>	More information here

Food and Agriculture

Opportunities

USDA New Jersey Conservation Innovation Grants	<p>Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG) is a competitive program that supports the development of new tools, approaches, practices, and technologies to further natural resource conservation on private lands.</p> <p>New Jersey announces funding opportunities for the state component of CIG on Grants.gov every other year. The CIG State Component offers eligible entities the opportunity to apply for grants for eligible projects within the state. Interested applicants may review projects funded in prior years to see what has been successful in the past.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	More information here
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Rochester Institute of Technology Food Waste Reduction and Diversion Reimbursement Program	<p>The Food Waste Reduction and Diversion Reimbursement Program is an innovative partnership between New York State and Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT) focused on incentivizing the reduction of food waste in the state. The program provides reimbursement to New York State businesses or not-for-profits that generate, haul or recycle large amounts of food waste to offset the cost of select technologies and equipment that promise to reduce or divert that food waste from landfill or incineration.</p>	Ongoing	More information here
NY State Department of Environmental Conservation Municipal Funding for Food Scraps Recycling Initiatives	<p>The goal of this funding program is to assist municipalities in starting or expanding municipal food scraps recycling programs. Approximately \$2 million is available. To ensure equitable access and development of food scraps recycling opportunities for all New Yorkers, this year's opportunity will prioritize the first half of available funds for eligible projects serving Environmental Justice and Disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>The following types of projects are included in this opportunity: Creating or expanding programs to increase residential food scraps recycling AND creating or expanding food scraps recycling programs and facilities.</p>	Ongoing	More information here

News

Food Waste & Circularity:

- [The Food System's Natural Circularity](#) (BioCycle)
- [Vanguard's Path to Circularity Through Renewable Natural Gas](#) (Waste360)

AI & Food Waste:

- [A.I. Is Spying on the Food We Throw Away](#) (NY Times, unlocked article)
- [Meal Reveal: Hellmann's Launches A.I. Recipe Tool to Cut Household Food Waste](#) (The Green Queen)

Tools & Resources

EPA

Food Waste Research

This new web page offers EPA research on food waste prevention and reduction, with a focus on processing and management.

[More information here](#)

Collection & Diversion:

- [Testing Pretreated Household Food Scraps as Diversion Solution](#) (BioCycle)
- [Curbside Collection Improves Organic Waste Composting, Reduces Methane Emissions](#) (Newswise, University of Illinois)

Education & Food Waste: [Blog Post: Schools Can Be Our Nation's Largest Food Waste Champions](#) (ReFED)

Air & Water

U.S.
Department
of Energy

JOIN THE SMARTER SMALL BUILDINGS CAMPAIGN

Small- and medium-sized buildings served by packaged rooftop HVAC units (RTUs) comprise the majority of commercial buildings in the United States. The Smarter Small Buildings Campaign, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, offers technical assistance and recognition opportunities for adoption of RTU controls to improve comfort, save on energy costs, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING?

Organizations join as Participants or Partners.

Participants may include building owners and managers. These organizations will be able to:

- Receive direct technical assistance
- Access technical resources
- Stay up-to-date on best practices, case studies, and webinars
- Gain recognition for exemplary installations of HVAC controls

Partners may include vendors, contractors, utilities, or others. These organizations will be able to:

- Accelerate the adoption of best practice rooftop HVAC operations
- Collaborate with the Campaign to create broader solutions to market barriers.

[Click
Here](#)

EPA Region
2 Equipment
Loan
Program

The EPA Region 2 Equipment Loan Program provides a variety of equipment for both air and water monitoring. This resource is available to non-profit organizations (e.g., volunteer monitoring organizations, community science groups, non-government organizations, universities, local governments, etc.) within New York, New Jersey, 9 tribal nations, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands.

More information here:

Water Equipment Loan: <https://www.epa.gov/participatory-science/epas-equipment-loan-programs>

Air Equipment Loan: <https://www.epa.gov/air-sensor-toolbox/air-sensor-loan-programs#r2>

For more information, please contact Rachael Leta-Graham at letagraham.rachael@epa.gov

**Recording
Now
Available!**

Webinar in Spanish: Indoor Air Quality, Extreme Heat and Children's Environmental Health: Overview and Case Studies

EPA's Office of Indoor Environments hosted an extreme heat webinar in coordination with EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection. The webinar examined the impact of extreme heat on indoor air quality and children's environmental health. It gave a firm understanding of the level of danger that is present during extreme heat events, as well as tips, strategies, and best practices to help communities adapt.

View the
Webinar

Learn more about [Indoor Air Quality](#)

[View the collection of indoor air quality-related Spanish Webinars.](#)

Tools & Resources

EPA Water Technical Assistance Page	EPA's Water Technical Assistance Page now includes a one-stop-shop EPA water technical assistance request form where communities can request no-cost direct water technical assistance to evaluate their drinking water, wastewater, stormwater infrastructure, and water quality improvement needs. The page also now includes specific examples of what types of assistance are available and who is eligible.	More inform ation here
EPA PFAS Analytic Tools	EPA has released a new interactive webpage, called the " PFAS Analytic Tools ," which provides information about per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) across the country. This information will help the public, researchers, and other stakeholders better understand potential PFAS sources in their communities. The PFAS Analytic Tools bring together multiple sources of information in one spot with mapping, charting, and filtering functions, allowing the public to see where testing has been done and what level of detections were measured.	More inform ation here

EPA Advance Program	<p>The U.S. EPA's Advance Program supports states, tribes and local governments that want to take proactive steps to keep their air clean by promoting local actions to reduce ozone and/or fine particle pollution. The program offers expertise and technical assistance in air quality, mobile sources, heat island and green infrastructure, woodsmoke and cost-effective energy efficiency, renewable energy, and climate policies and programs to interested state, local, and tribal governments. The Advance program integrates our work with climate planning, air toxics, multi-pollutant planning and environmental justice.</p> <p>Please contact the EPA R2 contact, manj.muhammad-bilal@epa.gov, or the EPA Headquarters Advance Program team (Rich Damberg, damberg.rich@epa.gov; Mia South, south.mia@epa.gov; or ADVANCE@epa.gov) if you have questions about becoming a partner or would like to subscribe to the Advance monthly newsletter.</p>	More inform ation here
Assistance from EPA's Municipal Ombudsman	<p>The Office of the Municipal Ombudsman provides a unique service specifically for utilities/municipalities in identifying technical assistance opportunities, brainstorming federal funding options (BIL and more!), clean water act flexibilities, integrated planning assistance, and more. Please reach out to municipalombudsman@epa.gov or 202-564-1709 to discuss your projects, permits, or other clean water concerns today.</p>	More inform ation here

Climate Resilience

Opportunities

Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

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. Authorized under Section 60114 of the Inflation Reduction Act, this two-phase program provides \$250 million for noncompetitive planning grants, and approximately \$4.6 billion for competitive implementation grants.

[More information here](#)

Announcements

EPA is extending the deadline for all lead applicants for coalition applications for the CPRG General Competition to submit completed MOAs, signed by all parties, by August 1st, 2024 to CPRG@EPA.gov. The deadline was previously July 1st. This deadline extension applies to all General Competition coalition applications unless a lead applicant provided justification in their application for a date later than August 1 (i.e., August 2 or later), in which case the later date remains the applicable date. For a reminder on what the signed MOA should include, please see [Appendix E](#) of the CPRG Implementation Grants General Competition NOFO.

CPRG planning grantees: Save the dates of September 4-6, 2024 for an in-person workshop focused on development of the Comprehensive Climate Action Plan. Location, draft agenda, and additional details to follow!

Tools & Resources

EPA

EPA's [Climate Change and Human Health](#) Web content is now live. This content reflects a broader effort to expand EPA's [Climate Change](#) website to include dimensions of social vulnerability. It explains that everyone faces possible health impacts from climate change, and that

Climate Change and Human Health

[More information here](#)

certain groups are at more risk than others due to both climate and non-climate factors. The pages highlight life stages and populations, and actions people can take to reduce climate-related health effects.

Check out EPA's [Indoor Air Quality and Climate Change webpage](#) to see how climate change may impact the indoor environment and human health and gain access to IAQ and climate related resources.

EPA

Disaster Resilient Design Concepts

The designs showcased in this document can help communities reduce the impact of disasters, recover more quickly, strengthen local economies, and create safer, more equitable places to live by reducing hazards especially for those most vulnerable. The document is organized by hazard type: wildfire, hurricanes and coastal flooding, inland and riverine flooding, extreme heat, drought, landslide and mudslide, and tornado and earthquake.

[More information here](#)

Community and Economic Development

Opportunities

Environmental Protection Network

Communities First Fund's Rapid Response Fund will provide \$1,000,000 in funding on a **rolling basis** to support organizations' or coalitions' needs to position themselves or others to respond to infrastructure crises, movement moments, and time-sensitive federal funding notices or rulemakings that require rapid mobilization. Go to #9 on [our website](#) for additional application information.

[More information here](#)

NYSDEC

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that applications are now being accepted for a total of \$12.9 million for urban and community forestry projects through the Inflation Reduction Act funding opportunity. Earlier this month, Governor Hochul announced the [funding was made available by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program](#) to increase equitable access to healthy trees and green spaces in urban and community forests to support building a clean energy economy, advance environmental justice, and create economic opportunity.

[More information here](#)

Sustainable Jersey Free Energy Technical Assistance for School Districts	<p>Eligible school districts can now participate in the Sustainable Jersey-PSE&G Energy Efficiency Partnership Program to receive technical assistance for energy efficiency in school facilities.</p> <p>The program provides no-cost assistance and assigns a Sustainable Jersey staff member to guide and support a school district's efforts to improve building performance through energy efficiency analysis, planning, and preparing applications. These efforts can help the school district save money on utility bills, while reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their operations.</p> <p>School districts can learn more on the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Partnership Program page and apply through the online form.</p>	<p>The Program will accept participants on a rolling basis beginning Fall 2023</p>	More information here
Environmental Protection Network	<p>Direct Pay: The Congressional Progressive Caucus Center (CPC Center) has developed a number of Direct Pay resources. They are also providing technical assistance to eligible entities. Go to #10 on our website for more information.</p>		More information here
Economic Development Administration (EDA) Local Technical Assistance Program	<p>This program helps fill the knowledge and information gaps that may prevent leaders in the public and nonprofit sectors in distressed areas from making optimal decisions on local economic development issues.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	More information here

Tools & Resources

EPA Community Engagement and Technical Assistance Program Webpage	<p>EPA launched a new webpage in support of the Community Engagement and Technical Assistance Program. This program is designed to assist communities with addressing their concerns about environmental and health issues about waste management by providing access to support, resources, and information through neutral third parties. These services empower communities to develop informed opinions when participating in environmental decision-making.</p>	More information here
EPA Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC)	<p>The national Technical Assistance Services for Communities (TASC) program provides independent assistance through an EPA contract to help communities better understand the science, regulations and policies of environmental issues and EPA actions. Under the TASC contract, a contractor provides scientists, engineers and other professionals to review and explain information to communities. The services are determined on a project-specific basis and provided at no cost to communities. This assistance supports community efforts to get more involved and work productively with EPA to address environmental issues. TASC Brochure.</p>	More information here

Department of Transportation (DOT) Discretionary Grants Dashboard	<p>The Dashboard provides communities with an overview of discretionary grant opportunities that can help meet their transportation infrastructure needs. The Dashboard is updated weekly. The DOT Navigator is a resource to help communities understand the best ways to apply for grants, and to plan for and deliver transformative infrastructure projects and services.</p>	More information here
HUD Community Project Funding (CPF) Page	<p>Economic Development Initiative (EDI) CPF grants provide investment in a wide variety of projects such as housing, homelessness prevention, workforce training, public facilities, parks, resilience planning, and other critical infrastructure and services. The CPF page will be your one-stop shop for key information, resources, and training related to CPF grant implementation.</p>	More information here
American Planning Association Equity in Zoning Policy Guide	<p>The Equity in Zoning Policy Guide by the American Planning Association (APA) provides a framework for assessing and improving equity in housing policy.</p>	More information here
Environmental Protection Network Pro Bono Technical Assistance Program	<p>The Environmental Protection Network (EPN) has more than 550 EPA alumni across the country volunteering their time to protect the integrity of EPA, human health, and the environment. EPN harnesses the expertise of former EPA staff to provide the unique perspective of former regulators with decades of historical knowledge and subject matter expertise on issues including air and water pollution, toxic substances, hazardous waste, and more.</p>	More information here
Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) Economic Development Profiles Tool	<p>The Economic Development Cluster of the Federal Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Interagency Working Group launched this tool to provide insight into how universities and colleges can work with regional economic development ecosystems to successfully serve as a means to engage community leaders, leverage the involvement of the private sector, and establish a strategic blueprint for regional collaboration.</p>	More information here
EPA and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)	<p>With unprecedented funding to support our national infrastructure, EPA will improve people's health and safety, create good-paying jobs, and increase climate resilience throughout the country. Visit EPA's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law page to learn more.</p>	More information here
HUD Resources for Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance (DCTA) and Smaller Distressed Cities	<p>This library of resources, relevant to Distressed Cities and Persistent Poverty Technical Assistance (DCTA) recipients and smaller distressed communities, features a wide range of resources, reports, webinars and funding opportunities that might be of interest to small governments, tribal organizations and non-profits. Check back regularly for new resources and information!</p>	More information here

New Jersey Institute of Technology	The New Jersey Institute of Technology is U.S. EPA Region 2's Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities (TAB) provider. The TAB program is intended to serve as an independent resource to communities and nonprofits attempting to cleanup and reclaim brownfields. Free NJIT TAB services are provided to state, regional, county, tribal and local government entities, and nonprofits in EPA Region 2 who are interested in learning about, identifying, assessing, cleaning up and/or redeveloping brownfields.	More information here
Technical Assistance to Brownfields		
EPA	EPA's Office of Research and Development has launched a project advancing community revitalization. The program is centered on a suite of science-based tools that EPA has developed that integrate information and data important to community revitalization in ways that facilitate decision-making and strategic planning to advance public health and sustainability.	More information here
Tools and Partnerships for Community Revitalization		
EPA	EPA's focus on Smart Growth covers a range of development and conservation strategies that help protect our health and natural environment and make our communities more attractive, economically stronger, and more socially diverse.	More information here
Smart Growth Technical Assistance Opportunities	EPA offers several technical assistance opportunities to help communities learn about and implement smart growth approaches.	
EPA	EPA's New Booklet - Capacity Building Through Effective Meaningful Engagement: A Tool for Local and State Governments	More Information here
Capacity Building		

Webinars & Virtual Events

All times in EST

Upcoming Events

The list of webinars below are related to the Clean School Bus Program. EPA does not endorse events that are not organized by EPA. The events listed below are not intended to be a comprehensive listing of Clean School Bus Program related events.

08/28/2024 at 1 PM ETEPA's Clean School Bus Program Joint Office Technical Assistance Webinar Series: Building a Case For ESBs in your Fleet including Benefits, Total Cost Of Ownership (TCO), and Emissions Calculators

[Register for this webinar](#)

Zoom

09/25/2024 at 1 PM ETEPA's Clean School Bus
Program Joint Office Technical Assistance Webinar
Series: Electrification Process including a Step-by-
Step Guide for New Adopters
Zoom

[Register for this
webinar](#)

**EPA
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Deadline
November
21, 2024,

[More
Information
here](#)

**Technical
Assistance to**

EPA has launched a technical assistance program to help disaster prone and disadvantaged

[More](#)

**Community
Change Grant
Program
Community
Change
Equitable
Resilience
Technical
Assistance**

[information
here](#)

communities prepare to apply for Community Change Grants. The Community Change Equitable Resilience program will provide free design and project development assistance, community engagement, and partnership development workshops.

Climate resilience projects that qualify for technical assistance include a focus on new or expanded green infrastructure, open spaces, and/or retrofits of existing community buildings or streets to address climate change impacts (such as extreme heat and more intense heat islands, wildfire and smoke, floods, storms, or other climate impacts that pose a greater risk to disadvantaged communities). Requests for technical assistance are now being accepted on a rolling basis until 50 recipients have been identified. Eligible projects must show the following:

1. Intent and eligibility to apply for a grant under the Community Change Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO);
2. Agreement to host EPA contractors for site visits;
3. Project location in a disaster-prone area;
4. Site description, ownership status, and environmental and land use information (if available);
5. Potential resilience benefits for disadvantaged community; and
6. Engagement opportunities.

For additional information including how to request this technical assistance, please visit [our website](#). For more information on the Community Change Grants program overall, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page and [Community Change Grants NOFO](#) page.

**Inflation
Reduction Act
Community
Change Grants
Program**

EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program (Community Change Grants) is still accepting applications for the approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act funds for environmental and climate justice activities. Activities aim to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community

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and Apply
Now](#)

climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.

This grant opportunity is especially positioned to advance the protection of our children, especially in vulnerable communities, with support and participation from applicable children's health organizations seeking to promote environmental and climate justice and to protect the health of the next generation.

EPA is accepting and reviewing applications on a rolling basis, and interested applicants should submit as soon as they are able. **The deadline to apply is November 21, 2024.**

Grant Resources

Resources for Finding Funding Opportunities

EPA General	General information about EPA's grants can be found here . Subscribe to the EPA Grants Update Listserv . Search EPA's Clearinghouse for Environmental Finance .
Grants.gov	This is a single access point for over 900 grant programs offered by the 26 Federal grant-making agencies. The search for grant opportunities feature, located at Grants.gov , allows you to electronically find and apply for these competitive grant opportunities. EPA posts synopses of competitive grant opportunities on Grants.gov .
Assistance Listings (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)	Assistance Listings on beta.SAM.gov (formerly CFDA.gov) provides access to a database of all federal programs available to state and local governments; federally recognized Indian tribal governments; U.S. territories; domestic public, quasi-public, and private profit and nonprofit organizations and institutions; specialized groups; and individuals. After you find the program you want , contact the office that administers the program and find out how to apply.
Resources for Small Businesses	EPA's gateway to environmental information and contacts for small businesses can be found here .
EPA Grants Webinar Series Recordings	EPA Grants webinar series recordings are available on the EPA Grants website . Topics include: Competition Process, Developing a Budget, and Complying with EPA Assistance Agreements.

USDA AFRI Foundational**USDA AFRI Foundational and Applied Science Program Grants**

These grants cover research, education and extension projects with a wide variety of topics and eligible entities. Total anticipated funding for this fiscal year is \$300 million. The 2024 RFA for AFRI's Foundational and Applied Science Program identifies the following priority program areas, some of which include reduction of food loss and waste, soil health practices, and bioeconomy development as eligible projects:

- Plant health and production and plant products.
- Animal health and production and animal products.
- Food safety, nutrition, and health.
- Bioenergy, natural resources, and environment.
- Agriculture systems and technology.
- Agriculture economics and rural communities.
- Crosscutting programs.

[Read the 2024 RFA for Foundational and Applied Science Program.](#)

Application deadlines: **August 1 through November 14, 2024**, depending on program area (see RFA). [Learn more about this funding opportunity and how to apply.](#)

Guide to Finding Resources for Environmental Justice Efforts

The Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice offers a guide with general guidance and tips on searching for funding opportunities, as well as information on tools, trainings, and other relevant resources that are available to help address community needs. This guide can be accessed [here](#).

Resources for Writing Grants

EPA Grants Management Online Training

This online training course is designed to introduce EPA grant applicants and recipients to key aspects of the entire grant life cycle, from preparation of an application through grant closeout. The course is divided into separate modules that can be completed individually. Upon completion, you will be prompted to generate a downloadable [certificate of completion](#). You can access the online course on EPA's [Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients](#) website.

HUD Grant Writing Tips

General tips on writing a winning grant submission from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can be found [here](#).

USDA Grant Writing Resources

General information on federal funding and grant writing resources from the USDA can be found here in their [Guide to Funding Resources](#).

Grants.gov Blog Series

Learn tips and advice for writing federal grant applications through the [Grant Writing Basics Blog Series](#) including: How to Start Working on Future Funding Opportunities, Demystifying Funding Opportunity Announcements, Tips to Avoid Last Minute Problems, and Making Sure You Are Eligible before Writing.

EPA Grants Webinar Series Recordings

EPA Grants webinar series recordings are available on the [EPA Grants website](#). Topics include: Competition Process, Developing a Budget, and Complying with EPA Assistance Agreements.

And more

Links to other grant writing resources [here](#).

Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities (TAB)

Program The [Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities \(pdf\)](#) Program provides technical assistance to communities, states, Tribal Nations and other public entities to help address their brownfield sites and to increase their understanding and involvement in brownfields cleanup, revitalization and reuse. The program supplements other efforts under the Brownfields Program.

TAB is available at no cost to communities. EPA funds regionally based expert organizations to support communities in each of its 10 regions. TAB grant recipients, also known as TAB providers, serve as an independent resource and can provide expert technical assistance and guidance to help communities, among other things, understand how to:

- Prepare brownfields grant applications.
- Perform site inventories.
- Review historical information.
- Design site investigations, sampling and field analysis.
- Plan cleanup and redevelopment.

EPA Region 2 Contact:

- New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT)
- www.njit.edu/tab
- [New Jersey Institute of Technology \(NJIT\) Newsletter Sign Up](#)

EPA's Brownfields Job Training Grant program is a unique employment and training grants program. The grants allow nonprofit and other eligible organizations to recruit, train, and retain a local, skilled workforce by prioritizing unemployed and under-employed workers, including low-income individuals living in communities disproportionately impacted by solid and hazardous waste, in environmental jobs.

EPA expects the longer application window (approximately 90 days instead of the standard 60 days) will give potential applicants more time to consider recent programmatic changes, including whether to form and apply as a Brownfields Job Training Grant Coalition. The deadline to apply for the Notice of Funding Opportunity is August 15, 2024.

View Fiscal Year 2025 Guidelines and other application resources available on [EPA's Brownfields Job Training Grants](#) webpage

Join us for the third webinar in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Indoor Environments Division's three-part series:

Solving for the Indoor Environmental Determinants of Health (IEDOH) in Asthma

Webinar 3:

IEDOH Solutions for Asthma During Wildfire Events



Date

Wednesday,
August 14, 2024



Time

2:00–3:30 p.m. EDT

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Attendees will learn about—

- Serious and growing risks from wildfire smoke to people with asthma and other respiratory diseases.
- How to use data, equipment, and community networks to prepare to deliver IEDOH solutions for people with asthma and others at risk from wildfire smoke.
- Communities financing and delivering indoor air cleaners, replacement filters, environmental education, and in-home counseling for people with asthma during wildfire air pollution spikes.