

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

Community Change Grant Opportunities

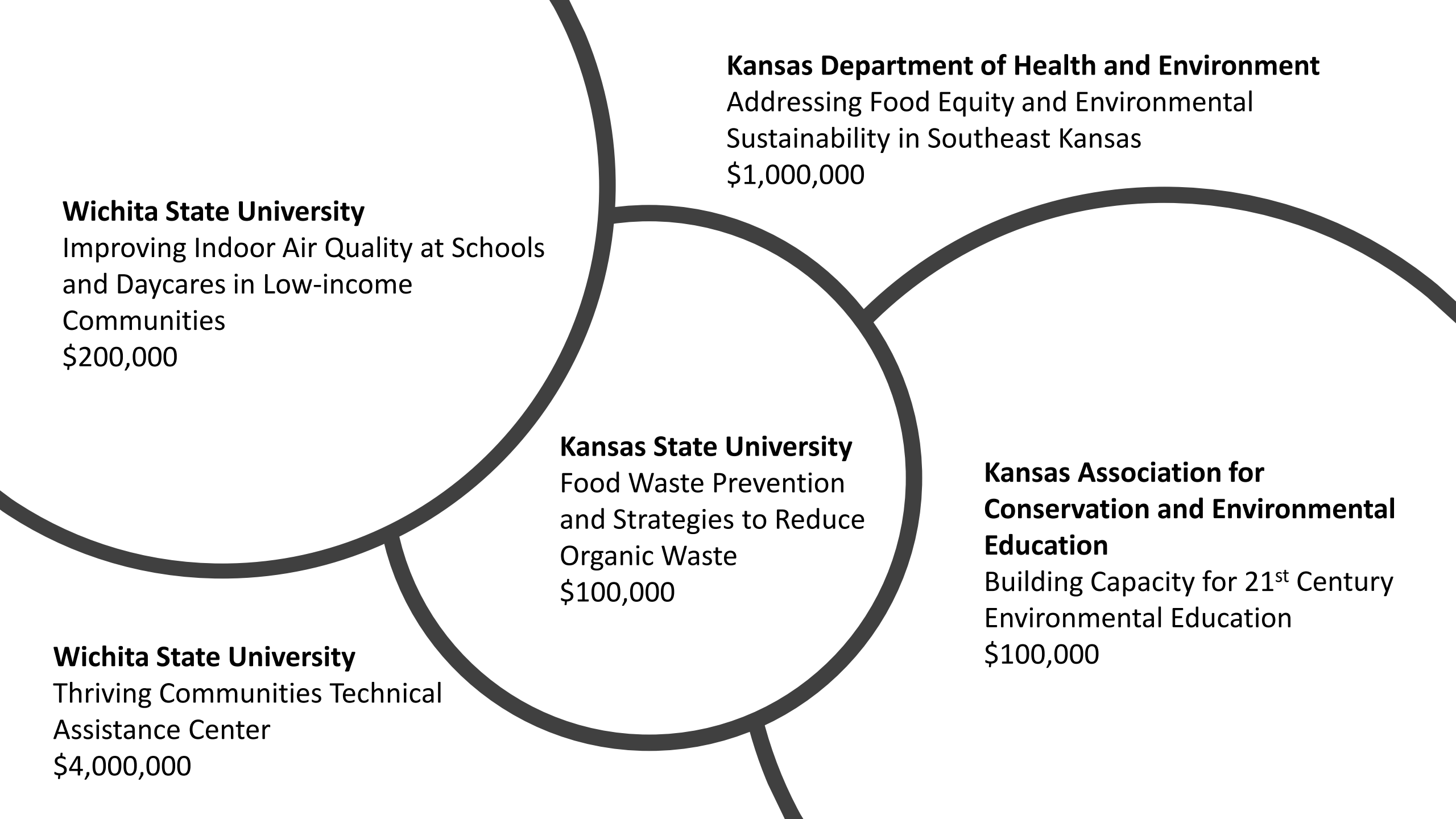


Grantmaker Opportunities



Q&A with Technical Assistance provider





Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Addressing Food Equity and Environmental
Sustainability in Southeast Kansas
\$1,000,000

Wichita State University
Improving Indoor Air Quality at Schools
and Daycares in Low-income
Communities
\$200,000

Kansas State University
Food Waste Prevention
and Strategies to Reduce
Organic Waste
\$100,000

**Kansas Association for
Conservation and Environmental
Education**
Building Capacity for 21st Century
Environmental Education
\$100,000

Wichita State University
Thriving Communities Technical
Assistance Center
\$4,000,000



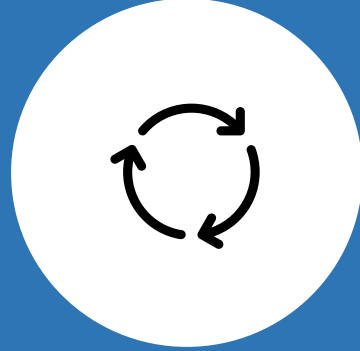
EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

\$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

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Federally
Recognized Tribe

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Local
Government

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Institution of
Higher Education

FORM A STATUTORY PARTNERSHIP

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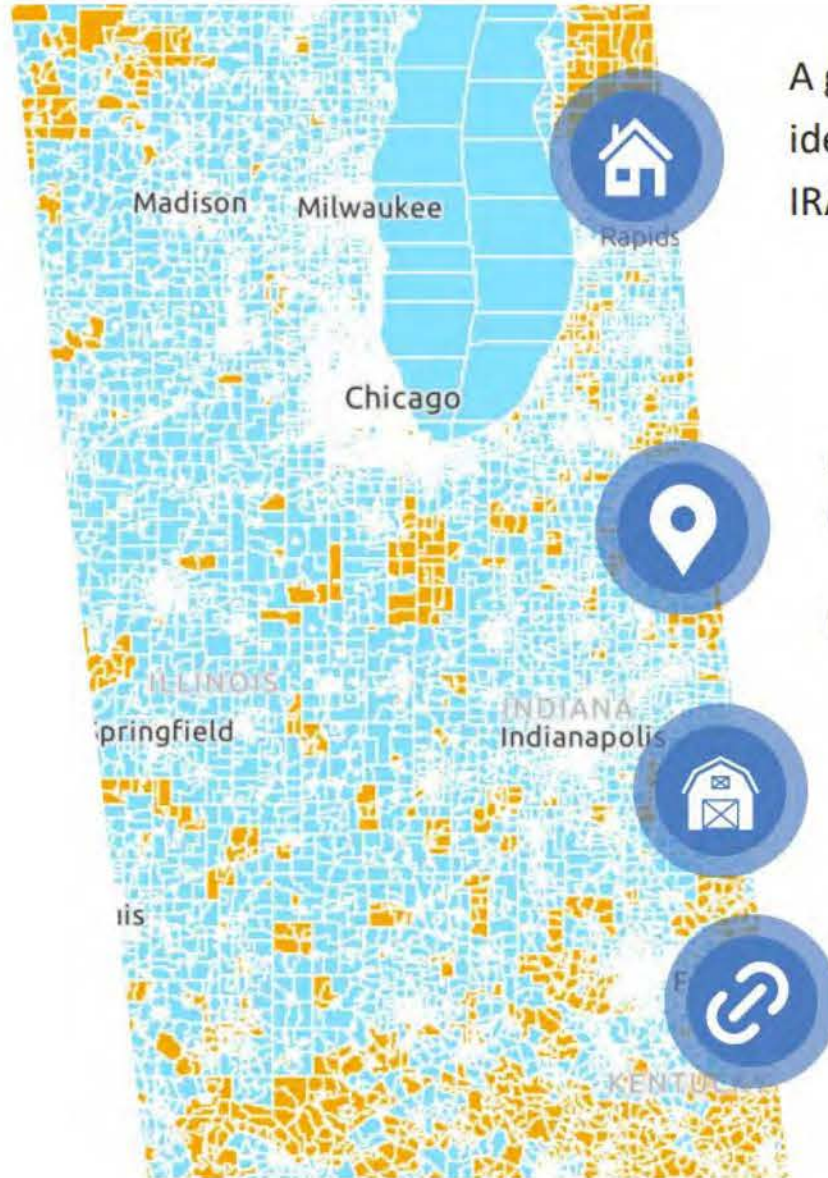


IDENTIFY COLLABORATING ENTITIES TO LEAD PROJECTS



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 and one pollution reduction strategy. See appendices C and D of the NOFO (pages 71-80) for project examples.

Climate Action Strategies

- Green Infrastructure & Nature-Based Solutions
- Mobility & Transportation Options
- Energy Efficient Housing & Buildings
- Brownfields Redevelopment
- Community Resilience Hubs
- Waste Reduction
- Workforce Development
- Microgrid Installation

Pollution Reduction Strategies

- Indoor/Outdoor Air Quality & Community Health
- Clean Water Infrastructure
- Hazardous Waste Management

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.

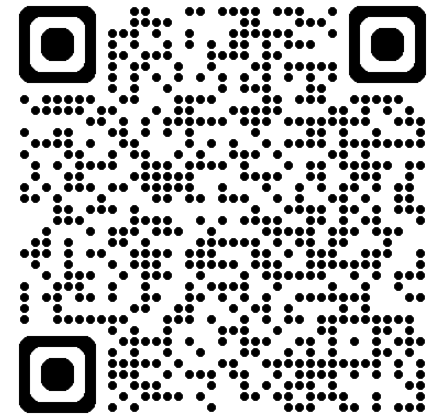


Project Examples:

- Educational and Training Programs
- Environmental Advisory Boards (EABs)
- Collaborative Governance Activities
- Participation in Governmental Funding and Budgeting Processes

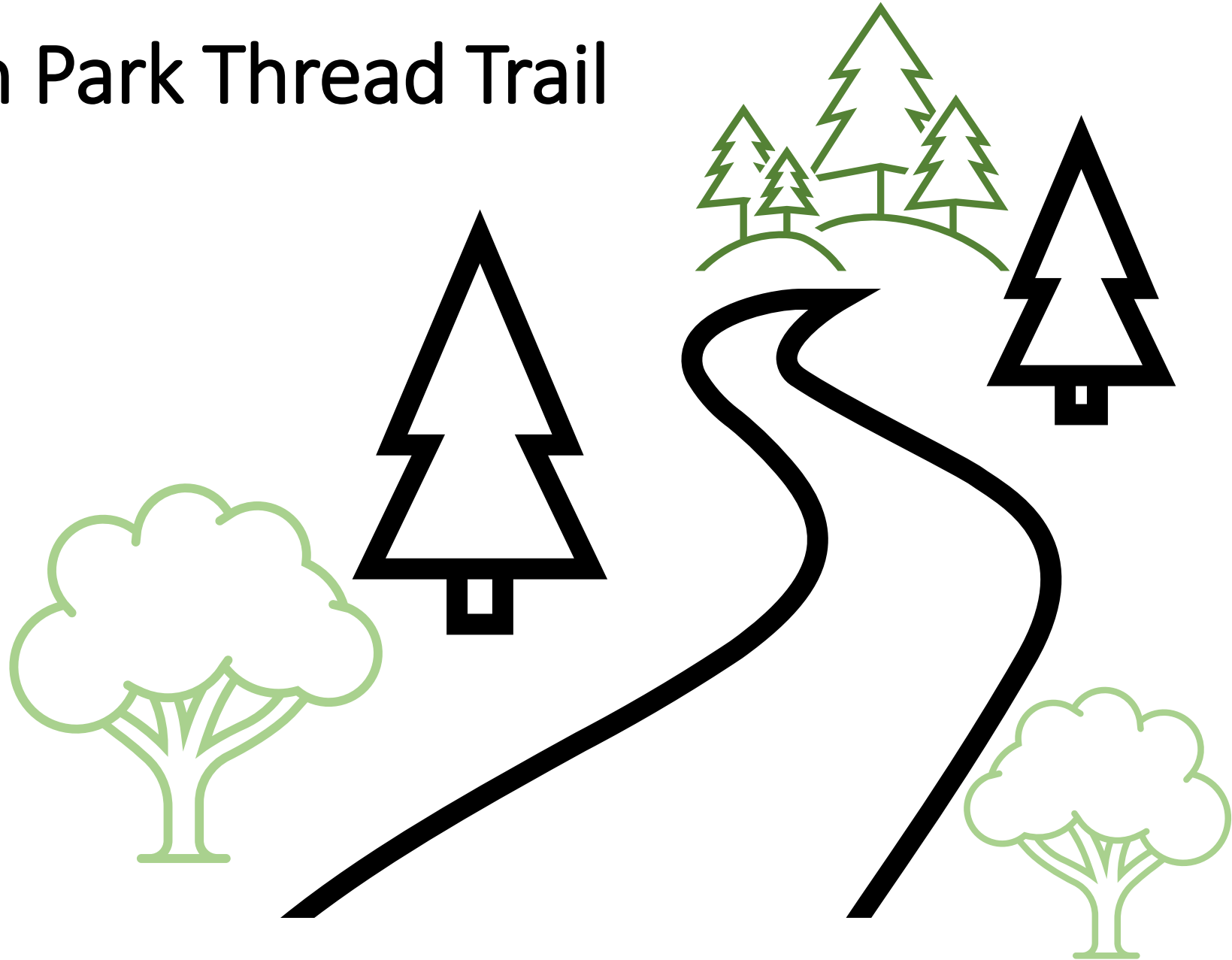


Examples from Selected Applicants



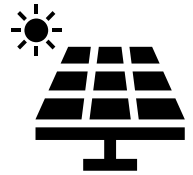
Clifton Hills Alton Park Thread Trail

- Chattanooga, Tennessee
- Track I
- Develop a 2.6-mile trail
- Expand greenspace & tree canopy
- Improve stormwater & floodplain management



Vulnerable to Vibrant: Power for Change

- Houston, Texas
- Track I



Community solar energy system



Plant 10,000 trees for shade and flood mitigation



Reduce illegal dumping

Improving Tribal Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Infrastructure

- Work with 35 federally recognized Tribes across Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota
- Track I

Energy Efficiency & Weatherization Upgrades in Homes

- Improve indoor air quality
- Lower energy costs

Leadership Development Training for Tribal Energy Champions

- Build capacity to access additional funding sources
- Implement projects to strengthen climate resilience and reduce pollution

Spokane Climate Resilience Project

- Spokane, Washington
- Track I
- Reduce indoor air pollution and energy costs by retrofitting hundreds of homes with heat pumps and high-quality air filtration systems
- Build the capacity of five community resilience hubs by installing microgrid infrastructure
- Establish a Community Resilience Network
- Establish a fund to support community organizations' work to strengthen Spokane's climate resilience and mitigate location pollution



Building Democratic Systems for a Climate Resilient Cleveland

- Cleveland, Ohio
- Track II
- Engage residents of eight historically disadvantaged neighborhoods in municipal decision making and planning processes related to parks and greenspaces



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)



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



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



Stay up to date on
webinars by signing up
for EPA EJ listserv by
sending a blank email to
join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov



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Take a Break!

10 minutes

Transform Your Community



Grantmaker Opportunities in Region 7

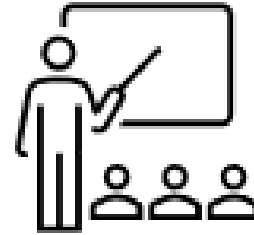


Upcoming Opportunity!

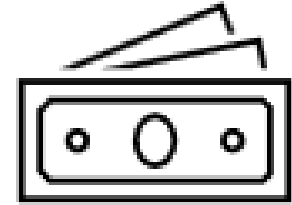
Funding will begin
Fall 2024



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

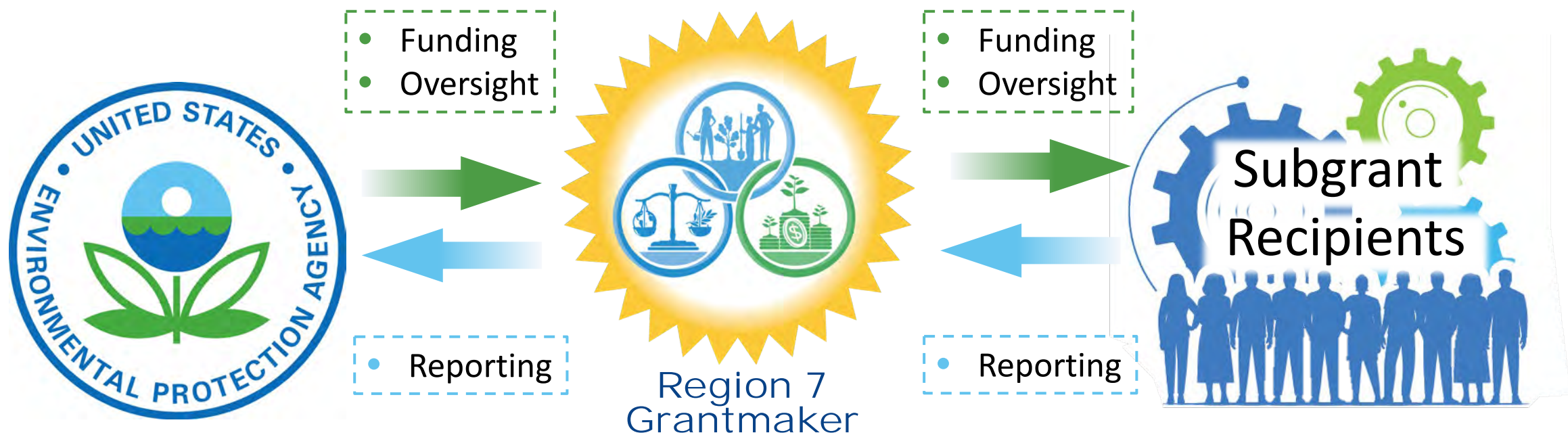


Up to \$120 Million in \$75,000 non-competitive fixed-amount subawards will be available for severely capacity-constrained community-based organizations to access



No Direct EPA Involvement

“Subgrant” Process



Project Examples



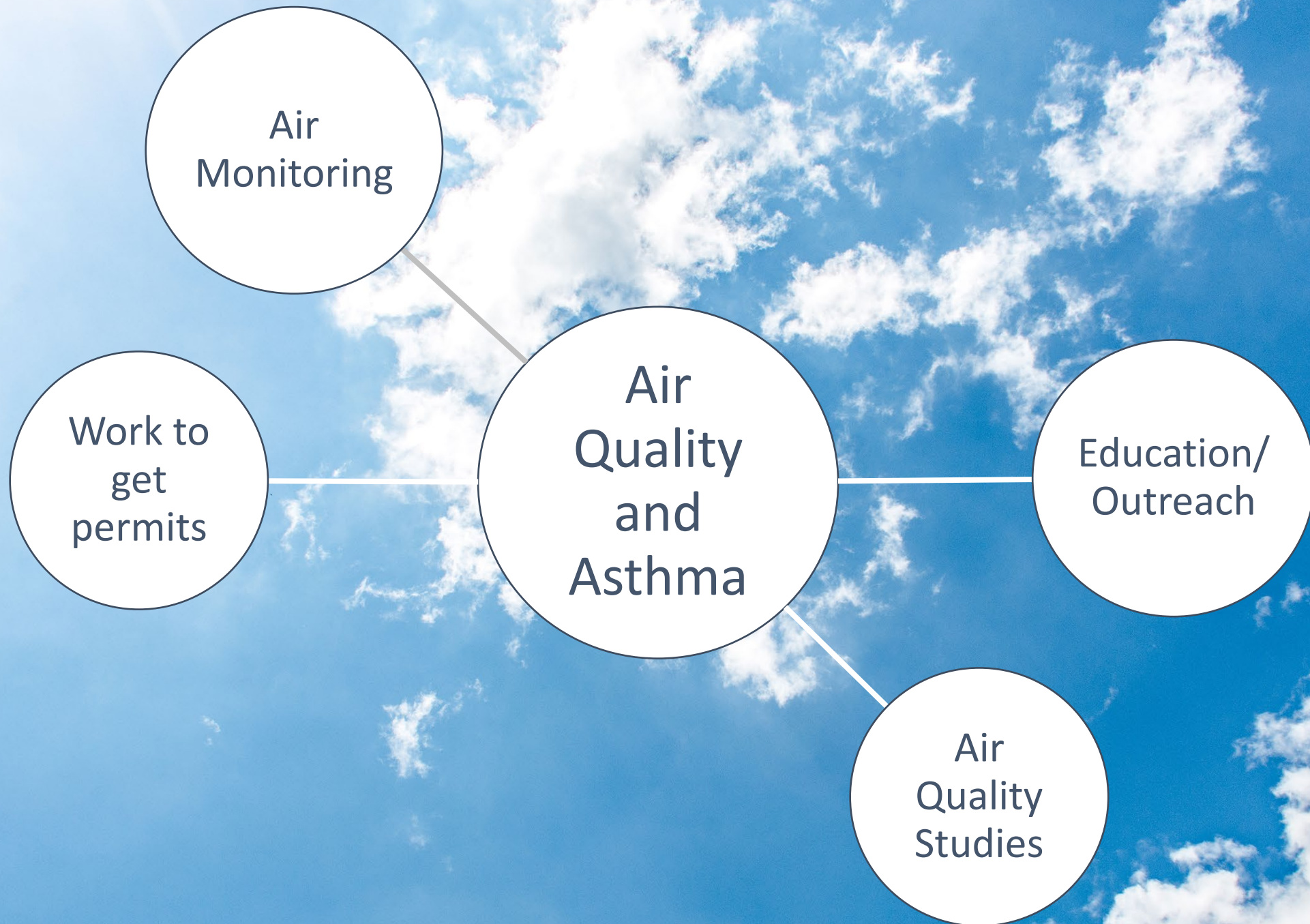
Small Cleanup Projects

Removal of
illegal
dumping

Community
cleanups

Small land
purchases







Soil
sampling

Lead/ asbestos
contamination

Contamination
cleanup

Asbestos
survey



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Stormwater
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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
stove tops

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>



Join EPA Region 7 Community Information Guide



Join Email List



Learn More
about the guide





**Environmental
Protection Network**

Environmental Protection Network



- Founded in January 2017
- Coordinate 600+ EPA alumni across the country volunteering their time to protect the integrity of EPA, human health, and the environment
 - Public Comment on Policy, EPA Recruitment, and **Pro-Bono Technical Assistance**
- Unique perspective of former regulators with decades of institutional knowledge and subject matter expertise

Pro Bono Technical Assistance



- Bridge divide between communities and government:
 - Former engineers, scientists, lawyers, permit writers
 - Communities and NGOs
 - Under-resourced state, local, and Tribal agencies
- Navigate agency rulings, environmental data, and funding opportunities
- **TCTAC Relationship:** We are funded partners with 4 of the TCTACs and pro bono partners with just about all of the rest.



Resources for Communities, NGOs, and State/Local/Tribal Government Agencies



Suggested 6-Step Process for EPA's Solar for All Application Process

August 4, 2023

Access Federal Funding, Technical Assistance

EPN's Community Air Monitoring Network

March 13, 2024





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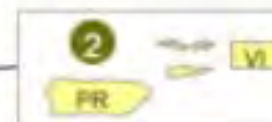
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Regions 8 & 10
Hiring



Region 9
Hiring



Guam
Trust Territories
American Samoa
Northern Mariana Islands



Pro Bono Technical Assistance



Grant Application Support

- General grant strategizing and review
- Navigate regulatory and grants programs

Local Initiatives

- Translate permits/rulings into lay language
- Assist with public comments
- Share lessons learned

Support Partnerships

- Identify individual contacts at agencies
- Connect groups with others



One-on-One Technical Assistance



Initial Intake

Organizations in need of support reach out via email or through our intake form.



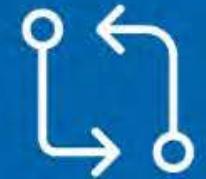
Initial Meeting

Organizations meet with their regional outreach associate to discuss current work, goals and technical assistance needs.



Resource Share, Volunteer Match

EPN can provide resources and match organizations with EPA alumni volunteers as appropriate.



Continued Follow Up

Communications continue with EPN outreach associates as long as needed.

EPN's CCG Support



SAM.GOV REGISTRATION



We will help you begin, continue, or finish up your registration process. [Register for our SAM.gov office hours!](#)

1:1 SUPPORT



We can help with brainstorming, project scoping, and connect you with former EPA staff for more technical assistance.

APPLICATION RESOURCES



We have put together a number of [resources and guides](#) to assist you with your application.

DRAFT REVIEW



We leverage the academic and professional experience of our volunteers to review, edit, and comment on grant proposals drafts.

FEDERAL FUNDING UPDATES



We provide updates on federal funding opportunities via email every 2-4 weeks. Stay informed and [sign up!](#)

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Assistance Intake:*



*For EPN Guides and
Other Resources:*



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