NRDC JUSTICE 40 IMPLEMENTATION

ENVIRONMENTAL & CLIMATE JUSTICE PROGRAM + GRANTS

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Justice 40 Initiative

“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 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.
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
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
Overview

01 Community Change Grants: Track 1

02 Community Change Grants: Track 2

03 Thriving Communities

04 Resources
Community Change Grants
Track 1
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
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

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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)
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
- J4O Accelerator
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*
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