

Grant Program Title: Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants Program

Funding Agency: Environmental Protection Agency.

Award Amount: Awards under Track I are expected to be between \$10-20 million each and cannot exceed \$20 million.

Brief Description:

The Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant program (Community Change Grants) – the subject of this NOFO – offers an unprecedented opportunity to transform disadvantaged communities across the United States into healthy, climate resilient, and thriving communities for their current and future residents. The Community Change Grants will fund community-driven projects that address climate challenges and reduce pollution while strengthening communities through thoughtful implementation. The historic levels of support provided by these grants will enable communities and their partners to overcome longstanding environmental challenges and implement meaningful solutions to meet community needs now and for generations to come.

Eligibility:

Eligible applicants for the Community Change Grants include a partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs), or a partnership between a CBO and one of the following: a Federally recognized Tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education (IHE), including Minority Serving Institutions.

Eligible Project Types:

Funding Track I: Community-Driven Investments for Change: Track I is the primary emphasis for the Community Change Grants. These projects will be implemented through strong collaborations to achieve sustained impacts related to climate resilience, pollution reduction, community health, economic prosperity, and community strength. This approach catalyzes change by focusing on the following objectives:

- **Increase community resilience through climate action activities:** Implement comprehensive Climate Action Strategies and infrastructure that build the resilience and adaptive capacities of communities, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and better prepare for and reduce the impacts of climate change.
- **Reduce local pollution to improve public health:** Reduce and remediate quantifiable health harming pollutants to improve public health.
- **Center meaningful community engagement:** Conduct robust community engagement throughout the project – from design to implementation.
- **Build community strength:** Develop strategies to increase the likelihood that benefits of the investments accrue to existing residents of disadvantaged communities, both immediately and sustainably beyond the grant period.
- **Reach priority populations:** Support people within the Project Area as described in Appendix A who are acutely exposed to and impacted by climate, pollution, and weather-related threats, and / or who exhibit acute vulnerabilities to the impacts of environmental pollution.
- **Maximize integration across projects:** Ensure that the projects and activities within the Project Area are integrated and complement each other to maximize benefits.

Match Funding Requirement: No cost-sharing or matching is required as a condition of eligibility under this NOFO.

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San Diego

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San Marcos
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Application Open Date: February 23, 2024

Application Deadline: November 21, 2024.

For details regarding Evaluation/Scoring Criteria, please reference pages [48-55].

Period of Performance: The period of performance of every grant funded under this NOFO cannot by statute exceed three years. There can be no extensions.

Grant Program Link:

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program#NOFO>

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