

**TRANSFORM YOUR
COMMUNITY:
HISTORIC EPA GRANT
FUNDING AVAILABLE NOW!**



Ground Rules



Be present and participate

Keep an open mind

Seek to engage with one another

Ask questions and listen to understand

Acknowledge challenges & consider solutions

Use jargon-free language

Make comments short/ succinct

Treat others with respect

Agenda

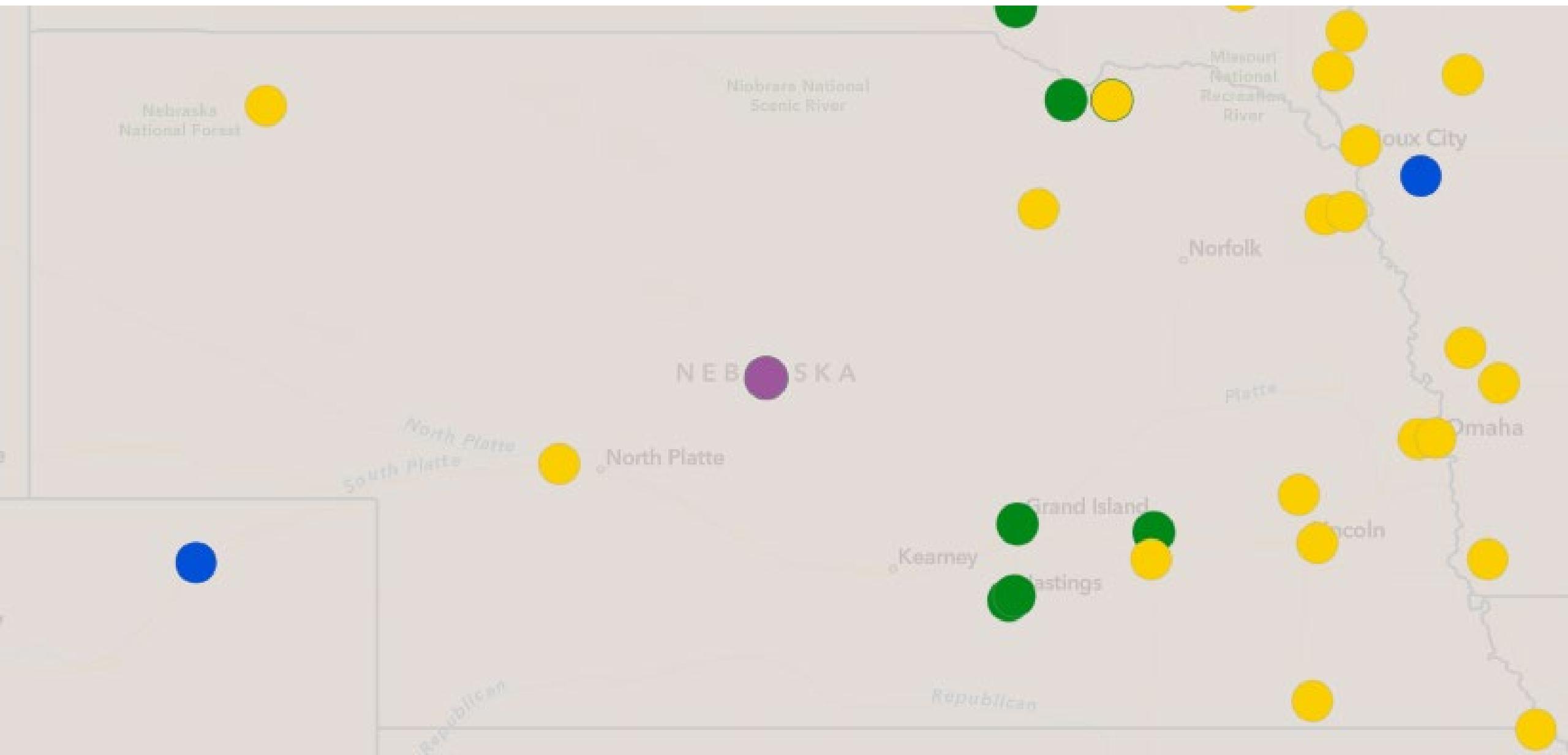
Overview of Grants Awarded

Intro to Community Change Grants

Intro to Grantmaker Opportunities

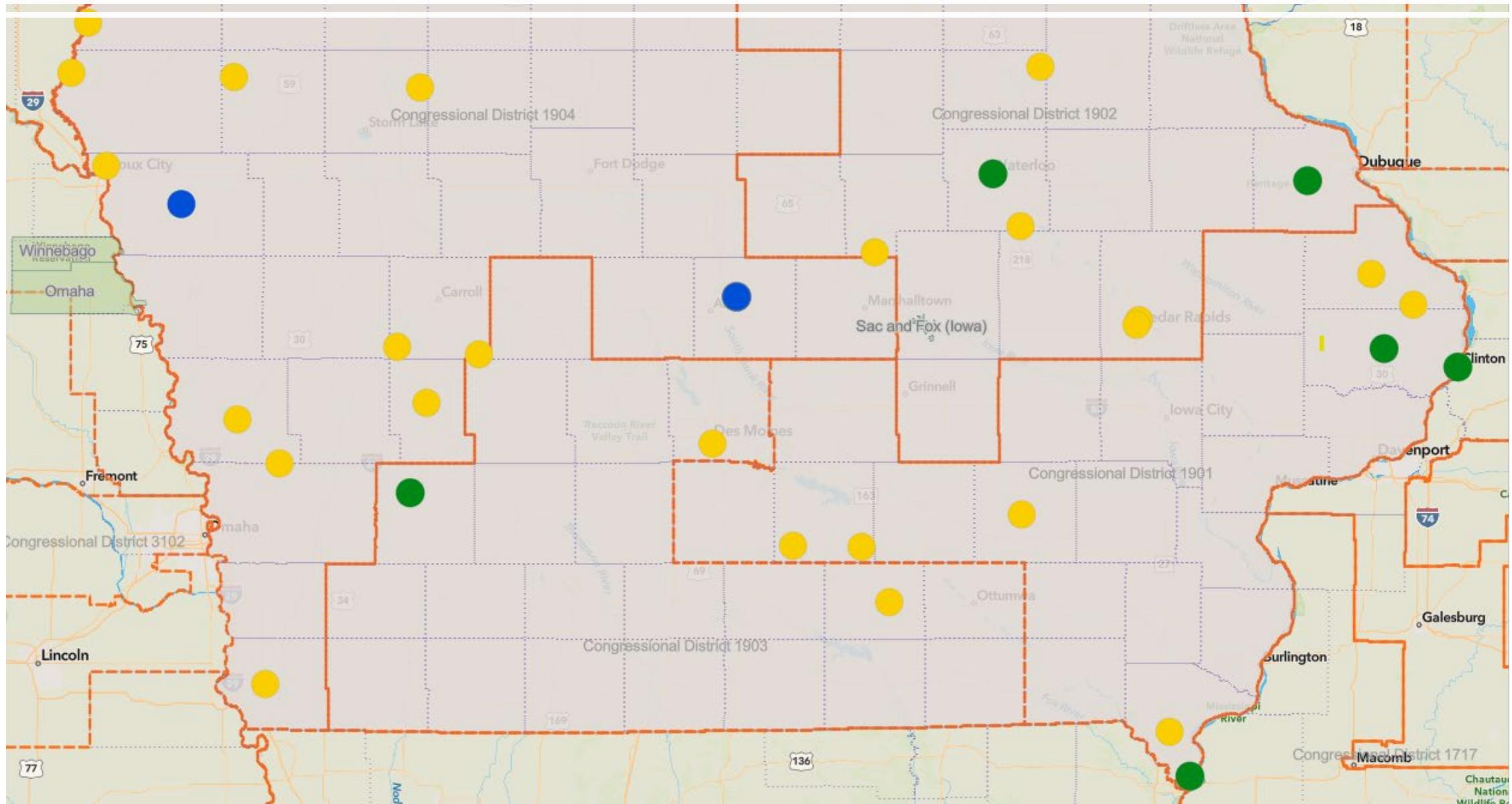
Q&A with TCTAC and EPN

IRA investments in Nebraska





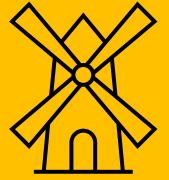
IRA investments in Iowa





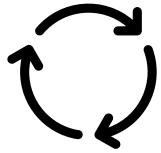
EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

\$2 billion in Community Change Grants

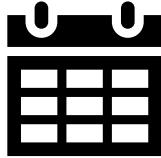




**\$2 billion of
funding
available**



**Applications
accepted on a
rolling basis**

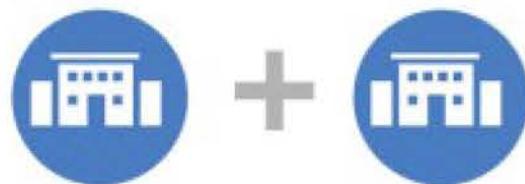


**Application deadline
is November 21st,
2024**



**Project duration
must be 3 years or
less**

Lead
Applicant Statutory
Partner



FORM A STATUTORY PARTNERSHIP

Lead
Applicant



Statutory
Partner

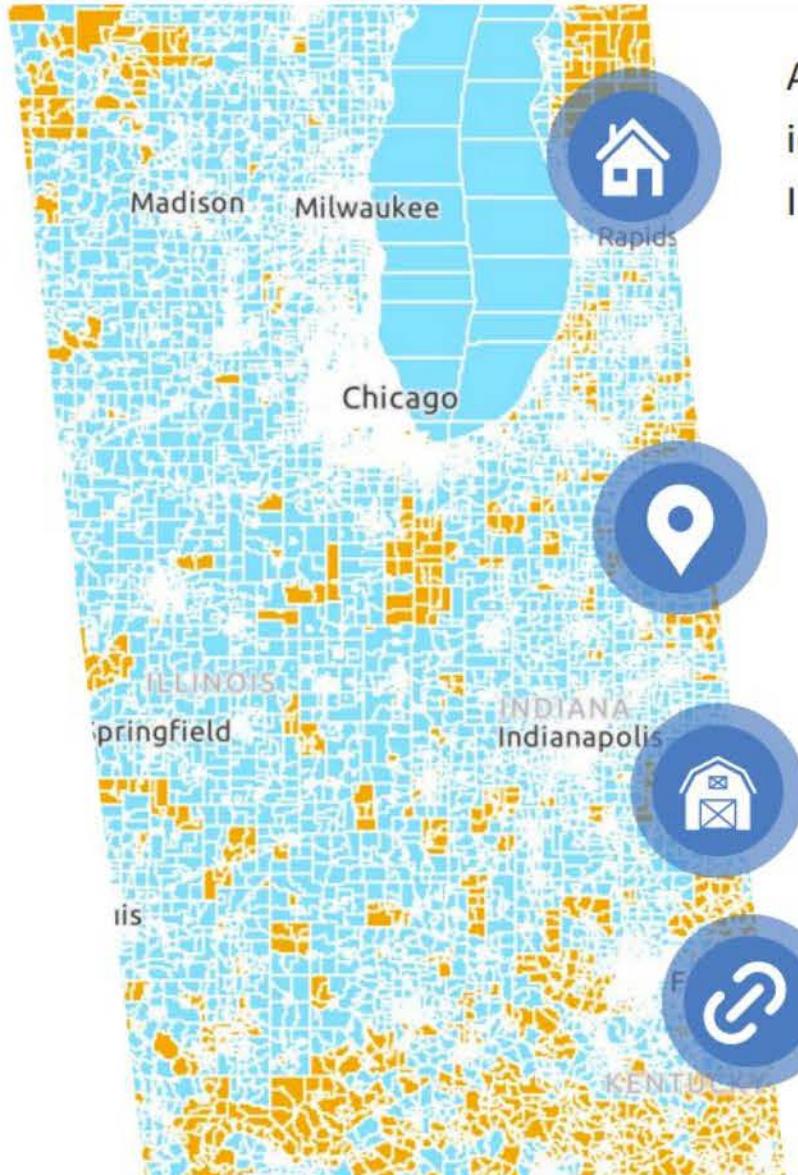


IDENTIFY COLLABORATING ENTITIES TO LEAD PROJECTS



Disadvantaged Communities

Applicants must demonstrate that the projects in their application will benefit a disadvantaged community. EPA is defining disadvantaged community as one that meets at least one of the following criteria:



A geographically-defined community identified as disadvantaged on the EPA IRA [Disadvantaged Communities Map](#)

A Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community (DUC)

OR

A farmworker community

More information can be found in Appendix A of the [NOFO](#).

TRACK I

Community-Driven Investments for Change

\$10-20 million

- Approximately 150 awardees
- \$1.96 billion available in funding

- Projects must address at least one climate action strategy (Appendix C) and one pollution reduction strategy (Appendix D)



Track I Project Examples

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Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions

**Tree
planting**



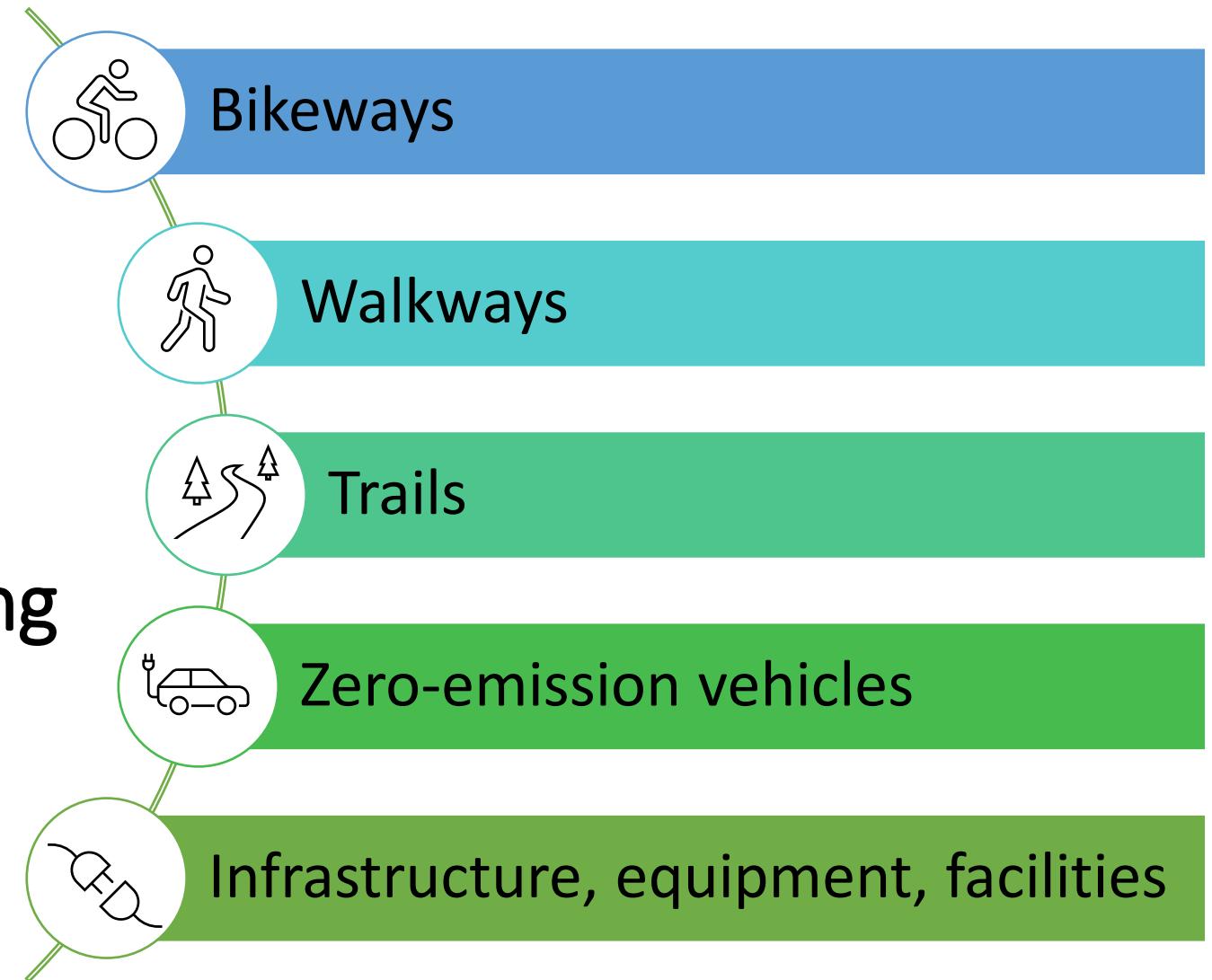
**Stormwater
projects**

**Public parks
and open
spaces**





Mobility and Transportation Options for Preventing Air Pollution and Improving Public Health and Climate Resilience

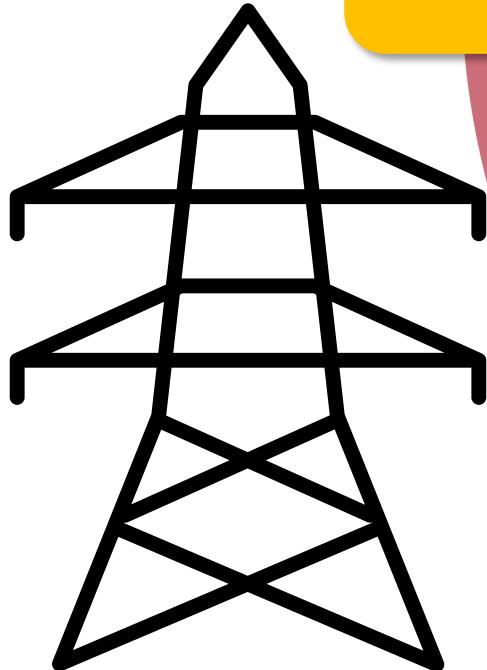


Energy-efficient, Healthy, and Resilient Housing & Buildings

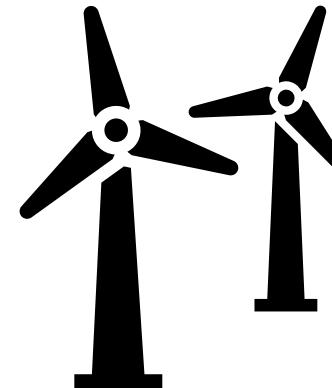
- Insulation
- Windows
- “Cool Roofs”
- Electric heating and cooling systems
- Cooking systems
- Ventilation systems



Microgrid Installation for Community Energy Resilience



Install microgrid infrastructure



Install microgrids with onsite renewable energy generation and storage

Community Resilience Hubs

1

Assess the most acute climate risks facing a community

2

Identify where the community has gaps in its resilience strategy

3

Design a plan to mitigate specific risks by creating or upgrading community facilities to serve as resilience hubs that remain operable during an emergency

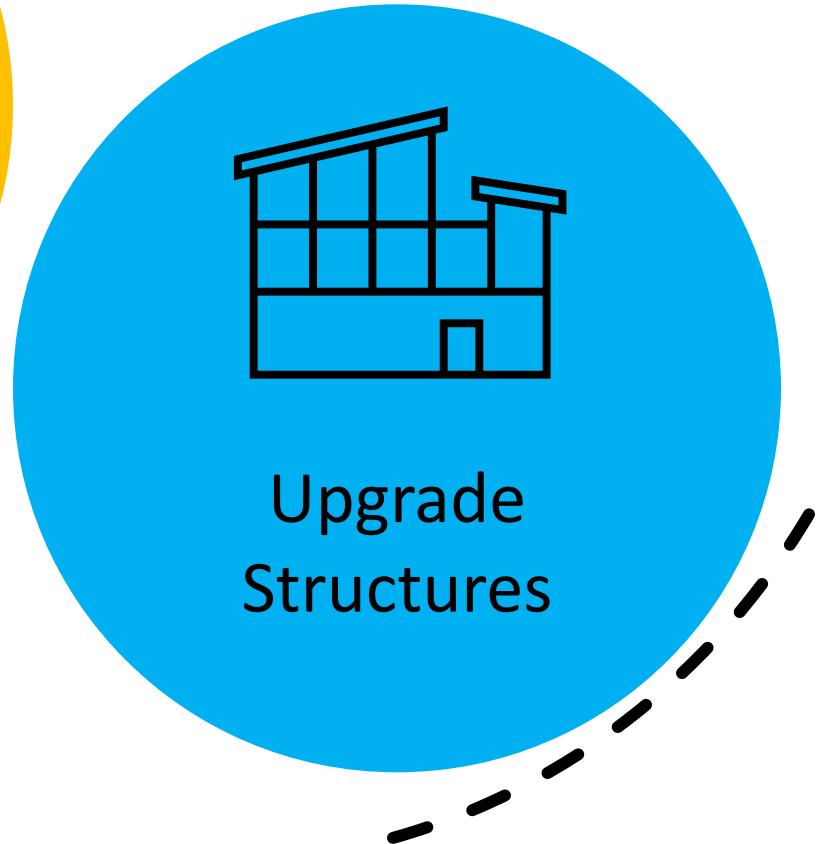
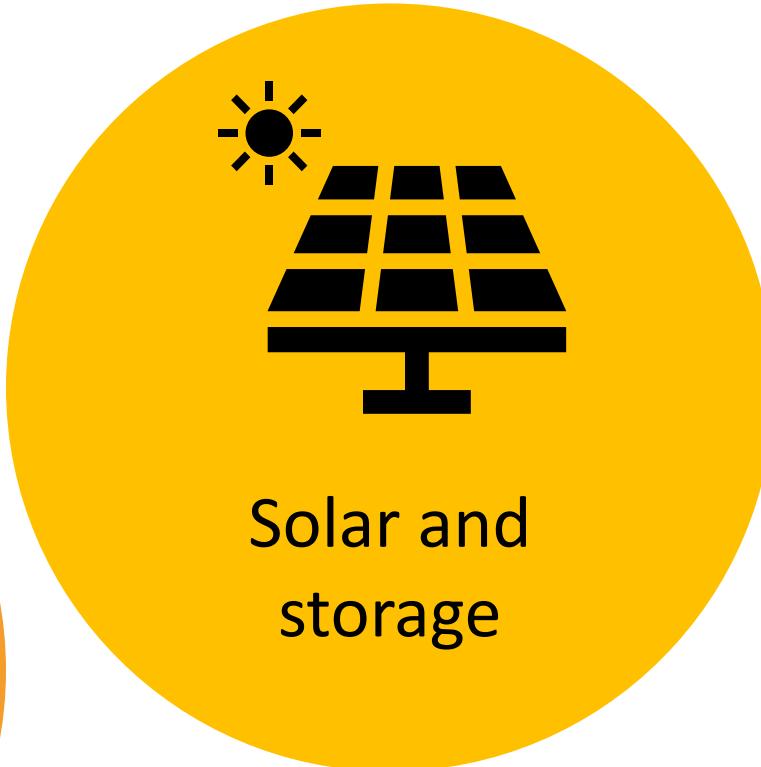


Backup power equipment



Communication devices

Brownfields Redevelopment



Waste Reduction and Management



Composting
program



Recycling
program



Distributing
unused food

Workforce Development Programs

Propose workforce development programs that will help reduce GHG emissions and other air pollutants that to benefit disadvantaged communities.

Example career pathways that may be part of a workforce development program include:

Electricians

Steamfitters

Pipefitters

Laborers

Other skilled trade occupations

Occupations related to the manufacturing of low- and zero-emission technologies

Careers in low- and zero-emissions transportation

Community health and outreach workers



Indoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvements

- Remediate or mitigate harmful substances
- Install, upgrade, or replace HVAC and/or filtration systems
- Decontamination stations in agricultural worker communities
- Replace wood heaters



Outdoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvements

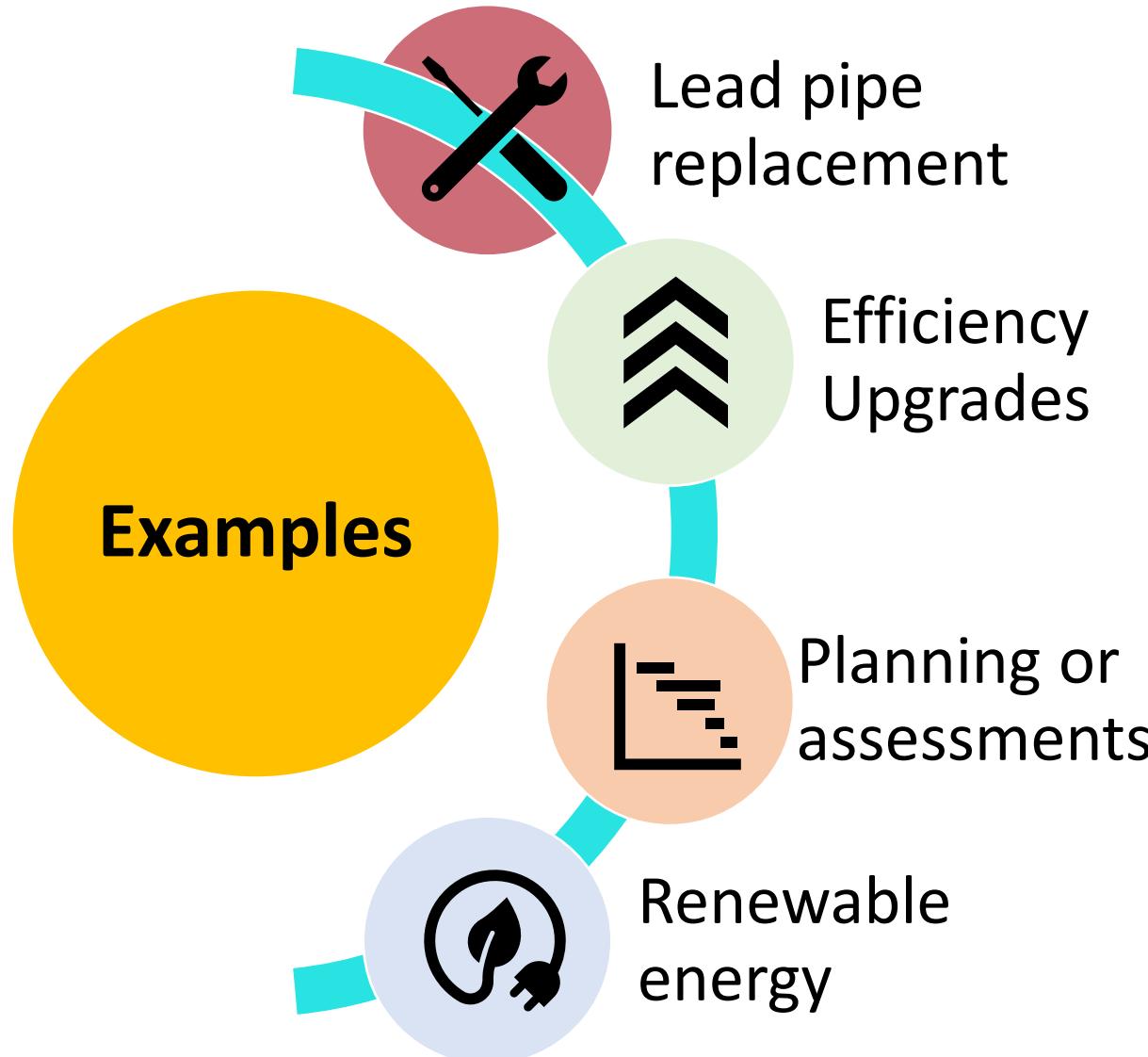
Reduce exposure

**Implement sustainable
construction practices**

Create clean air zones

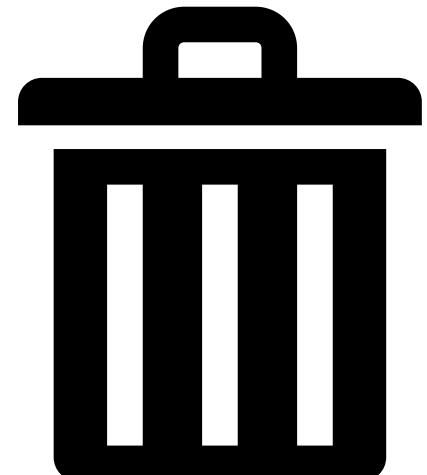
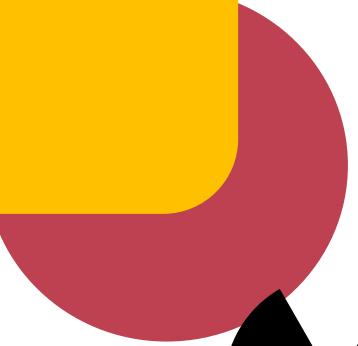
Replace toxic play surfaces

Clean Water Infrastructure



Safe Management and Disposal of Solid and Hazardous Waste

- Household hazardous waste and electronics programs
- Hazardous waste collection, recycling and safe recycling programs
- Reduce demand for single-use plastic products



TRACK II

Community-Driven Investments for Change

\$1-3 million

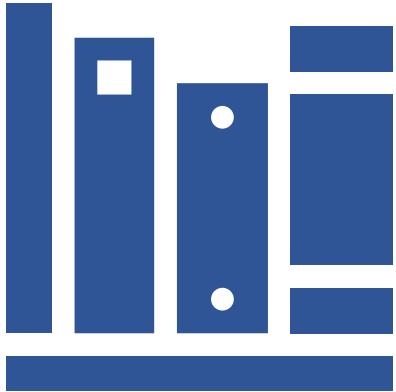
- Approximately 20 awardees
- \$40 million available in funding

- Facilitating the engagement of disadvantaged communities in governmental processes to advance environmental and climate justice.



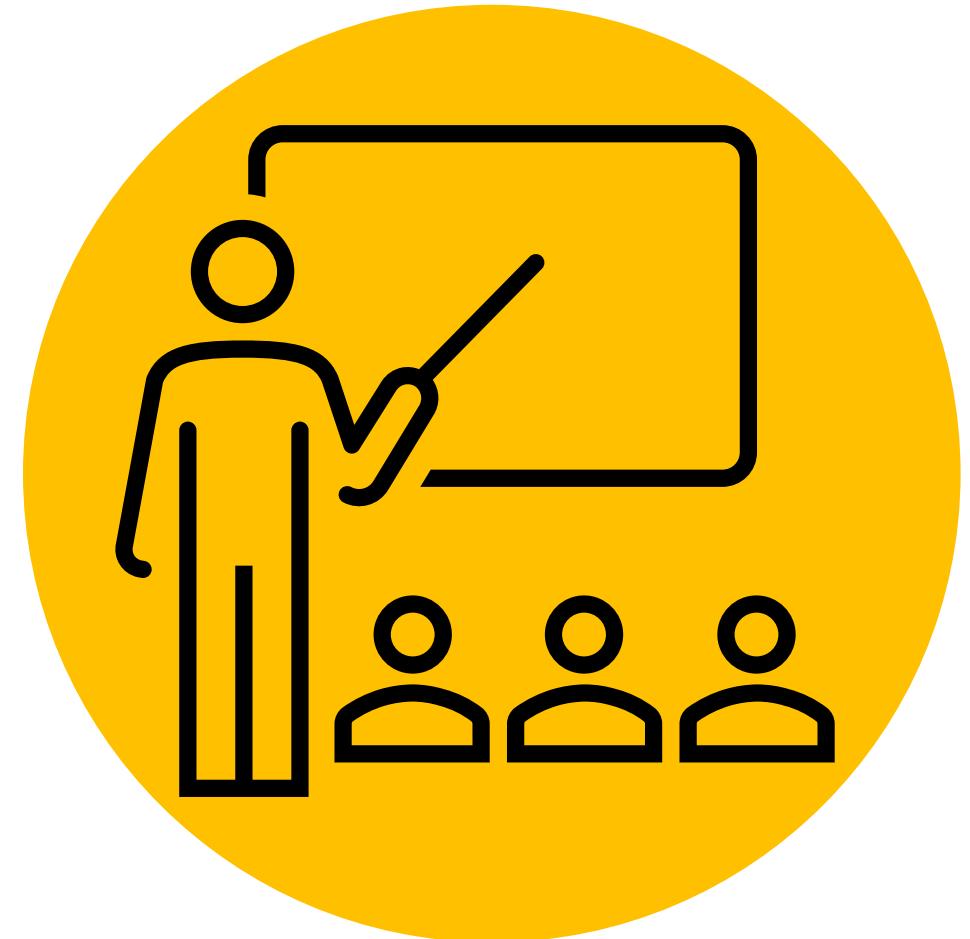
Track II Project Examples

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Educational and Training Programs

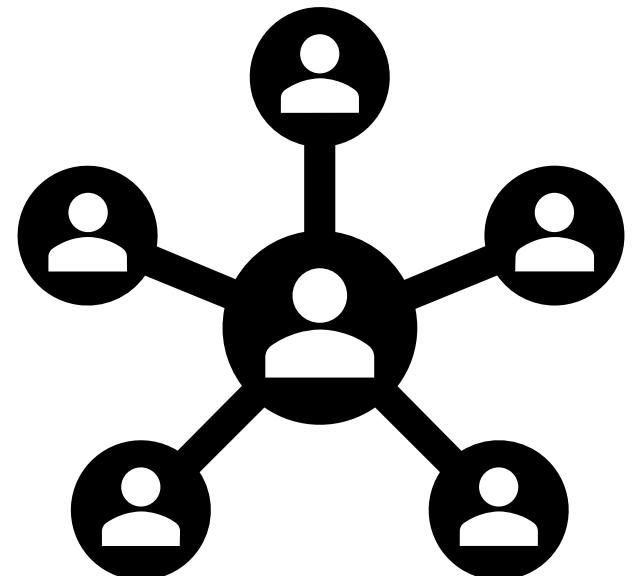
- Prepare
- Train
- Educate



Environmental Advisory Boards

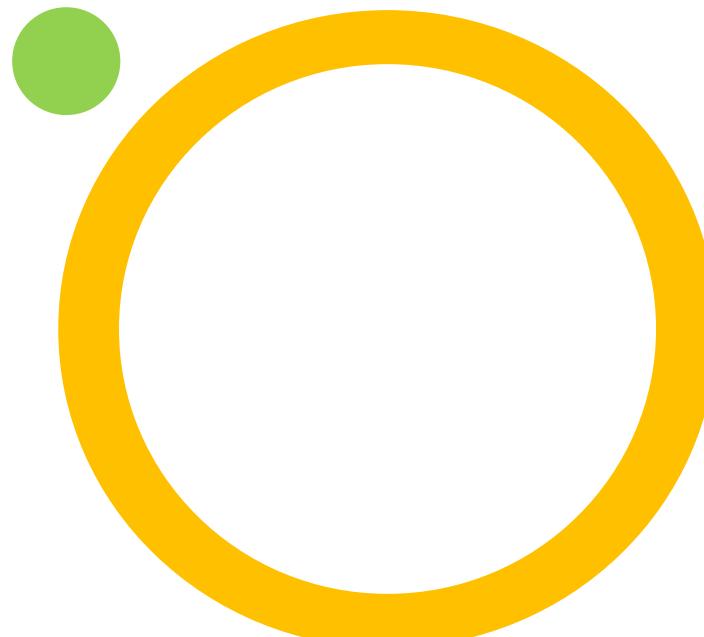
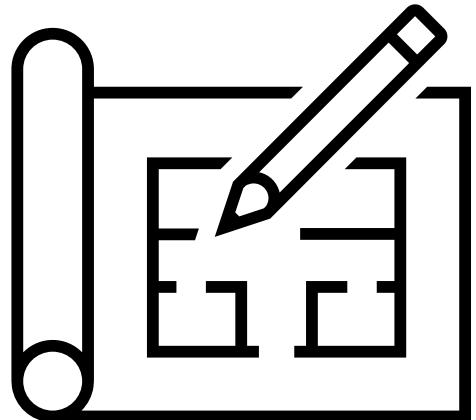
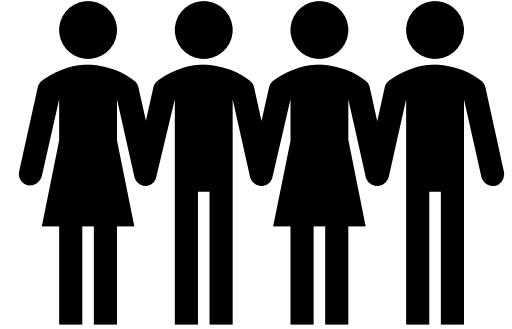
Facilitate the engagement of disadvantaged communities in environmental decision-making **by establishing:**

- Advisory councils
- Taskforces
- Similar bodies to engage with government



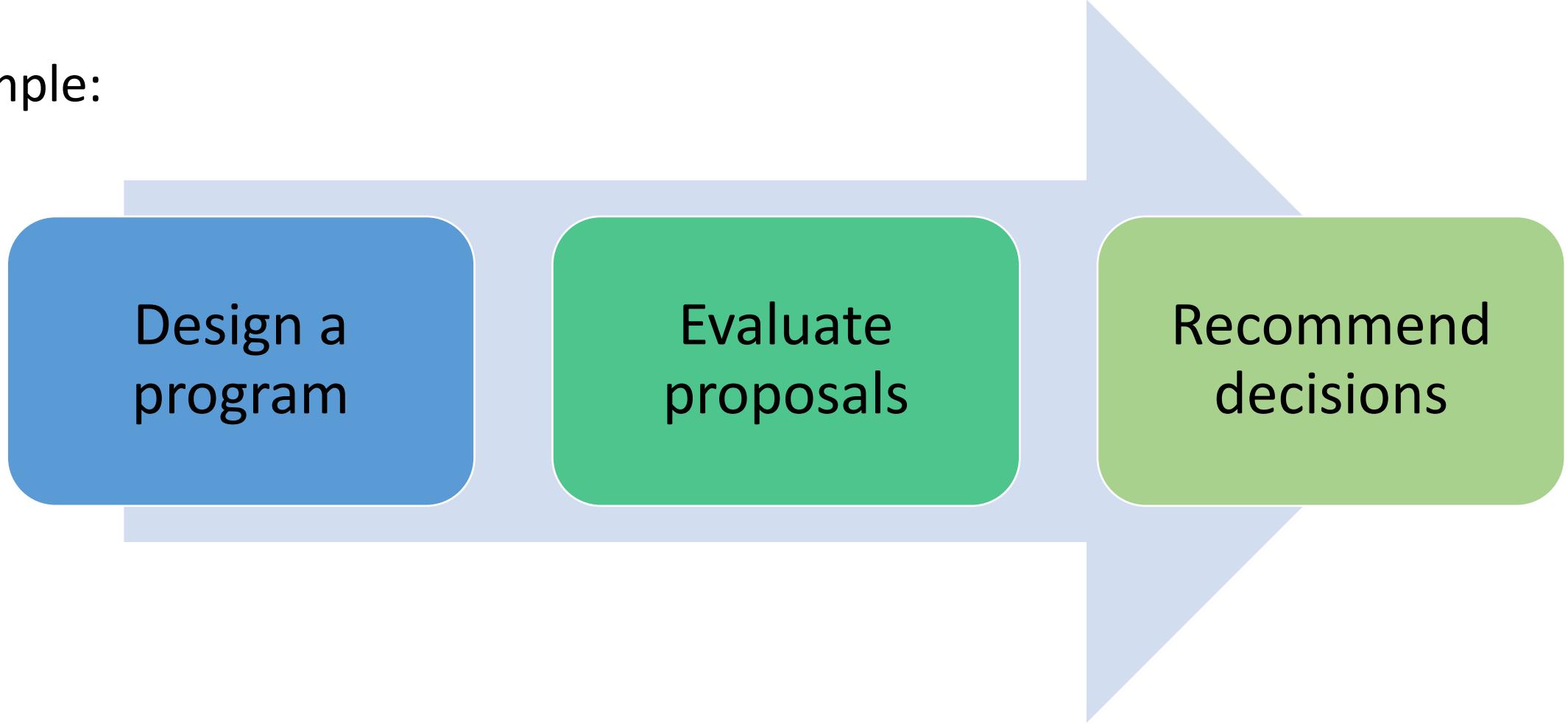
Collaborative Governance Activities

Facilitate process of providing recommendations and implementing decisions that will benefit disadvantaged communities.



Participation in Governmental Funding and Budgeting Processes

Example:



Final Thoughts



Find partners and build coalition



Identify meaningful transformative projects to address environmental and climate justice concerns that can be completed within 3 years ↵ **(Track I)**



(Track II)
Identify governmental policies and programs that can be improved with community voices



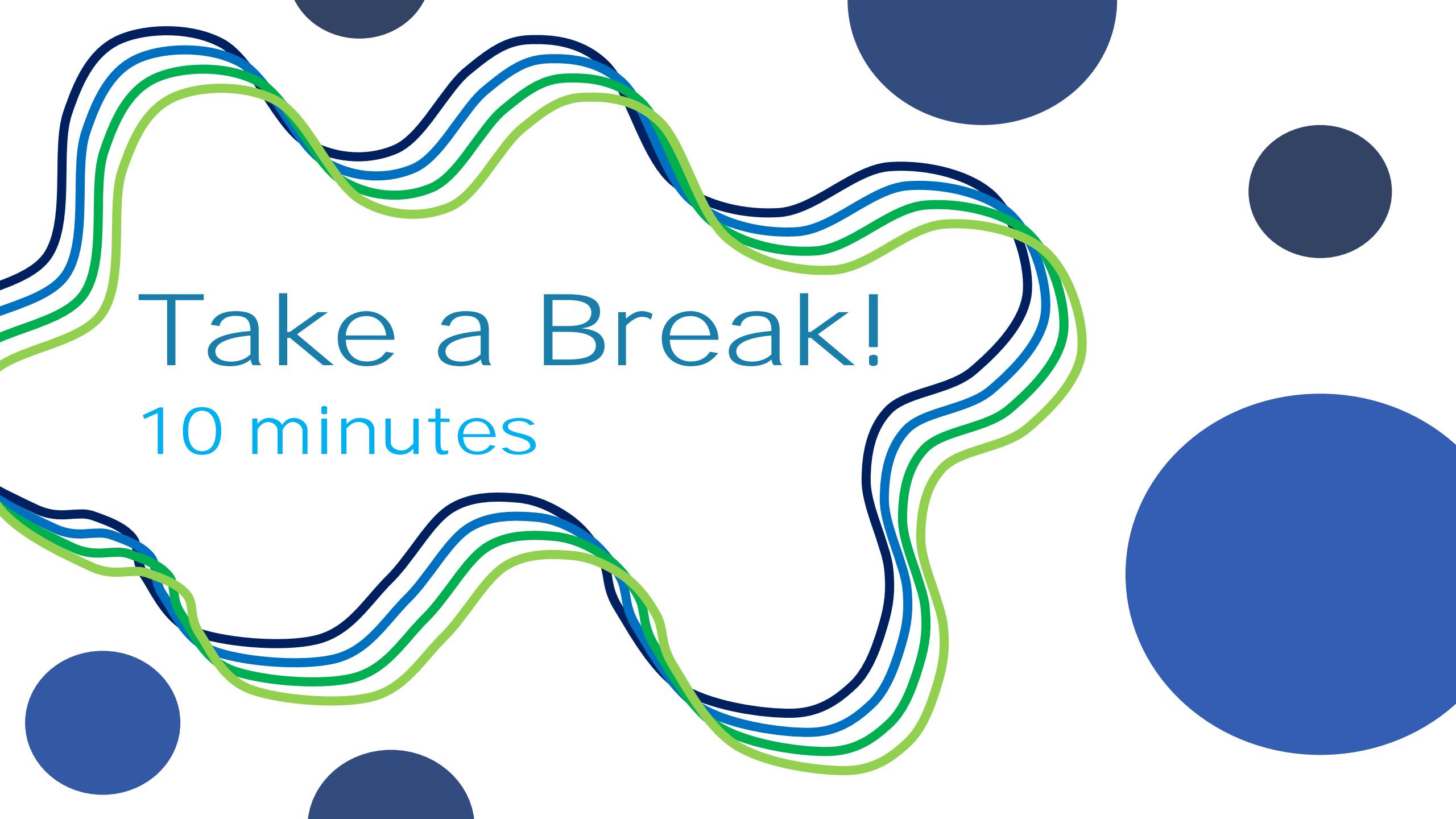
Register on **SAM.gov** and **Grants.gov** now
(this process can take up to a month)



You can follow up with questions at
CCGP@epa.gov



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join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov



Take a Break!
10 minutes

Transform Your Community



Grantmaker Opportunities in Region 7

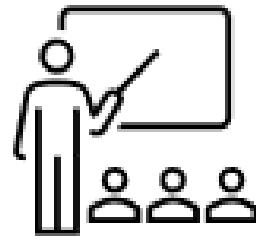


Upcoming Opportunity!

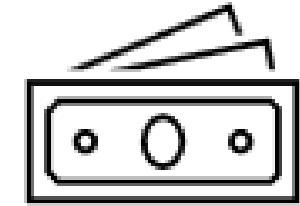
Funding will begin
Fall 2024



Who's Eligible?



Higher Education
Institutes



Nonprofits



Local Governments



Tribal Governments



Project Funding Available:

Phase 3: Project Development \$350,000

Phase 2: Project Planning \$250,000

Phase 1: Assessment \$150,000

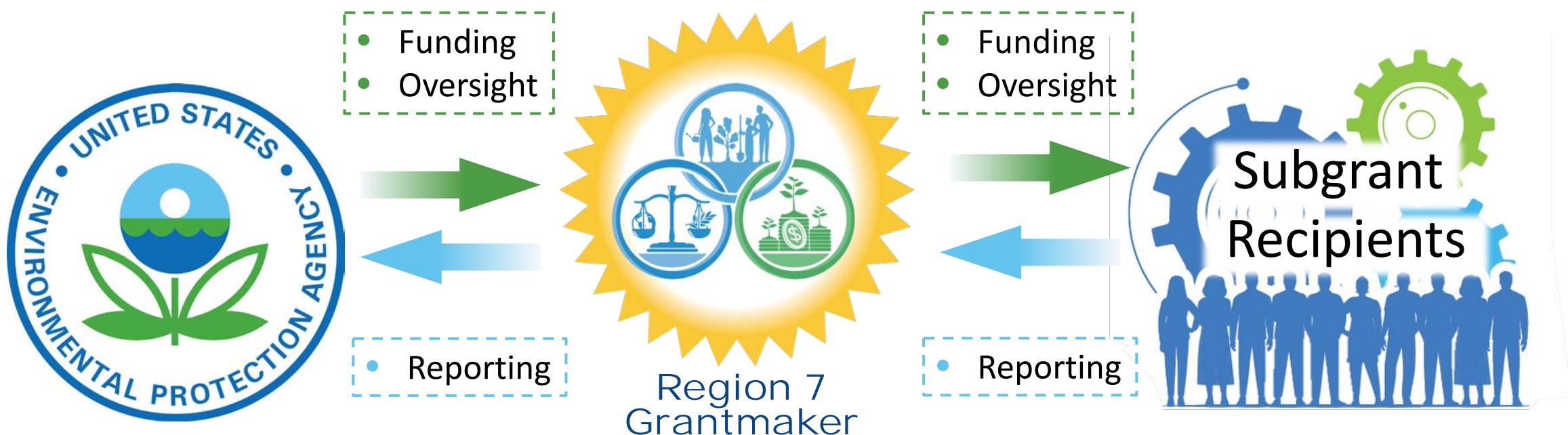


Up to \$120 Million in \$75,000 non-competitive fixed-amount subawards will be available for severely capacity-constrained community-based organizations to access



No Direct EPA Involvement

“Subgrant” Process



Project Examples



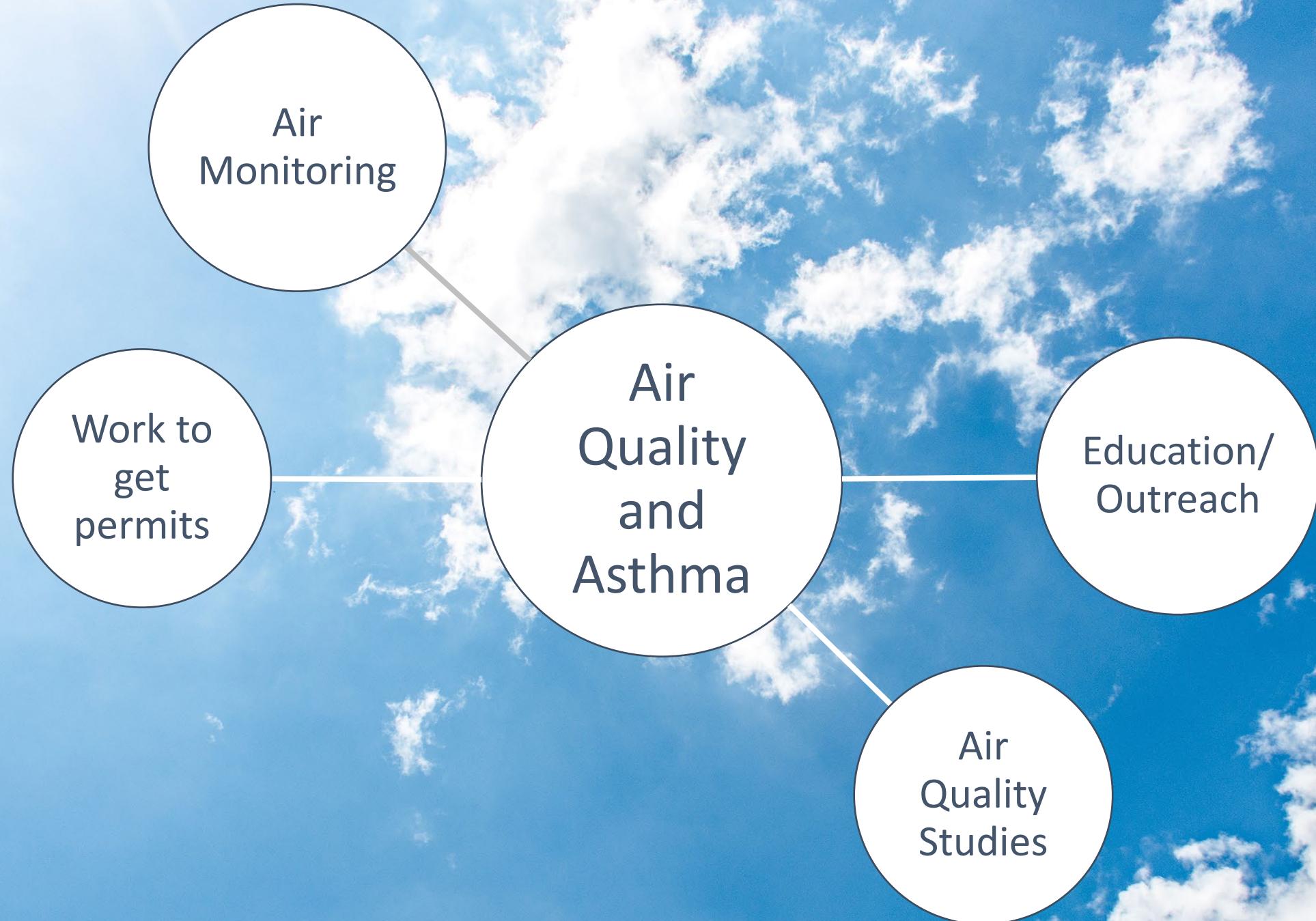
Small Cleanup Projects

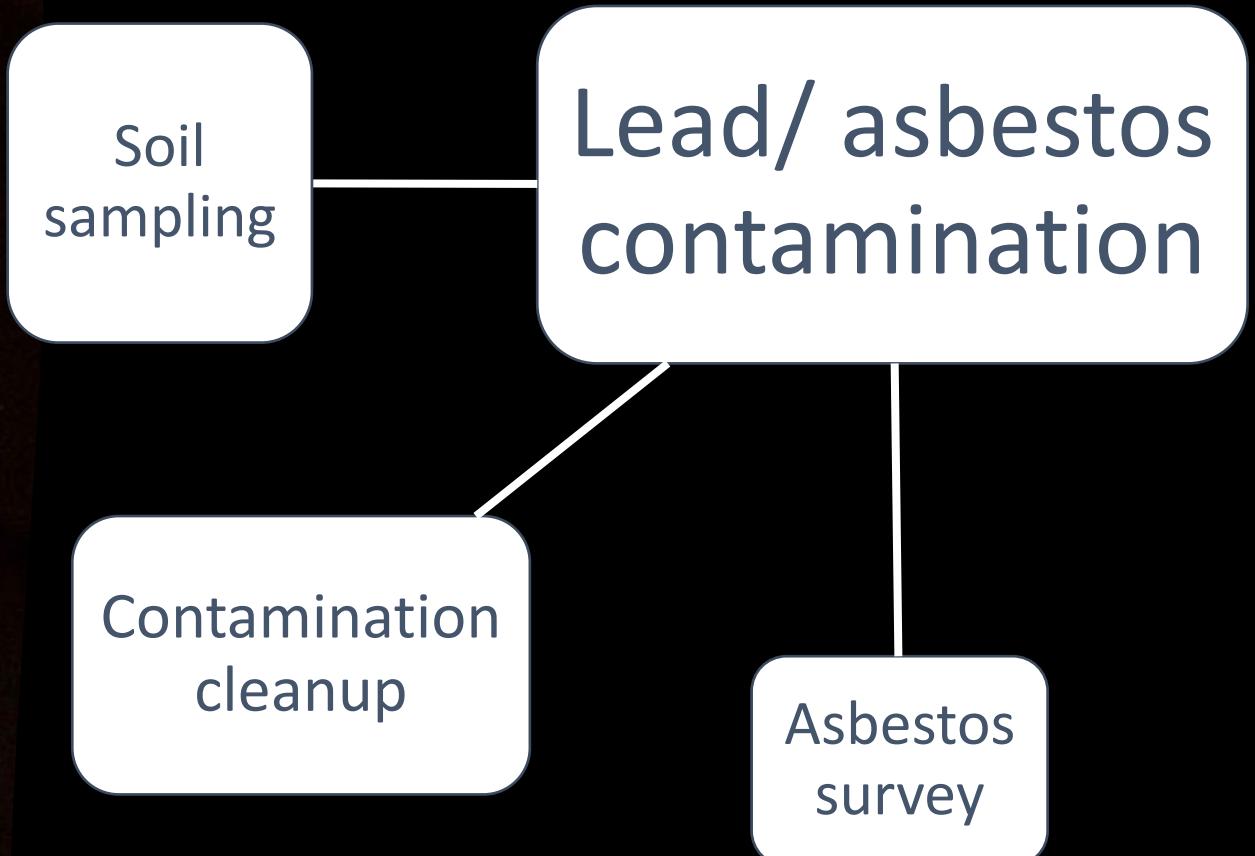
Small land
purchases

Removal of
illegal
dumping

Community
cleanups









Stormwater
issues/
green
infrastructure

Rain
Gardens

Greywater
reuse
planning

Stormwater
Study

Permeable
Pavement



A photograph of a man in a high-visibility yellow vest and a blue hard hat with safety glasses. He is looking off to the side, away from the camera. In the background, several wind turbines are visible against a clear sky. The image serves as the background for the diagram.

Environmental
job training

Partnership
Building

Career
development
workshops

Outreach/
education





Healthy homes:
energy/water use
efficient & not
subject to indoor
air pollution

Low flow or
energy star
installations

Installing
electrical
stovetops

Outreach/
education





Planning
transit
improvements

Outreach/
education

Partnership
building

Improving
food access to
reduce vehicle
miles traveled



Additional Resources

- Email join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov to be added to information distribution
- More details on the subgrants at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/ej-thriving-communities-grantmakers-subgrants>



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