

# Community Change Technical Assistance Fact Sheet

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## What are Community Change Grants?

Funded by Congress through the Inflation Reduction Act, the Community Change Grants Program (CCG) will bring almost \$2 billion dollars to disadvantaged communities across the country to fund projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges.

The EPA will award grants on two separate tracks:

### TRACK I APPLICATIONS

The *Community-Driven Investments for Change* track will focus on Climate Action and Pollution Reduction Strategies to meaningfully improve the environmental, climate, and resilience conditions affecting disadvantaged communities. Track I grants are expected to be \$10-20 million.

### TRACK II APPLICATIONS

The *Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance* track will facilitate the engagement of disadvantaged communities in governmental processes to advance environmental and climate justice. Grants from Track II are expected to be \$1-3 million.

## Project Eligibility

All CCG grants must benefit disadvantaged communities. In addition, each potential grantee must have a partner, one of which needs to be a community-based organization (CBO).

For example, CBOs may be nonprofit organizations with missions to improve the lives of residents through projects that create cleaner, healthier, thriving communities.

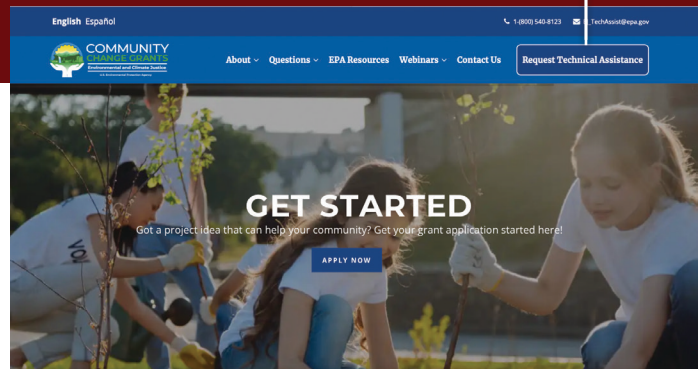
Check out [epa.gov/community-change-grants](https://epa.gov/community-change-grants) for more information on project eligibility.

## How Can Technical Assistance Help Your Community?

The EPA contracted with EnDyna to lead the Community Change Technical Assistance Program (CCTA), which offers free, comprehensive support to communities interested in receiving a Community Change Grant. While the CCTA team cannot write your application for you, the technical assistance team offers a variety of services (see reverse). Receiving technical assistance does not guarantee that EPA will fund a project. While EnDyna and the EPA communicate frequently, EnDyna and its partners are not U.S. Government employees.

## How Do I Request Technical Assistance?

EnDyna and its partners have a team of technical assistance providers across the country. To start, all you need to do is visit [communitychargeta.org](https://communitychargeta.org) and click on the button to request help and someone will be in touch with you to get the process started. Any assistance provided by EnDyna and its partners comes at no cost to you.



## Types of Technical Assistance

### 1 FIRST STEPS

- Collaborative participation and course correction from idea to submission
- Defining eligibility
- Clarifying partnerships
- Connecting similar organizations
- Scaling projects to meet threshold requirements
- Developing calendar of deliverables
- Finding the right project for your community

### 2 BUILDING BLOCKS

- Navigating financial disclosure requirements
- Financial management planning
- Developing budgets
- Assistance with procurement of labor and supplies
- Providing best practices for good governance, e.g., accountability

### 3 NUTS & BOLTS

- Project design
- Engineering assistance
- Developing your community implementation plan
- Technical expertise

### 4 APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

- Climate Action Strategy
- Pollution Reduction Strategy
- Community Engagement Strategy
- Community Strength Plan
- Readiness Approach
- Compliance Plan

### 5 FINISHING TOUCHES

- Review of draft application
- Training and guidance for oral presentation
- Assistance with project implementation



For further questions regarding technical assistance, please contact [EJ\\_TechAssist@epa.gov](mailto:EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov) or call **1(800) 540-8123**.



For questions regarding the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), please contact [CCGP@epa.gov](mailto:CCGP@epa.gov).

