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## Community Change Grants Program

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# Introduction



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EPA received \$3 billion through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to fund environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities.

- \$2.8 billion for grants including \$2 billion for the Community Change Grants (CCG) Program.
  - \$200 million for technical assistance related to the grants.
  - Grants cannot exceed three years (no extensions).
  - All grants must be awarded by September 30, 2026.
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# Goals

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Designed with meaningful community, Tribal and other stakeholder input, the investments EPA makes through the Community Change Grants are intended to achieve the following goals:



Fund community-driven pollution and climate resiliency solutions.



Invest in strong cross-sectoral collaborations with partners working with and for communities.



Unlock access to more significant resources.



Deliver technical assistance and capacity-building support.



Strengthen communities' decision-making power.

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# Track I

## Community-Driven Investments for Change

- Funding Available: approx. \$1.96 billion
- Number of Awards: approx. 150
- Per Award Amount: \$10M - \$20M each (cannot exceed \$20M)

# Track II

## Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance

- Funding Available: approx. \$40 million
- Number of Awards: approx. 20
- Per Award Amount: \$1M - \$3M each (cannot exceed \$3M)

Target Investment Areas	
\$50M	Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities
\$150M	Tribes In Alaska
\$300M	Tribal Communities (lower 48 states + HI)
\$100M	Southern Border Communities
\$50M	U.S. Territories

# Eligibility



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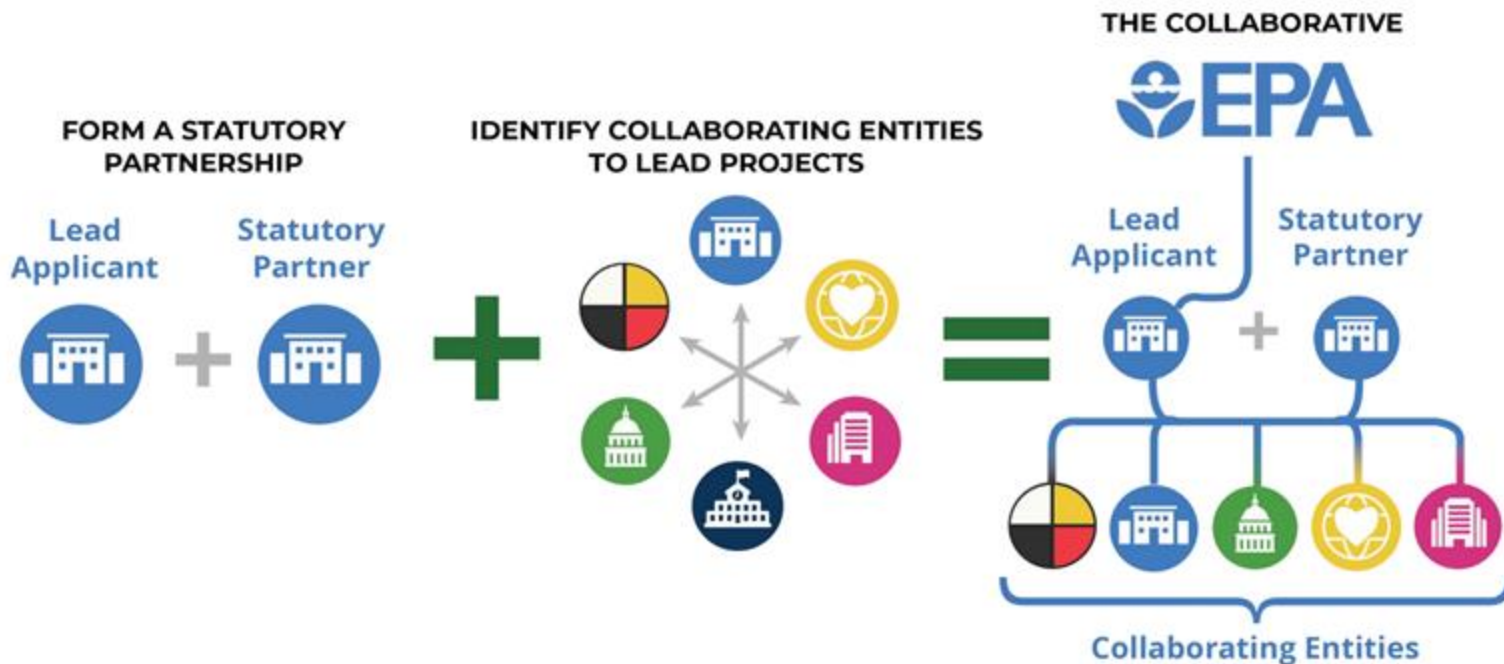
Applications must meet all eligibility criteria, as outlined in Section III of the NOFO, to be considered for funding.

- Comply with the content and submission requirements.
- Meet the eligibility and statutory partnership requirements in [Section III.A.](#)
- Meet threshold criteria in [Section III.D.](#), including that the projects will benefit disadvantaged communities.
- Projects must be completed within three years.

## Note:

- Applications to conduct scientific research; assessment, removal, or remediation of Superfund sites; or community relocation are ineligible.
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# How It Works



# Disadvantaged Communities

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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.

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# Track I: Community-Driven Investments for Change

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Projects under this track should ensure generations of future enjoyment and growth by meeting the below objectives:

1. Increase community climate resilience
2. Reduce local pollution & improve public health
3. Center meaningful community engagement
4. Build community strength
5. Reach priority populations
6. Maximize integration across projects

## Track I Requirements

- 1 Climate Action Strategy
  - 2 Pollution Reduction Strategy
  - 3 Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance Plan
  - 4 Community Strength Plan
  - 5 Readiness Approach
  - 6 Compliance Plan
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# Track II: Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance

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## Objectives

- To build the capacity of communities to evaluate and redress environmental and climate injustices
- To give disadvantaged communities a meaningful voice in government decision-making processes

## Project Examples

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

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Application Opened - November 21, 2023

- Applications will be accepted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), reviewed, and awarded on a rolling basis

Application Closes - November 21, 2024 (11:59 PM EST)

- Follow the instructions and requirements set forth in Section IV of the NOFO

- Make note of page limits



- Ensure readability

- Register with [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) and [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) ASAP

- Project narrative **MUST** include executive summary and project work plan
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# Important Note

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Reminder: Today's overview did not cover all aspects of the NOFO. Please review the entire NOFO before preparing and submitting an application. Also please note that the NOFO has been modified before and may be modified in the future so make sure you are reading the latest version.

- There is support available to assist you in submitting a complete application.
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# Additional Resources

About the NOFO & Technical Assistance Delivery:

- [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (note: modified on February 2024)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [CCG Webinar Series](#) – Over 8 webinars that dive into the NOFO
- [Apply for Technical Assistance](#) - Provided by EnDyna, the EPA CCG Technical Assistance Provider

Additional NOFO Requirements (many are referred to in Section VI of the NOFO and address post-award issues):

- [Fraud, Waste & Abuse](#)
  - [Davis Bacon Act](#)
  - [Build America Buy America](#)
  - [EPA's General Terms and Conditions](#)
  - [EPA's Solicitation Clauses](#)
  - [Best Practice Guide for Procuring Services, Supplies, and Equipment Under EPA Assistance Agreement](#)
  - [Methods of Procurement \(2 CFR 200.320\)](#)
  - [Participant Support Costs \(2 CFR 1500.1\)](#)
  - [Reporting Requirements \(Section IV\)](#)
  - [Appendix G: Indirect Costs](#)
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Thank you.

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