**█████████████████████' Environmental Justice -█████████
Grantmaker (███████) Application**

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION: This grant application is only for applicants that meet at least one of the below descriptions:
   A. In a Conflict of Interest (COI) with the grantmakers in █████████
   B. Recommended by a ███████████ Grantmaker
   C. Recommended by the ██████████ Grantmaker Advisory Council
   D. In need of translation services beyond the Regional Grantmakers in ███████████
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   A. Grant Description
      a. The ████████████████████████' Thriving Communities Subgrants provide community-based nonprofits and other eligible subrecipients funding for assessment, planning, and project development activities. This competition is launched in alignment with the goals and objectives of two Executive Orders (EO 14008 and EO 13985) issued by the Biden Administration that demonstrate the EPA's and Administration's commitment to achieving environmental justice and embedding environmental justice into Agency programs.
      b. The funding is available through grant programs that provide between $75,000 and $350,000 in funding. These grants are only available to eligible applicants located in EPA ██████████████.
      c. Eligible applications describe community projects targeting local environmental and public health issues in EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities. Applicants will also increase capacity building and leadership development through the three project phases: assessment, planning and project development.
      d. Eligible and prioritized recipients include:
         i. Community-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, local government, tribal government, or Native American organizations

    ii.   Projects rooted in and comprised of communities of color, under-resourced and disinvested communities, tribes, and Indigenous communities that are most directly impacted by environmental and public health issues - Please use the EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities Mapping Tool to confirm the location.

    iii.   Have a history of building grassroots power and leadership to influence the decisions that affect their communities

    iv.   Address the intersectional sectional components of environmental justice, housing, health, education, transportation, workforce development, urban planning, energy, water, green infrastructure, or youth development.

e. There will be multiple funding cycles (ADD LINK). Eligible grantees will be limited to two awards, and the second award cannot be the same Phase as the first award. Recipients may apply for Phase II or Phase III funding in future rounds if time and capacity allow.

f. PLEASE NOTE: Before applying, all applicants must register with the U.S. Secretary of State to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) at irs.gov, register with System for Award Management (SAM) and secure a UEI # from SAM.gov. This process can take up to 2 weeks.

g. Award Amount: Competitive Grants range from $150,000-$350,000. The Capacity Building $75,000 sub awards are only provided to severely capacity-constrained organizations.

h. Grants Available: All of the grants listed below can be applied to through this form. Follow this link for more details about each grant.

    i.   Capacity Building Only available for severely capacity-constrained organizations, $75,000. Capacity-constrained is defined as having an annual operating budget less than $350,000 and less than 3 full time staff members.

    ii.   Phase I Assessment, 1 year project, up to $150,000

    iii.   Phase II Planning, 1-2 year project, up to $250,000

    iv.   Phase III Development, 2 year project, up to $350,000

B. Deadline

a. The deadline for funding cycle 1 is October 1, 2024. There will be multiple funding cycles which can be viewed here. ADD LINK TO LIST OF FUTURE FUNDING CYCLES.

b. IMPORTANT: Before applying, all applicants must register with the U.S. Secretary of State to obtain an Employer Identification Number (EIN) at irs.gov, register with System for Award Management (SAM) and secure a

UEI # from SAM.gov. This process can take up to 2 weeks. You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months.

c. How to submit: Application packages must be submitted on or before the listed closing date, at 11:59 PM (███████████ through this form or mailed to ███████████████████████████ with "**Attention to EPA TCGM** ███████████ **Grantmaker**" with a postmark before the listed deadline.

d. Applications received or postmarked after the closing date and time will not be considered for funding. The applicant must submit the full application, including attachments by the stated deadline.

C. Support

a. Support is available to answer questions and to help you successfully submit your application. Accommodations, including additional language translation, are also available. All requests are submitted through the support request form. For language translation, please allow two (2) business days for response and three (3) business days for turnaround service. Follow this link to contact the support team.

b. ███████████████████████ operates Monday through Thursday from 9am - 5pm ██ and Friday 9am - 1pm ███ ███████████ ████████████ is closed for the following holidays:

  i. New Year's Day
  ii. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
  iii. Presidents' Day
  iv. Memorial Day
  v. Juneteenth
  vi. Indigenous Peoples' Day
  vii. Election Day
  viii. Veterans Day
  ix. Thanksgiving
  x. Christmas Day through New Year's Eve

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A. Eligibility

a. Please complete the following questions to confirm your eligibility to receive a grant.

b. Are you an Incorporated Nonprofit Organization, Tribal Government, Native American Organization, Local Government, or Institution of Higher Education?

  i. Yes

      ii.   No

  c. Is your project located in EPA [Region(s)](#) ██████████

      i.   Yes

      ii.   No

  d. Does the project address one or more of the following: Pollution, Emissions, Brownfields. Lead, Pesticides, Air Quality, Youth and Other Sensitive Populations, Water, Environmental Education, Greenhouse Gas Reduction, Solid Waste & Recycling, Climate, Funding & Capacity, Occupational Impacts, Environmental Policy Costs & Benefits?

      i.   Yes

      ii.   No

  e. Is the majority of your project located in an <u>EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community</u> (70% or more)?

      i.   Yes

      ii.   No

  f. Have you obtained a [Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)](#) number from the U.S. Secretary of State?

      i.   Yes, continue to the application.

      ii.   No, you must obtain an UEI number before you can continue.

IF YES TO ALL QUESTIONS:

  g. You are eligible to apply for a grant! These questions will help determine which grant your organization qualifies for:

  h. What is the organization's annual operating budget?

      i.   Less than $350,000

      ii.   More than $350,000

  i. How many full time staff members does the organization have?

      i.   Less than 3 full time staff members

      ii.   More than 3 full time staff members

  j. Does the organization have at least 1 full-time staff member or a strong leadership and implementation structure in place (for example: a partnership among multiple organizations)?

      i.   Yes

      ii.   No

  k. Conditional if No

      i.   Please reach out via the support request form to provide more information.

B. You are eligible for the following grants:

C. Capacity Building Grant

a. The Capacity Building grants are available to the most capacity constrained organizations that would benefit from operational health funds to build their capacity as leaders within their community. The goal of the Capacity Building funding is to address technical questions, capacity, or skills that local organizations need to address an environmental justice issue, without external support.
b. Award Amount: A limited number of $75,000 sub awards.
c. Submission Requirements: Project proposal including work plan and budget.
d. Review Requirements: Determination will be made through a short series of interviews with a small team to assess capacity, project impact, applicant knowledge/site access, etc. and a rubric used during the conversation will determine awardees.
e. Follow this link to review a more complete description and evaluation matrix.

D. - Phase I Assessment Grant
a. Phase I Assessment Grants are available for severely capacity-constrained community-based organizations and/or "entry-level" applicants to assist them during the initial steps of their work to address specific issues impacting them locally by conducting assessments of environmental and public health concerns. Phase I projects can
b. address multiple environmental issues (e.g., air quality, water contamination, toxic substances, etc.).
c. Award Amount and Duration: Up to $150,000 each for a 1-year project period.
d. Submission Requirements: Project proposal including applicant's history working with the EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community, the community 's background and environmental needs; description of project including scope, goals, capacity, and budget.
e. Review Requirements: Determination will be made through ███ ██████.
f. Follow this link to review a more complete description and evaluation matrix.

E. Phase II Planning Grant
a. Phase II Planning Grants are available for community-based organizations and other Eligible Subrecipients who already have a strong understanding of their local environmental and/or public health issues and are ready to

formulate a community-wide plan to address those issues. Developing key cooperative partnerships with community stakeholders is an essential part of developing a community-wide plan and later implementing that plan. Therefore, partnership development will be a key aspect of the Phase II sub grants. Phase II project activities can address multiple environmental issues (e.g., air quality, water contamination, toxic substances).

b. Award Amount and Duration: Up to $250,000 each for a 1 to 2-year project period.

c. Submission Requirements: Project proposal including applicant's history working with the EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community, the community 's background and environmental needs; description of project including scope, goals, capacity, and budget.

d. Review Requirements: Determination will be made through ██████ ████████ .

e. Follow this link to review a more complete description and evaluation matrix.

F. Phase III Development Grant

a. Phase III Development Grants are available for community-based nonprofit organizations and other Eligible Subrecipients who already have a strong understanding of their local environmental and/or public health issues, have already formulated a community-wide plan addressing those issues, and/or are now ready to develop the technical aspects of the project (i.e., implement the project on the ground). Developing key cooperative partnerships with community stakeholders is an essential part of developing a community-wide plan and later implementing that plan. Therefore, partnership development will be a key aspect of the Phase III sub grants as well. Phase III projects can address multiple environmental issues (e.g., air quality, water contamination, toxic substances).

b. Award Amount and Duration: Up to $350,000 each for a 2-year project period.

c. Submission Requirements: Project proposal including applicant's history working with the EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community, the community 's background and environmental needs; description of project including scope, goals, capacity, and budget.

d. Follow this link to review a more complete description and evaluation matrix.

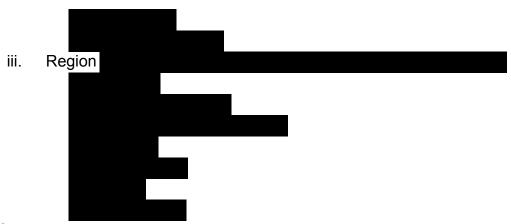G. Application Selection (Conditional based on answers above)

a. Which grant will you apply for?

i. Capacity Building Grant
        ███ █████████████████████
   b. Which grant will you apply for?
        i. Phase I Assessment Grant
        ii. Phase II Planning Grant
        iii. Phase III Development Grant

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A. Eligible – ALL Org Details

B. Your Organization's Information
   a. Entity Applicant Legal Name
   b. Entity Type
        i. Incorporated nonprofit organization
        ii. Tribal government (both federally recognized and state-recognized) and intertribal consortia (such as a partnership between two or more tribes that work together to achieve a common objective.)
        iii. Native American Organization (includes Indian groups, cooperatives, nonprofit corporations, partnerships, and associations that have the authority to enter into legally binding agreements)
        iv. Local government (as defined by 2 CFR 200.1 – includes cities, towns, municipalities, and counties, public housing authorities and councils of government)
        v. Institution of higher education (such as private and public universities, colleges, and community colleges)
   c. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) Number
   d. EPA Region
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        ii. Region ███████████████████████
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iii. Region

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e. Street Address
f. City/Town
g. State or Territory
h. Office Phone
i. Website (if applicable)

C. Point of Contact at your Organization
   a. Enter the contact information for the primary point of contact for this award at your organization. This contact will be provided login access to the applicant portal.
       i. First Name
       ii. Last Name
       iii. Title
       iv. Email

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Eligible - ALL Project Summary

Enter the summary details on your proposed project, this section will continue on to the next page.

A strong proposal will:

- Share the background and environmental impacts on your community.
- Focus on EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities.
- Show support for the project from the target community.
- The project description describes the project goals, activities, timeline, and the project team.
- Describe a willingness to engage in partnerships to further the project.
- Indicate why and how your organization is best suited to execute this project.

- Include a budget and budget narrative.

A. Project Details
   a. Project Title
   b. Project Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
   c. Project End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
B. Project Location
   a. Project Street Address
   b. Project City
   c. Project State or Territory
   d. Project Zip/Postal Code
C. Is the project location in an <u>EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community</u>?
   a. Yes
   b. No
D. Does this project serve a disadvantaged population that is not geographically-based, as defined by <u>Justice40</u>, such as an Indigenous / Tribal population, or farmworkers, etc?
   a. Yes
   b. No
E. CONDITIONAL IF YES - If so, please describe:
F. CONDITIONAL TO ONLY PHASE II OR III Do you have project location site control or access to the site?
G. Project Summary (250 Words)
H. Budget Please attach your budget and budget narrative. A template can be accessed here (LINK TEMPLATE)

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Eligible - Capacity Building Grant Specific

A. Proposal
   a. How would you like to submit your proposal?
      i. Type into text fields
      ii. Create a video and share link o (see instructions here)

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A. Eligible - C Specific
B.
C. Applicant History (up to 500 words)

       a. Applicant's history working with community members
       b. Applicant's history working with the identified EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community

D. Community Environmental Needs and Project Description (up to 1000 words)
       a. Community Background
            i. Describe communities within the target area.
       b. What is the area's primary environmental justice challenge?
       c. Using the <u>EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities</u> tool, what kinds of environmental and health burdens does the community face?

E. Project Community Engagement

F. Project Scope (up to 1000 words)
       a. Provide an overview of the proposed project
       b. Project Readiness: Include the current status of the project and the timeline within the funding timelines

G. Community Engagement and Outreach
       a. Describe the lead applicant and partners' community member collaborations and engagement related to this project, including what engagement and outreach has been completed to develop the project scope and how the community participated in the co-development
       b. Describe the current or future engagement and outreach plan

H. Project Partners (if applicable)
       a. Provide the names of your community, governmental, institutional, and other partners, their contact person, and their role in the project.
       b. Would you like to add a Project Partner?
            i. Yes
            ii. No
       c. Add a Project Partner Organization
            i. Name of Partner Organization
            ii. Contact First Name
            iii. Contact Last Name
            iv. Contact Title
            v. Contact Email

I. Project Goals (up to 500 words)
       a. Goals & Outcomes
            i. Describe 2 or 3 goals you have for this project, the outcomes you hope to achieve, and how these goals will foster long-term impact. Include performance measures for each goal (how will you know that you've achieved these goals).
                1. Goal 1 Name
                2. Goal 1 Description

        3. Goal 1 Objectives (how will you know that you've achieved these goals)
        4. Goal 1 Long Term Impacts (How will these goals foster long-term environmental justice impact?)

    b. Project Benefits: Select which benefit describes the project and describe the project's focus to the specific community

        1. Air Quality
        2. Brownfields
        3. Climate
        4. Emissions
        5. Environmental Education
        6. Environmental Policy Costs & Benefits
        7. Funding & Capacity
        8. Greenhouse Gas Reduction
        9. Lead
        10. Occupational Impacts
        11. Pesticides
        12. Pollution
        13. Solid Waste & Recycling
        14. Water
        15. Youth and Other Sensitive Populations

    c. Personnel Capacity (up to 250 words)

      i. Project Personnel
      ii. Add names and titles for all project personnel. Include a summary of the qualifications of the project personnel. Indicate who will be the project point person for this grant. Include any relevant skills or work experience these individuals have that display cultural competence and an understanding of racial equity.
      iii. Add Project Personnel

        1. First Name
        2. Last Name
        3. Title
        4. Email
        5. Is this the point person for this grant?
        6. Summary of Qualifications
        7. Would you like to add additional project personnel?

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A. Submit Page
B. After you select the "Submit" button, the button will display "Please wait..." Do not select the browser's Back button or close the browser session.
C. You will be able to review and print your information after you select "Submit".