



# Public Funding RESOURCE GUIDE

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## Prepare Your Organization

### [Federal Grant Readiness Rubric](#)

Determine your organization's strengths and needs for obtaining and sustaining public grants on a direct or pass-through basis.

### [Should Our Organization Consider a Federal Grant?](#)

Essential things to know and a quick checklist to determine if your organization should consider a public grant.

### [Nevada Grant Lab](#)

Offers an array of resources and checklists for every stage of public grant readiness and management.

### [Sam.gov Entity Checklist](#)

The questionnaires and checklists in this guide will help you gather the information you need and prepare to answer the questions in your entity registration. SAM.gov is an official website of the United States government. SAM.gov is FREE to use. There is no charge to get a Unique Entity ID, register your entity, and maintain your entity registration at SAM.gov.

### [Grants Dictionary](#)

Become familiar with commonly used federal and public grant definitions.

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## **Prepare Your Projects**

### [Project Scoping Checklist](#)

8 question prompts to help you scope and detail your project to prepare for public funding.

### [Project Snapshot](#)

An easy tool to build conversation among team members to identify priority projects, potential impact, and partners involved.

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## **Assess Grant Opportunity**

### [Is This Grant For Us? 9 Question Checklist](#)

9 question prompts to help you assess and vet a grant opportunity.

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## **Find Grants: Databases**

### **Federal / Public Grant Databases**

#### [Grants.gov](#)

Official government website to create, search, and apply for federal grants and funding opportunities.

### [Federal Program Inventory](#)

This U.S. Office of Management and Budget website allows visitors to explore Federal financial assistance programs across categories, agencies, eligible applicants, and more. The Federal Program Inventory aggregates important information about the programs of the U.S. Government. This website builds on lessons learned during the FPI Exploratory Pilot, launched in 2020, by significantly increasing the number of programs, amount of spending, and information included.

### [Justice40 Accelerator Funding Tracker](#)

Database of public and philanthropic grants relevant for climate and environmental justice organizations.

### [Open Grants](#)

Comprehensive database of public and philanthropic funding programs.

### [EPN Funding Page](#)

Ongoing list of federal grants published by the Environmental Protection Network

### [EPA: Air, Brownfields, Education & Environmental Justice Grants](#)

U.S. EPA grant programs and other funding opportunities.

## **State of California - Grant Databases**

### [CA Grants Portal](#)

[Funding Resource - For CA Communities](#) (Spanish available)

### [CA Climate & Energy Collaborative](#)

### [Governor's Federal Grant Guidebook](#)

### [CA Community & Place-Based Solutions Funding Opportunities](#)

### [Governor's Office of Planning and Research - Grant Clearinghouse \(e-newsletter\)](#)

### [CA Climate Investments - Funding for Nonprofits](#)

### [CA State Programs for Climate-Related funding tracker](#)

## **Federal Funding Programs**

### **[EPA Making Sensing of Air Pollution Grant](#)**

Open now (May 2024) Deadline to apply: June, 26, 2024

- Funding for community-engaged research in underserved communities to advance the use of air pollution data and communication of air quality information for empowering local

decisions and actions that address community-identified air pollution concerns

- Eligible: Nonprofits, institutions of higher education, hospitals, federally recognized Tribal Governments, state and local government
- Up to \$1.25M. 50% of Cooperative Agreements will go to Minority Serving Institutions

### **EPA Community Change Grant**

open now (May 2024) Deadline to apply: November 20, 2024

- Eligible projects: Climate resiliency, reducing climate and health risks, indoor/outdoor air and water pollution reduction, reducing emissions, jobs that reduce greenhouse gas or pollution, community engagement in state and federal advisory groups, workshops, rulemakings, and other public processes.
- awards: depends if you apply for track I or II, between \$1M - \$20M
- deadline: 1-year rolling application now thru Nov. 20, 2024
- application template: [6-step application guides](#) for [Track I](#) and [Track II](#)
- [partner and assistance survey](#) - find local/state partners for the application.
- To access direct TA to complete Sam.gov registrations, find partners, and write applications, reach out to nonprofit [Environmental Protection Network \(EPN\)](#).
- The EPA is also offering direct TA to help prepare Community Change grant applications. To access, see this [website](#) and [fill out the request form](#), or CBOs can call (800) 540-8123 for help filling out the form. For language assistance, email to [EJ\\_TechAssist@epa.gov](mailto:EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov).
- Communities can also receive direct support from the Region 9 Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers. We recommend CA CBOs reach out to [San Diego State U Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice \(CCEEJ\)](#) to learn more and fill out the [TA request form](#). These TA centers are funded by the EPA until 2028, so communities can rely on ongoing support as they navigate the entire grant lifecycle.

### **Helpful Links**

- [Main website](#)
- [Technical assistance info](#)
- [Technical assistance webinars](#)
- [Video explainer](#)
- [Request technical assistance](#)

- [FAQ #1 | FAQ #2](#)
- [2-page explainer](#)

### Recorded Videos + Webinars

- Video: [Community Change Grants Overview](#)
- Video: [Applicant Eligibility, Statutory Partnerships, and Collaborating Entities](#)
- Video: [Defining Disadvantaged Communities](#)
- Video: [Track I Overview](#)
- Video: [Track II Overview](#)
- Video: [Community Plans: Engagement, Governance, Strength](#)
- Video: [Complying with Federal Grants Requirements and Developing a Compliance Plan](#)
- Video: [Preparing a Grant Budget](#)

(All webinar slides are available in both English and Spanish, and all but one of the videos (Track II Overview) are also available in Spanish)

- For more information about the NOFO contact [CCGP@epa.gov](mailto:CCGP@epa.gov)
- To subscribe to the EPA's EJ Listserv, send a blank email to: [join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov)

### More Community Change Grant Resources

- [Preparing for Community Change Grant](#) - tools for planning your approach and proposal shared by Stacey Grant
- [EPN 6-step Community Change Grant application guides for Track I and Track II](#) (includes examples of the requirements)
- [EPN's Track II Checklist](#)
- [EPN's Program Partner and Assistance Survey](#)
- 3/17 NACRP Member Public Funding call: EPA Community Change Grants [Recording](#) Zoom Passcode: r#tTqzT5

### **EPA Thriving Communities Grantmakers Grants**

anticipated to open for applications in Fall 2024

- [Learn more about the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmakers](#)
- Subgrants through the Grantmakers are expected to become available in Fall 2024.
- This grant program will replace the EPA Small EJ Grants program and will make it easier for community groups to receive funding. Groups do not need to be a 501c3 to apply for funding, and you won't be required to have a SAM.gov registration. There's reduced reporting requirements, and you'll apply to receive funding through a community intermediary organization, not to the EPA. Be sure to check back on the [EPA Grantmakers Grant page to apply](#) - this grant program should be open for applications in spring/summer 2024.
- Tier One will consist of grants for \$150,000 for assessment, Tier Two will consist of grants for \$250,000 for planning, and Tier Three will consist of grants for \$350,000 for project development. In addition, \$75,000 will be available for capacity-constrained community-based organizations through a noncompetitive process under Tier One. Each Grantmaker will design and implement a distribution program best suited for their region and communities.

## California State Funding Programs

There are a number of large programs under the CA Climate Resilience Package and CA Air Protection Program (AB 617) that will be moving into Round 2 funding next year. You can learn more at CA State Programs for Climate-Related [funding tracker](#), and just to highlight a few:

[Community Air Resources Board Community Air Grants](#) - anticipate starting outreach in late Spring/Summer 2024

- Educational projects - maximum award for Cycle 4 was \$100,000
- Technical or Targeted projects - maximum award for Cycle 4 was \$300,000
- All projects must be wholly located in and benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities
- There will be another round of funding for community air grants this year (Cycle 5, *with possibility of a different or increased amount than the amounts listed here*, which reflect Cycle 4 funding). They anticipate starting outreach in late Spring/early Summer 2024.

### [Adaptation Planning Grant Program](#) - Round 2 open now (May 2024) -

Deadline: June 3, 2024

- Provides funding to help fill local, regional, and tribal planning needs, provides communities the resources to identify climate resilience priorities, and supports the development of a pipeline of climate-resilient infrastructure projects across the state.
- \$9.5M in funding available. Applications can request between \$100,000 and \$650,000 in total state funding for planning projects spanning twenty-four months.
- Note: Planning Grant Applicants must submit the “Pre-Application Interest Form” in order to receive the link to submit applications
- Eligible to apply: Local Public Entities, California Native American Tribes, Community-based Organizations. Note: Community-based organizations should partner with a local public entity or Tribe.
- To aid the development of competitive Proposals, APGP will provide application TA to eligible Applicants through a third-party provider (Civix).

### [Regional Resilience Planning & Implementation Grant Program](#)

Round 2 expected to open Spring or Summer 2024

- The ICARP Regional Resilience Planning and Implementation Grant Program funds public entities, California Native American tribes, Community-Based Organizations, and academic institutions that form regional partnerships to plan and implement projects that advance climate resilience and respond to the greatest climate risks in their regions.
- Funding for planning and implementation grants in the \$500,000-\$3M range.
- See examples of [Round 1 awards](#).

## Templates, Tools & Example Applications

### Templates & Tools

- [Logic Model Template](#)
- [Project Narrative \(example\)](#)
- [Writing a Needs Statement](#)
- [Budget Template](#)
- [Key Forms \(EPA\)](#)
- [Cooperative Agreement Template \(example\)](#)

- [Sample Guide to Indirect Cost Proposal](#)
- [Example Internal Control Manual for Federal Grants](#)
- [capacity grants flowchart](#)
- [competitive grants flowchart](#)
- [indirect costs](#)
- [MOU partnership agreement - guide](#)
- [MOU partnership agreement - example1](#) and [example2](#)
- [Asset-based community development toolkit](#)
- [Sample Grant Workplan \(EPA Air Data Grant\)](#)
- [Policy Examples:](#)
  - [Sample Fiscal Controls](#)
  - [Sample Procurement Policy](#)
  - [Sample Conflict of Interest Policy](#)

### Successful Applications Examples

- We all appreciate learning by example. Here are a [few](#) successful federal applications.

## Evergreen Training Videos

- [How to review a NOFO and plan your application timeline](#)
- [How to Find Public Grants](#)
- [Working with a Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center](#)

## Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) & Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- [Inflation Reduction Act List of Funding Programs, Rebates, & Incentives](#)
- [Inflation Reduction Act List of Tax Incentives](#)
- [Inflation Reduction Act - EPA](#)



## Community-Driven Planning Resources

### [Community Driven Planning Resources](#)

Resources to help community organizers, cities, and community stakeholders center community-led visioning and decision-making in all aspects and stages of project and place-based planning and development.

## Find Technical Assistance

### [Bay Air Center](#)

The Bay Air Center is a Bay Area Air Quality Management District-sponsored community resource that provides technical guidance, materials, and training to Bay Area community members and organizations, free of charge, to support their efforts to understand and improve air quality.

### [EPA Environmental Justice Clearinghouse](#)

(EJ) Clearinghouse is a public, internet-based, whole-of-government clearinghouse composed of culturally and linguistically appropriate and accessible materials related to environmental justice. The EJ Clearinghouse is a compilation of resources to assist EJ partners. EPA relies on the continued submission of proposed resources to be added to this EJ Clearinghouse. If you have resources you would like to be included for consideration, please use the form on the site.

### [Environmental Protection Network](#)

- Help offered: Sam.gov and Grants.gov registrations, proposal templates and checklists, proposal writing and development, find community data, find project partners, analyze policies and laws
- Type: pro-bono, ongoing
- Sam.gov webinar recording ([view](#))
- Grants.gov webinar recording ([view](#))
- Contact: Sign-up for 1:1 [Sam.gov office hours](#) or contact Region 9 Outreach Specialist, Caelie Fish at [caelie.fish@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org](mailto:caelie.fish@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org)

### [CCEEJ, Region 9 TCTAC](#) (San Diego State University)

- Help offered: Grant research, application readiness and writing support, grant management, find project partners, Sam.gov and Grants.gov registrations, find community data, facilitate community engagement, analyze policies and laws, language and plain writing translations
- Type: pro-bono, ongoing now through 2028
- Contact: Fill out this [TA request form](#) or email [cceej@sdsu.edu](mailto:cceej@sdsu.edu)

### [Center for Creative Land Recycling](#)

- Offers an array of pro bono support for federal grants related to land use and brownfields: project development, market and feasibility studies, environmental site assessments, finding community partners, consultants, or developers, grant writing support workshops, federal grant management support

#### [Direct Support: Region 9 EPA EJ Coordinator](#)

- Offers office hours, virtual monthly roundtables, and ongoing support
- [Sign-up](#) for virtual monthly EJ roundtables
- Email your Region 9 EJ coordinator, Abdulfetah (Abdul) Sigal: [sigal.abdulfetah@epa.gov](mailto:sigal.abdulfetah@epa.gov)

#### [Anthropocene Alliance](#)

- A network of frontline communities across the country, and also offers technical assistance resources, grant writing, partnership connections, and an active email listserv.
- Email: Harriet Festing at [harriet@anthropocenealliance.org](mailto:harriet@anthropocenealliance.org)

#### [Thriving Earth Exchange](#)

- Supports community science by helping communities find resources, project managers, and experts to address their pressing concerns. Together they work to help communities be more empowered, resilient, and responsive.
- Email: [ThrivingEarthExchange@AGU.org](mailto:ThrivingEarthExchange@AGU.org)

### **Technical Assistance for local + state governments**

- [Association of Bay Area Governments - Technical Assistance](#)
- [State Directed Technical Assistance Programs](#)
- [U.S Digital Response](#) (grant identification tool, UEI info finder, data tech support, and more)
- [DOT - Build America Center: Financing Infrastructure Technical Assistance](#)
- [Environmental Policy Innovation Center \(EPIC\) - Funding Navigator](#) (for cities serving under-resourced communities)
- [State Funding Readiness Project \(SFRP\)](#) - Hua Nani Partners and U.S. Climate Alliance
- [Local Infrastructure Hub](#)

- [Climate Program Portal - Technical Assistance Directory \(request login required\)](#)
- [Build America Center](#)
- [DriveElectric.gov - Technical Assistance for States and Communities](#)

### **Federal Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Programs**

- Region 9 (AZ, NV, CA, HI, and 148 tribes): [Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice](#) (San Diego State University)
- Region 9 (AZ, NV, CA, HI, and 148 tribes): [Western Environmental Science TA Center for Environmental Justice](#) (University of Arizona)
- [What is the Federal Interagency Thriving Communities Initiative?](#)
- [DOT Thriving Communities Program \(see list of 4 capacity builders who can offer you support\)](#)
- [EDA Economic Recovery Corps](#)
- [EPA Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers](#)
- [GSA Urban Development / Good Neighbor Program](#)
- [HUD Thriving Communities Technical Assistance \(for qualifying cities\)](#)
- [USDA Rural Partners Network](#)

### **More Federal Technical Assistance**

- [White House Technical Assistance Guide + Sortable Spreadsheet \(updated 9/2023\)](#)
- [CDC National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce](#)
- [HHS - Health Equity Technical Assistance](#)
- [HUD Technical Assistance \(for grantees\)](#)
- [DOE Dept. of Indian Energy - Technical Assistance](#)
- [DOE Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Technical Assistance](#)
- [DOE Technical Assistance](#)
- [DOE Solar Energy Technologies Office](#)

## Data Tools

### Screening Tools & Maps: Environmental Justice & Climate - National

- [Cal EnviroScreen Version 4.0](#)
- [Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool \(CEJST\)](#)
- [EPA EJ Screening Tool](#)
- [Low-Income Energy Affordability Data \(LEAD\) Tool](#)
- [DOT Transportation Disadvantage Mapping Tool](#)
- [Data.gov - Climate, Health, Housing, Transportation, Energy, Water, Ecosystems](#)

### Agriculture

- [Building Sustainable Farms, Ranches, and Communities](#)

### Air

- [Air Quality Data Tools \(EPA\)](#)
- [Air Quality and Emissions Data \(CA Air Resources Board\)](#)

### Broadband

- [Internet Equity Initiative](#)
- [FCC National Broadband Map](#)
- [NTIA Indicators of Broadband Need](#)

### Buildings

- [PolicyLink: Building for the All! Infrastructure Standards for Transformation of the Built Environment](#)
- [Equitable Building Electrification - A Framework for Powering Resilient Communities \(The Greenlining Institute\)](#)
- [DOE Asset Scoring Tool](#) (scores energy efficiency and ID's retrofit potential)
- [DOE Building Audit Template](#)

### Climate / Resiliency / Adaptation

- [Climate Mapping for Adaptation and Resilience \(assessment tool, hazard risks, open data\)](#)
- [U.S Climate Resilience Toolkit](#)
- [FEMA Community Disaster Resilience Zones Data Tool](#)
- [Georgetown Adaptation Clearinghouse - Resources + Data](#)
- [USDA Regional Climate Hubs](#)
- [USDA Climate Hub Tools](#)

### Community Benefits Agreement

- [Emerald Cities Justice40+ Community Benefits Plan](#)
- [Community Benefits Agreement Toolkit \(Action Tank\)](#)
- [Community Benefits Agreement Toolkit \(Dept. of Energy\)](#)

#### CDFIs / Green Banks

- [Coalition for Green Capital: What is a Green Bank?](#)
- [Coalition for Green Capital: Green Bank Resource Library](#)
- [CDFIs - Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [View List of Certified CDFIs](#)
- [View CDFI Mapping Tools](#)
- [Communities First Fund: Infrastructure Alliance](#)
- [Financing Energy Efficiency Projects for Nonprofits \(EESI\)](#)

#### Energy

- [Clean Energy for Low-Income Communities Accelerator \(CELICA\)](#)
- [Initiative for Energy Justice](#)
- [Justice in 100 Scorecard](#)
- [DOE Energy Savings Hub](#)
- [DOE National Community Solar Partnership](#)

#### Extreme Heat

- [Heat Equity Mapper](#)
- [Climate and Health Outlook](#)
- [Heat and Health Tracker](#)
- [Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation Portal \(CMRA\)](#)
- [Heat Wave Climate Change Indicator](#)
- [EPA's Heat Island Effect Website](#)
- [Google's Environmental Insights Explorer: Tree Canopy](#)
- [Tree Equity Score](#)

#### Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

- [Drawdown GA: Greenhouse Gas Emission in GA](#)

#### Forestry

- [State Forest Action Plans](#)

#### Health

- [Health Planning Tools](#)
- [Healthy Neighborhoods Planning + Resource Guide](#)

- [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit - Human Health](#)

#### Housing

- [Census.gov - Housing Data Sets](#)
- [Housing Justice Narrative Toolkit \(PolicyLink\)](#)

#### Lead Paint

- [Environmental Justice Toolkit for Lead Paint Enforcement Programs](#)

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#### Policy

- [Environmental Policy Innovation Center \(EPIC\)](#)
- [PolicyLink](#)
- [Climate Justice Alliance](#)
- [Center for American Progress](#)
- [Atlas Public Policy](#)
- [Rewiring America: Policy Hub](#)

#### Transportation / Transit / Mobility

- [Transportation Data Tools - Data.gov](#)
- [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Charging Justice40 Map Tool](#)
- [Greenlink Equity Map](#)
- [Community Science + CNT: 6 Tools for Equitable Mobility](#)
- [PolicyLink: Infrastructure Justice](#)
- [DOT Rural Opportunities to Use Transportation for Economic Success \(ROUTES\)](#)
- [Urban Bikeway Design Guide \(NACTO\)](#)
- [Transportation for America - Community Connectors Portal](#)

#### Water

- [Rivers Network Equitable Infrastructure Toolkit](#)
- [Rivers Network State Revolving Loan Fund Toolkit](#)
- [Rivers Network Water Policy Hub \(state-by-state\)](#)
- [Water Hub](#)

#### Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)

- [Quality Assurance Project Plan Development Tool](#)
- [Quality Assurance Handbook and Toolkit for Participatory Science Projects](#)