**Immediate and High-Impact Actions**

- Ensure that your state and/or local government officials in Energy, Environment, Housing, and Transportation are aware of the GGRF. Determine their strategy to maximize GGRF investment in their jurisdictions.
- Are the community lenders (CDFIs, green banks, credit unions, Minority Depository Institutions) in your city/state/region aware of CCIA and do they plan to apply for money from a CCIA awardee?
- Identify which existing state/local programs could complement GGRF financing and which steps that could be taken to streamline/improve these programs to ultimately improve compatibility with the GGRF?

**Key Targets**

- Look into utility energy efficiency programs. These could be stacked/braided with GGRF financing.
- Look to bundle programs via consolidated applications. For example, DC does this for its affordable housing programs.

**Long-Term and Ongoing Actions**

- Ensure that proposed GGRF projects in your community are designed to maximize equity and environmental justice benefits. Read more about best practices for equitable GGRF implementation [here](#).
- Identify enabling policies that can and should be enacted by state or local governments to facilitate increased deployment of GGRF-supported projects.

**Key Targets**

- Policies that speed development such as streamlined permitting and utility reform (interconnection, PUC oversight)
- Enabling policies in GGRF sectors such as community solar or net zero energy codes. (Read more about these policies [here](#)).
WHAT NOW?

Immediate and High-Impact Actions

Confirm that your proposed project(s) align with the GGRF’s minimum requirements (see slide 7). Market and talk about your project through these requirements when interacting with GGRF lenders.

Meet with community lenders (CDFIs, green banks, credit unions, Minority Depository Institutions) in your city/state/region.

Specific Questions:
- Are they aware of CCIA and do have a plan to apply to a CCIA awardee?
- How do they plan to use the capital to invest in the three priority sectors (slide 9)?
- How does your project meet the three goals of the GGRF program (slide 6)?

Long-Term and Ongoing Actions

Speak to recipients about being a vendor if you own a small business. All recipients are seeking contractors, especially those that are minority or women owned.
WHAT NOW?

Immediate and High-Impact Actions

Convene key stakeholders in the GGRF ecosystem - including to streamline deployment of GGRF funding and ensure long-term viability of GGRF-supported projects.

Are the community lenders (CDFIs, green banks, credit unions, Minority Depository Institutions) in your city/state/region aware of CCIA and do they plan to apply for money from a CCIA awardee?

Identify priorities, resources, and project pipelines for GGRF funding and the development goals your government has set that align to GGRF. Determine how you can market this information to GGRF lender as well as CBOs and project developers.

Identify the full suite of local, state, and federal funding programs that may complement GGRF financing. Are there steps that must be taken to streamline/improve coordination between these programs?

Key Targets

- Key stakeholders include community lenders, appropriate government agencies, CBOs, developers, philanthropy and others

Specific Questions

- How can you incorporate these potential resources into your climate plans and begin operationalizing them in capital planning processes?
- What publicly-owned sites could be leveraged for GGRF-related projects?
- How can you market that information to GGRF lenders, as well as CBOs and project developers?

Key Targets

- Consolidating funding applications across program streams. Ex: DC affordable housing
- Working with NCIF and community lenders recipients to align financing incentives.
- Leveraging strong credit ratings to create complementary financial products and credit enhancements for GGRF-related projects
WHAT NOW?

Long-Term and Ongoing Actions

Work with GGRF lenders to identify which new or existing financial tools are needed to leverage Elective Pay for government- and nonprofit-owned projects, including how GGRF funding can play a role (e.g. bridge loans, etc.).

Identify complementary programs that can leverage GGRF funding to boost local economic development, such as workforce and small business programs.

Identify policy and planning gaps that could facilitate increase project development.

Possible Programs
- Looking into solar or building contractor apprenticeship programs. All NCIF recipients have committed to support these programs

Possible Policies
- Implementing streamlined permitting processes
- Reforming utility policies such as interconnection standards (read more about those policies here)
WHAT NOW?

Immediate and High-Impact Actions

- Determine if the community lenders (CDFIs, green banks, credit unions, Minority Depository Institutions) in your city/state/region are aware of CCIA and if they plan to apply for money from a CCIA awardee.

- Invest in predevelopment funding, capacity-building, and coordinated technical assistance for community groups from and working in LIDAC to develop a pipeline of financeable projects in conjunction with GGRF awardees.

- Invest in workforce and WMBE programs to build a diverse local business and workforce ecosystem that can deliver projects GGRF capital wants to finance. Support the coordination of those programs in partnership with CBOs and developers pursuing GGRF-financed projects.

- Direct philanthropic capital to efforts that facilitate collaboration and cooperation among awardees, including in efforts to create a suite of shared services (e.g., building hubs; workforce development; etc.) and standards that all GGRF ecosystem players align with and can benefit from.

Long-Term and Ongoing Actions

- Invest in state and local advocates and communities to advocate for enabling policies and regulation at the state/local level that can improve the speed, scale, and efficiency of GGRF capital that flows into those localities. (Read more about these policies [here](here)).

- Invest in workforce and WMBE programs to build a diverse local business and workforce ecosystem that can deliver projects GGRF capital wants to finance. Support the coordination of those programs in partnership with CBOs and developers pursuing GGRF-financed projects.

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