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Feeling Overwhelmed?

Help Accessing and Navigating Federal Environmental Justice Resources

September 17, 2024

EPA's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs)



Webinar Overview

EPA Presentations

- Andy Bessler | Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJEER)
- Amy Kenyon & Vanaaisha Pamnani | The Thriving Communities Network (TCN)

EJ TCTAC Presentations

- Aubrey Racz | National Indian Health Board (NIHB)
- Dr. Paloma Beamer | West EJ Center (WEJC)
- Loren Halili | Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice (CCEEJ)
- Ben Williamson | Mountains and Plains Thriving Community Collaborative (MaPTCC)

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Q&A



Thriving Communities Overview

An Overview of EPA's EJ Thriving Communities Network, Funding and Technical Assistance for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples

*Presented to the U.S. Department of the Interior
Environmental Justice Steering Committee's Environmental
Justice Technical Assistance Webinar Series*

***Andy Bessler,
Tribal Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator,
Office of Environmental Justice and
External Civil Rights, U.S. EPA***



The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program and Thriving Communities Network



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Thriving Communities

- **EPA's Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (EJ TCTAC) Program** funded \$117 million over the next 5 years for 3 national and 15 regional TCTAC's.
- **EPA's EJ TCTAC Program** is part of the **Federal Thriving Communities Network Initiative** that is working towards a holistic government-wide framework for providing technical assistance.



EJ TCTAC
Environmental Justice
Thriving Communities Technical
Assistance Centers Program

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
in partnership with the Department of Energy



EPA
**Environmental Justice
Thriving Communities
Technical Assistance
Centers (TCTACs)**

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, EPA's TCTAC program is a network of technical assistance centers designed to remove barriers and improve accessibility to environmental and energy justice grant opportunities for communities that are underserved and overburdened.



18 TCTACs
140+ Partners

TCTACs will help communities that are underserved and overburdened to:



Identify
grant opportunities.



Prepare
grant applications and
manage grant funding.



Build capacity
to effectively engage
with decisionmakers.



Develop collaborative
community-based
partnerships.

For more information, please visit
**The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities
Technical Assistance Centers Program | US EPA**



How do TCTAC's Work?

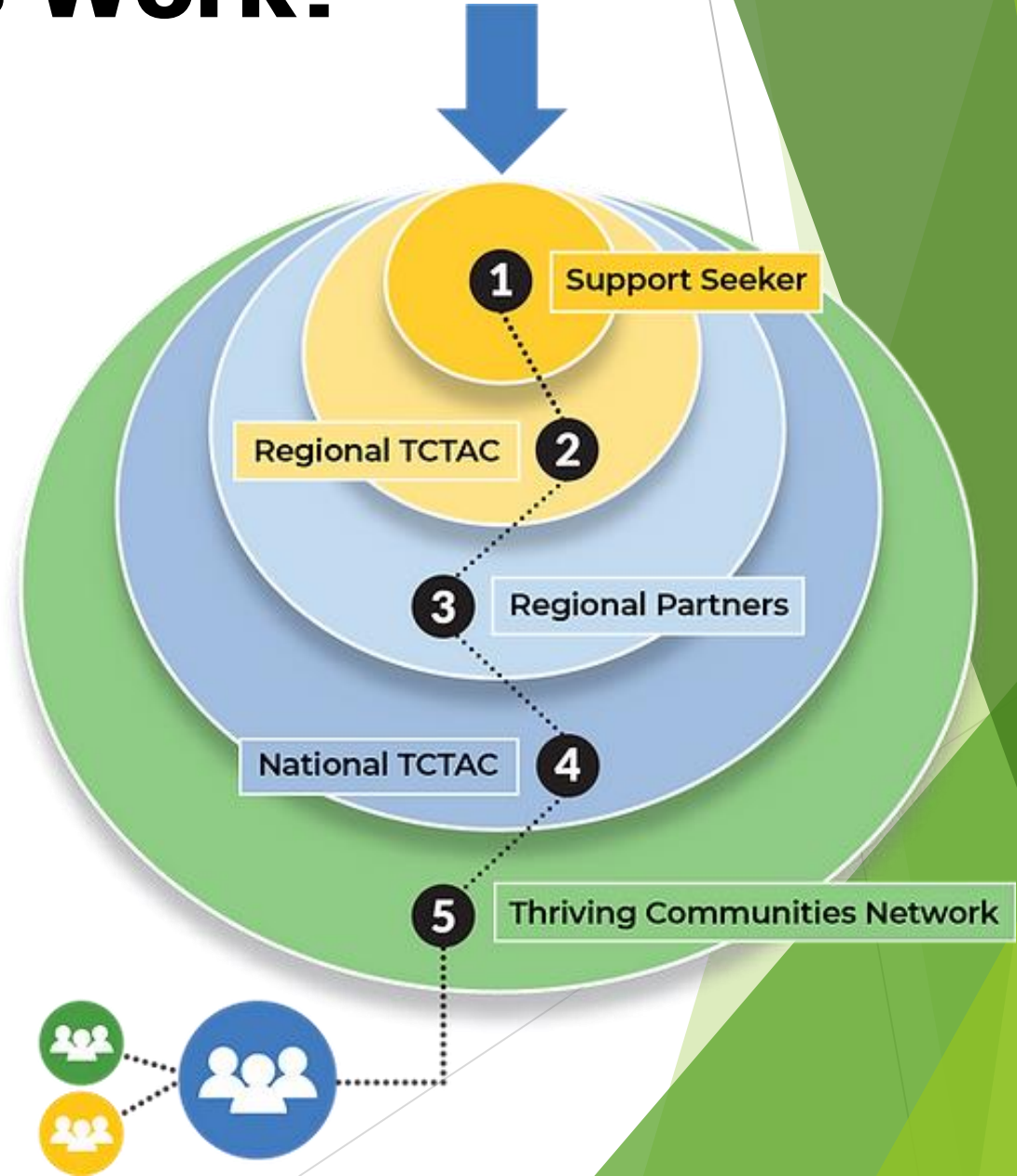
Support seeker from an eligible CBO, tribal government, or state/local government requesting expertise in federal grant applications, proposal writing, and grant management for environmental justice projects

Regional TCTAC prepared to provide technical assistance in collaboration with an extensive regional network of partners

Regional Partnerships with over 160 organizations nationwide ready to support regional efforts in building capacity on the ground

National TCTAC coordinating with regional centers and partner through resource-sharing and networking opportunities

Thriving Communities Network expanding our program's access to a range of technical assistance providers



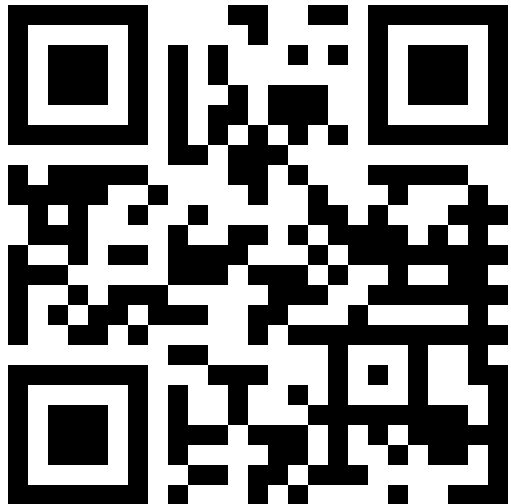
National and Regional Centers

(Based on designated EPA Regions)



National

1. International City/County Management Association
2. National Indian Health Board (NIHB)
3. Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC)



Regional

Region 1*

University of Connecticut

Region 2

West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Metro Campus

Region 3

National Wildlife Federation

Region 4

Research Triangle Institute
Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

Region 5

Blacks in Green
University of Minnesota

Region 6

New Mexico State University
Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

Region 7

Wichita State University

Region 8*

University of Montana

Region 9

University of Arizona
San Diego State University

Region 10

Willamette Partnership
University of Washington

Region 1* ISC providing interim coverage and
Region 8* ICMA providing interim coverage.

Thank you for your attention!

- **Community Change Grants open until Nov. 21st so apply now!!**
 - Multi-million grants to plan and implement with a CBO
- **EJTC Grantmakers funds open for next 3 years!**
 - \$75k non-competition grants
- **For any questions/concerns, please contact Andy Bessler, OEJECR Tribal Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator:**
bessler.andy@epa.gov
- **To see recorded/upcoming webinars learn more about EPA's EJ work with Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, visit this page!**



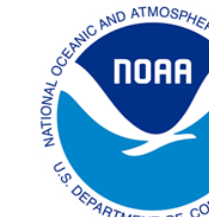


Thriving Communities Network

DOI x EJ TCTAC Webinar
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TCN Agency Partners

- Co-chaired by USDOT and EPA
- 12 participating federal agencies
- TCN's newest addition: National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)



TCN Technical Assistance Programs



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **EPA Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities**

[Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities](#) provides TA, including a two-day public engagement workshop, collaboration with relevant decision-makers and potential public and private sector partners, and a report outlining the workshop process and specific next steps generated that the community could take to achieve its goals. This TA is delivered by EPA staff and EPA-hired consultants.

EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants (CCG)

[CCG](#) provides \$2 billion in IRA funding to aid in environmental and climate justice activities that benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate change challenges. To receive expert support for a CCG grant, you can submit an intake TA request form [here](#).

EPA Environmental Justice (EJ) Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs)

The [TCTACs](#) provide communities fundamental forms of TA and helps communities navigate to other resources that match their community needs. EJ TCTACS can be accessed by communities free of charge and without an application or competition.

EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

[TAB](#) provides TA to address brownfield sites and increase understanding and involvement in cleanup, revitalization, and reuse. A brownfield is a property where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

EPA Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA)

[WaterTA](#) provides hands-on support for communities to identify water infrastructure or water quality challenges, develop plans to address these challenges, prepare application materials to finance water infrastructure projects with funding available through BIL, and build technical, managerial, and financial capacity.



Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) **HUD Distressed Cities TA Program**

The [HUD Distressed Cities TA](#) program aims to increase internal capacity of local government, and this includes improving their fiscal health to help them be more successful in securing additional resources, completing projects, and meeting goals.

HUD Thriving Communities TA Program

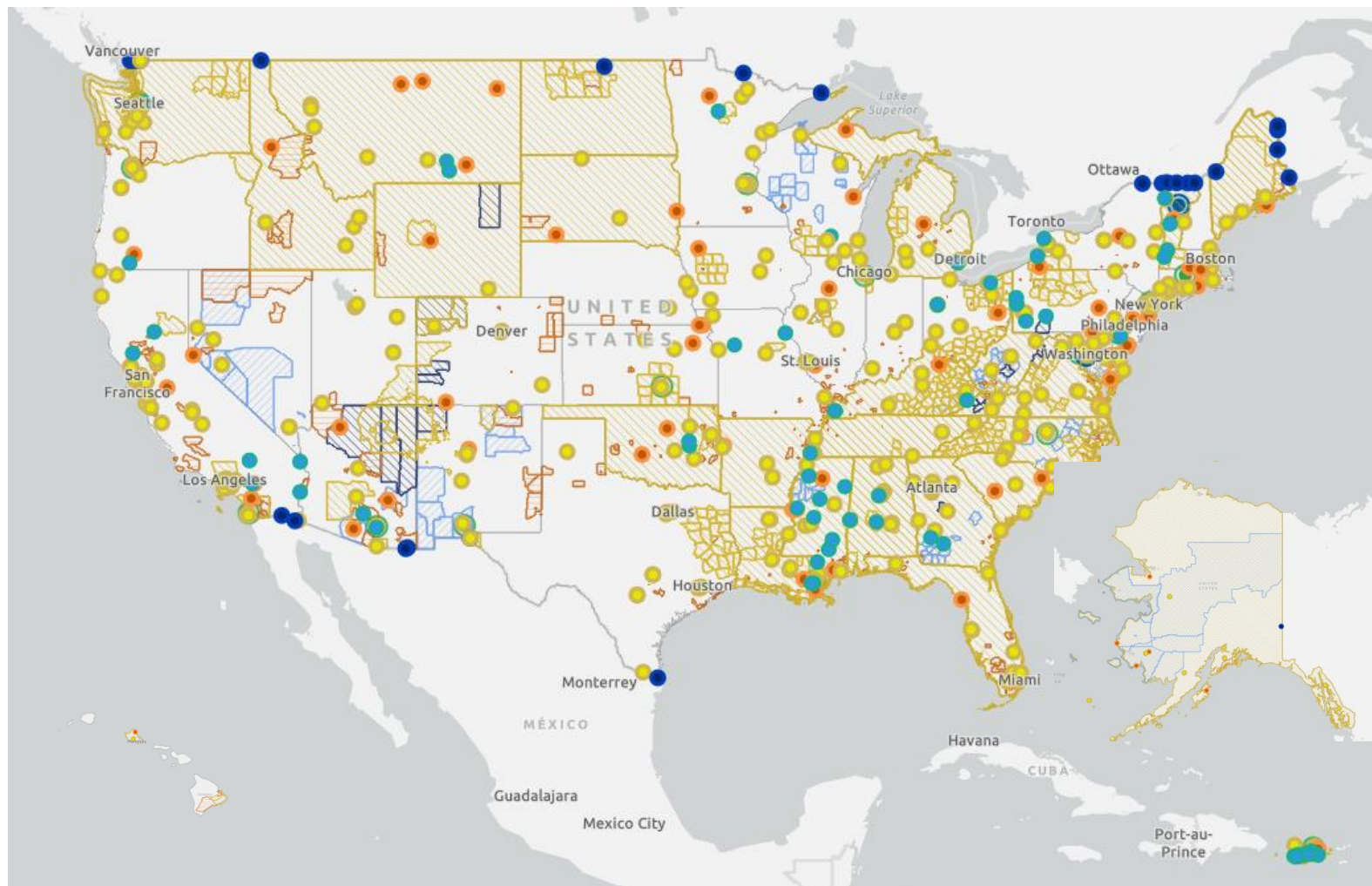
The [HUD Thriving Communities TA Program](#) helps local governments coordinate housing and infrastructure investment, with four focus areas: identify/utilize vacant and underused land; preserve affordable housing and prevent displacement; remove regulatory and process barriers; and improve coordination and community engagement. This TA program is a part of the DOT-HUD Thriving Communities Initiative, which provides TA, planning, and capacity building to ensure that disadvantaged communities adversely or disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health policy outcomes have the technical tools and organizational capacity to compete for federal aid and deliver quality infrastructure projects that enable their communities and neighborhoods to thrive.



Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security

Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities Direct Technical Assistance (BRIC DTA)

[BRIC DTA](#) program provides tailored support to communities that may not have the resources to begin climate resilience planning and project solution design on their own. BRIC DTA works alongside communities interested in enhancing their capacity to design holistic, equitable hazard mitigation solutions that advance numerous community-driven objectives.



Communities Receiving TCN Support

- BIL Construction Projects in Land Ports of Entry (GSA)
- LEAP (DOE)
- DOT Programs
- HUD Programs
- Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Direct Technical Assistance (FEMA)

- ▢ Rural Partners Network (USDA)
- ▢ Coal Communities Action Challenge (EDA)
- ▢ Economic Recovery Corps (EDA)
- ▢ Community Disaster Resilience Zones (FEMA)

EPA EJ Thriving Communities TA Centers

TCTAC Type

- Regional
- National

Map Link: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/e690d86a246e49bdb8bad4f4dfe2ef70/page/TCN-Interagency-Coverage>

TCN Map Explorer



Partnerships, Outreach, & Engagement





Communities Leveraging Federal Resources



Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe

Washington State

- Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe faces serious issues related to flooding and erosion, access to and from the reservation, and a severe housing shortage. The Tribe has been able to leverage multiple federal sources to rebuild their community and implement a relocation plan:
 - **\$6M HUD Indian Block Grant** – to build first set of homes to address severe housing shortage;
 - **\$24M USDOT RAISE Grant** – to construct a road upland to address lack of access to and from the Shoalwater Bay via Washington State Highway 105;
 - **Partnership with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers** – to restore and protect cultural lands, ecologically significant wetlands, and endangered species; and
 - **USDOT Thriving Communities Program (TCP)** – to develop a Master Plan to align the various grants and TA the Tribe has already received. Additionally, its TCP TA Provider will bring together federal agency partners to continue interagency coordination efforts, and leverage additional support and resources for Shoalwater Bay.
- In February, 2024, several federal, state, and local agencies as well as Tribal leaders and local and regional partners came together to discuss the relocation upland project. Federal agencies present included USDOT, FEMA, EPA, and USDA.



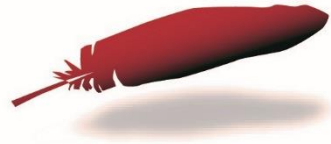
View of the Shoalwater Bay Tokeland Community. Photo credit: USDOT.

Stay Up to Date with the Thriving Communities Network!

- Check out the TCN webpage for more information on TCN federal agencies, as well as TCN TA programs and resources: www.transportation.gov/thriving-communities-network-tcn
- Stay up-to-date with TCN updates and events by subscribing to the TCN newsletter.
 - To subscribe, please email ThrivingCommunitiesNetwork@dot.gov
- TCN Community of Practice Learning Sessions: Monthly virtual series where TA providers, capacity builders, and federal staff convene to learn more about specific topics and discuss and share best practices and observations.
 - If you're interested in attending these sessions, please email ThrivingCommunitiesNetwork@dot.gov



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NIHB TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

Aubrey Racz, MPH
Environmental Health Project Coordinator, NIHB
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About the National Indian Health Board (NIHB)

- 50-year-old organization founded to advocate at the national level for health of American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes
- Board of Directors includes a Tribal leader from each IHS Service Area elected to be the Area's representative



NIHB Tribal Environmental Justice Technical Assistance Center

- NIHB will be the national TAC for Tribal applicants, potential applicants, and advisees
- Assist Tribal governments and Tribal organizations & consortia with Environmental Justice funding projects
- Dual role in TCTAC Network
 1. Supporting Regional TCTACs
 2. Providing direct 1-on-1 technical assistance



Center Updates

- TA Request Form is live!
- Tribal Environmental Impact Network
 - Call for TA providers – TEIN Interest Form
- Grant Writing Training
- Capacity Scan of EH Workforce
- Ongoing planning and coordination with other national & regional TC TACs
 - ejtctac.org



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Welcome to the EJ TCTAC Network

The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers, EJ TCTACs, are a collaborative initiative of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).



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Technical Assistance Services

- Navigating federal grant application systems
 - Grants.gov
 - Sam.gov
- Identifying federal funds with Tribal eligibility
- Grant writing support
- No cost GIS mapping services
- Partnership development and connection with national and regional EJ TC TACs and other TA service providers

[Tribal Environmental Justice Technical Assistance Center Website](#)

How to request TA

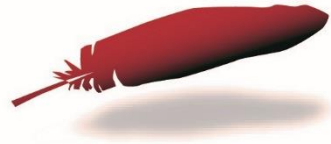
Email: environmentalhealth@nihb.org

TA Intake form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BQRSKYK>



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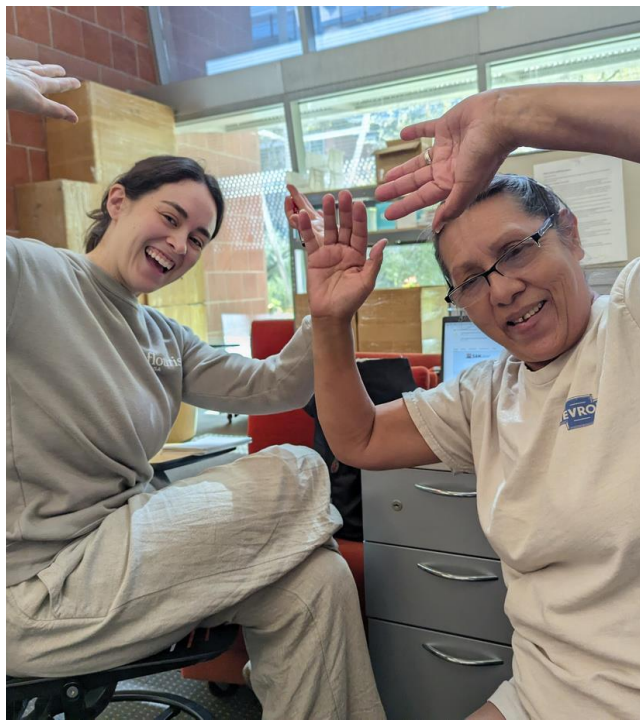
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OUR MISSION

To work as authentic partners with communities towards environmental and energy justice by being a one-stop shop for hands-on technical assistance, multi-faceted training, and other eligible forms of assistance, resources, and support to program participants.

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Our Free Services



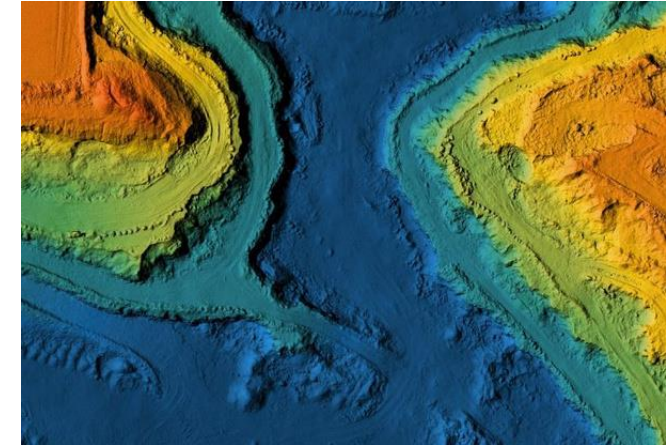
Grants Navigation

- Online Trainings
- Funding Database
- Applying for and Managing Funding*



Community Leadership

- Community Resource Fairs
- Community Champions
- Student Internships
- Advocacy Training and Resources



Technical Expertise

- Hands-on Consultation
- Research Energy Justice Opportunities
- Statistical Consultation
- Conducting EJ Analyses

**The Center is not allowed to write or complete funding applications but can provide guidance in development, application, and management phases.*



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Areas of Expertise

- Cultural Awareness
- Community Champions
- Epidemiology
- Evaluation
- Exposure Assessment
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Mining Communities
- Needs Assessments
- Public Funding Database
- Public Health
- Public Health Preparedness
- Rural Health
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- Training Development

- Climate Change Resilience and Impacts
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- Tribal & Indigenous Resources and Trainings

- Brownfields
- Data Visualization
- Energy Justice
- Energy Policy and Law Expertise
- Equitable Collaboration Support
- Extreme Heat
- Partnership Facilitation
- Grant Administration & Management
- Grant Writing Training
- Land Re-use/Property Redevelopment & Remediation
- Translation Services

Examples of Our Services

- A community clinic wants support finding and applying for grants to upgrade a building into a cooling center.
 - **Tailor a list of recommended grant opportunities, confirm their grant is complete, and support while they submit the grant.**
- County public health staff get questions about wildfire smoke in homes and heat and kidney function. Staff ask for resources on building box fan filters, as well as to speak with experts on the relationship between heat and kidney disease.
 - **Find, review, and compile useful resources on making box fan filters, and connect public health staff with an experts on heat and kidney disease to answer questions.**



Steps to Get Support



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DISCOVERING FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES WITH WEST EJ'S DATABASE



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Pre-filtered Funding Lists

By organization type:

[Nonprofits & Community-Based Organizations \(CBOs\)](#)

[Tribal Organizations](#)

[Tribal Governments](#)

[Local Governments](#)

[State Governments](#)

[Institutes of Higher Learning](#)

[Other](#)

By location:

[Arizona](#)

[California](#)

Funding Opportunities

[Reset Search](#)

Eligible Locations	Application Deadline	Application Status	Search Keyword
- Any -	- Any -	- Any -	
Organization Type		Sort by	
- Any -		Default	
APPLY			

State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program

Department of Commerce

Eligible Entities: Tribal non-government entities, Tribal governments

Deadline: Pending

Award Range: \$0 - \$45,300,000

[VIEW SUMMARY](#)

- **Types of Funding Opportunities:**
 - Wide range of grants and funding options available.
 - Opportunities vary by industry, location, and organization type.
- **Using the Database**
 - Easily filter results by location, organization, or desired funding amount.
 - Refine your search to find the most relevant opportunities.
- **Accessing Detailed Information:**
 - Click on the "More Information" button for in-depth details.
 - Includes notes and insights we've added to help you understand each grant better.

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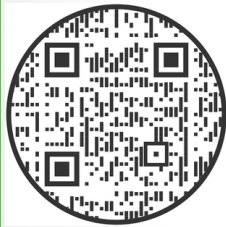
Opportunities



Apply Now!

2024 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS COHORT

The program will offer customized capacity building, leadership training, peer learning, and support using a cohort approach. Participants will be drawn from **Arizona, California, Hawai'i, Nevada**, and the **US Affiliated Pacific Islands**, including **Native American tribes** and **Indigenous communities**.



Drop-in Grant Support

Sept 23rd, 4-5 PM PT (every other Monday!)

<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/8292415730>

Student Internship



Financial Support: Students will receive **\$5,000** for completion of the internship, reflection, feedback survey, and digital story.

Eligibility:

- ✓ Age 18+, high school diploma/GED
- ✓ Enrolled in U.S. accredited institution
- ✓ Remote work possible with supervisor approval
- ✓ US citizens, US nationals, or foreign nationals with a visa permitting permanent residence in the US
- ✓ Serve communities in Arizona, California, Hawai'i, Nevada, or US Affiliated Pacific Islands, including Native American tribes and Indigenous communities in these areas



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Thank you!

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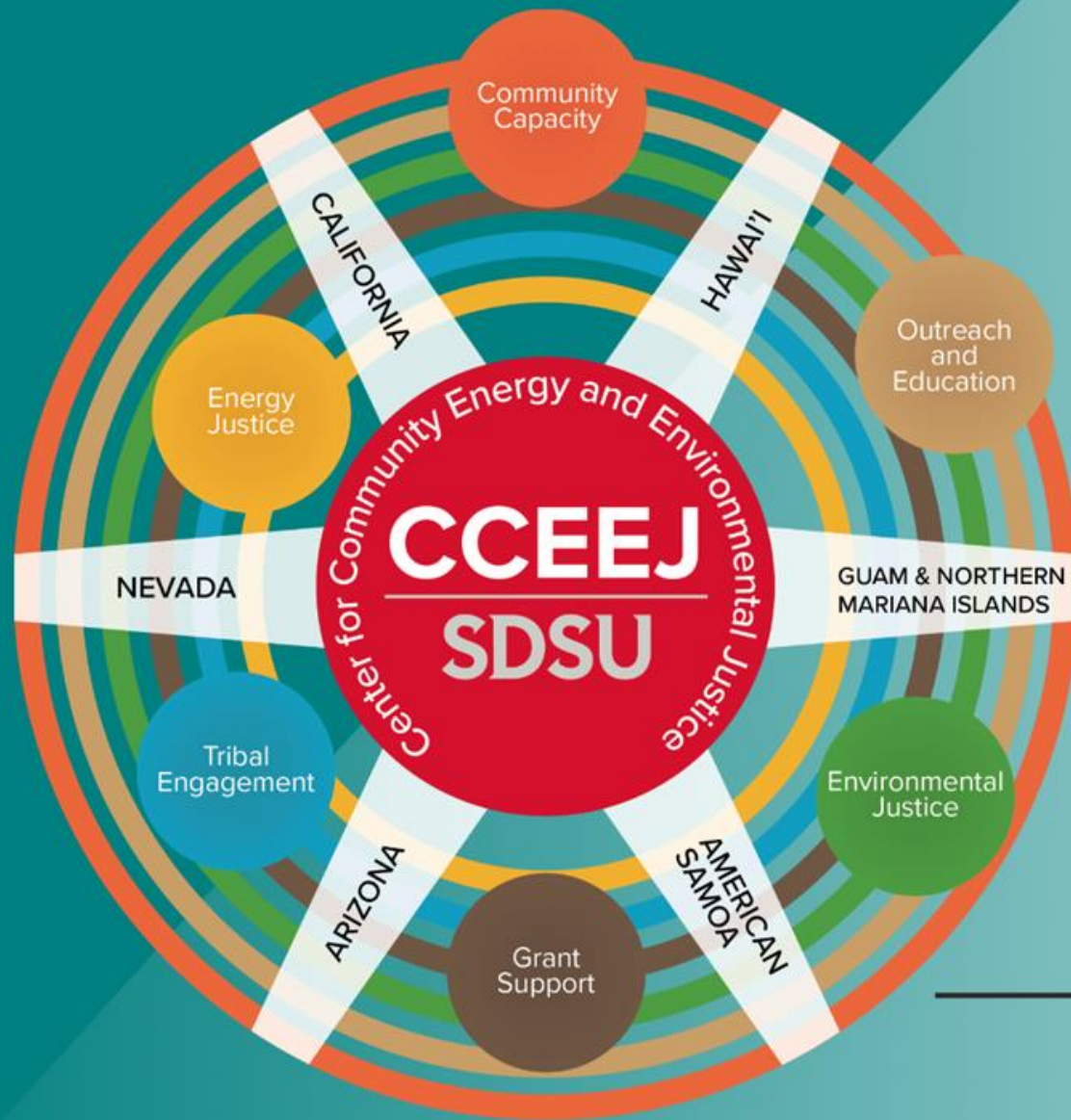
University of Arizona

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People/Admin/ Grant Capacity

Grant writing training
SAM.gov/grants.gov
Grant administration
training
Grant
templates/checklists
Leadership
development
Strategic grant planning
Translation services
Partnership building
EJ screening tools

Environmental Quality & Health

Brownfields Support
Remediation support
Land
redevelop/planning
Using Healthy Places
Index and other screen
tools
Environmental Justice
assessments and
analyses
Extreme heat

Tribal & Indigenous

Identify
Tribal/Indigenous grants
Trainings & workshop
for Tribal and
Indigenous communities
Professional &
leadership development
Air Quality Monitoring
Natural & cultural
resource management
Networking
opportunities

Energy Justice

Energy policy & law
expertise
1 on 1 advising
Trainings and
workshops
Energy justice
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Grant Capacity

Environmental
Quality & Health

Tribal &
Indigenous

Energy/Energy
Justice

169 organizations
1:1 TA conversations with each
16 grant submissions

Grants: USDA Urban Agriculture & Innovative Production, CA Extreme Heat & Community Resilience, CA DTSC Technical Assistance Grant, EPA Indoor Air Pollution in Schools, Center for Health, Environment, & Justice Small Grants Program, CA Youth Community Access, Ben & Jerry's Foundation Grassroots Organizing Grant, and more

EJ focus areas: extreme heat, urban agriculture, brownfields, air quality, clean energy, climate resilience, grassroots efforts, coalition building

People/Admin/ Grant Capacity

Grant writing training

[SAM.gov/grants.gov](https://sam.gov/grants.gov)

Grant administration
training

Grant
templates/checklists

Leadership development

Strategic grant planning

Translation services

Partnership building

EJ screening tools

writing for *green*

Live and self-guided grant writing trainings



Bi-weekly office hours via Zoom on how to register



Grant Administration Training

Bi-weekly office hours via
Zoom on how to register

- Identifying grants to target
- Translate NOFOs
- Review eligibility/requirements
- Develop timeline for successful grant submission
- Grant application reviews



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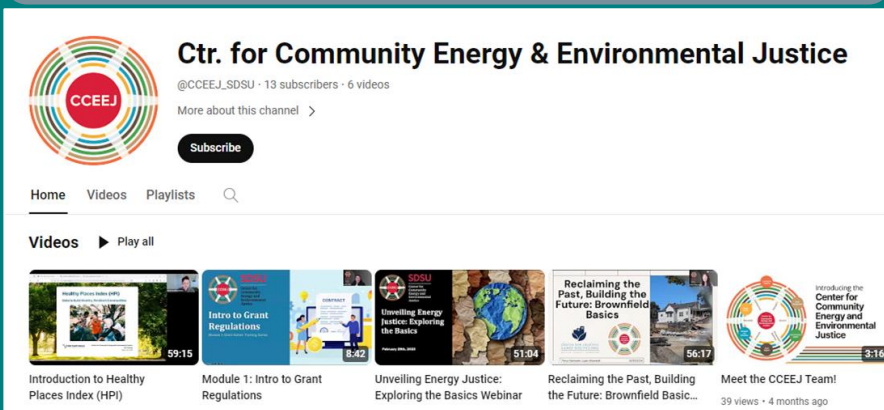
Events:

- **Grant office hours every other Wednesday 3 pm - 4 pm PT**



Resources Online

Recorded webinars and trainings
on YouTube @CCEEJ_SDSU



CCEEJ Socials



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Newsletter
sign up



Thank you for having me!



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(pronounced "map-tek")

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Meeting communities where they are to build capacity for clean energy and environmental justice solutions



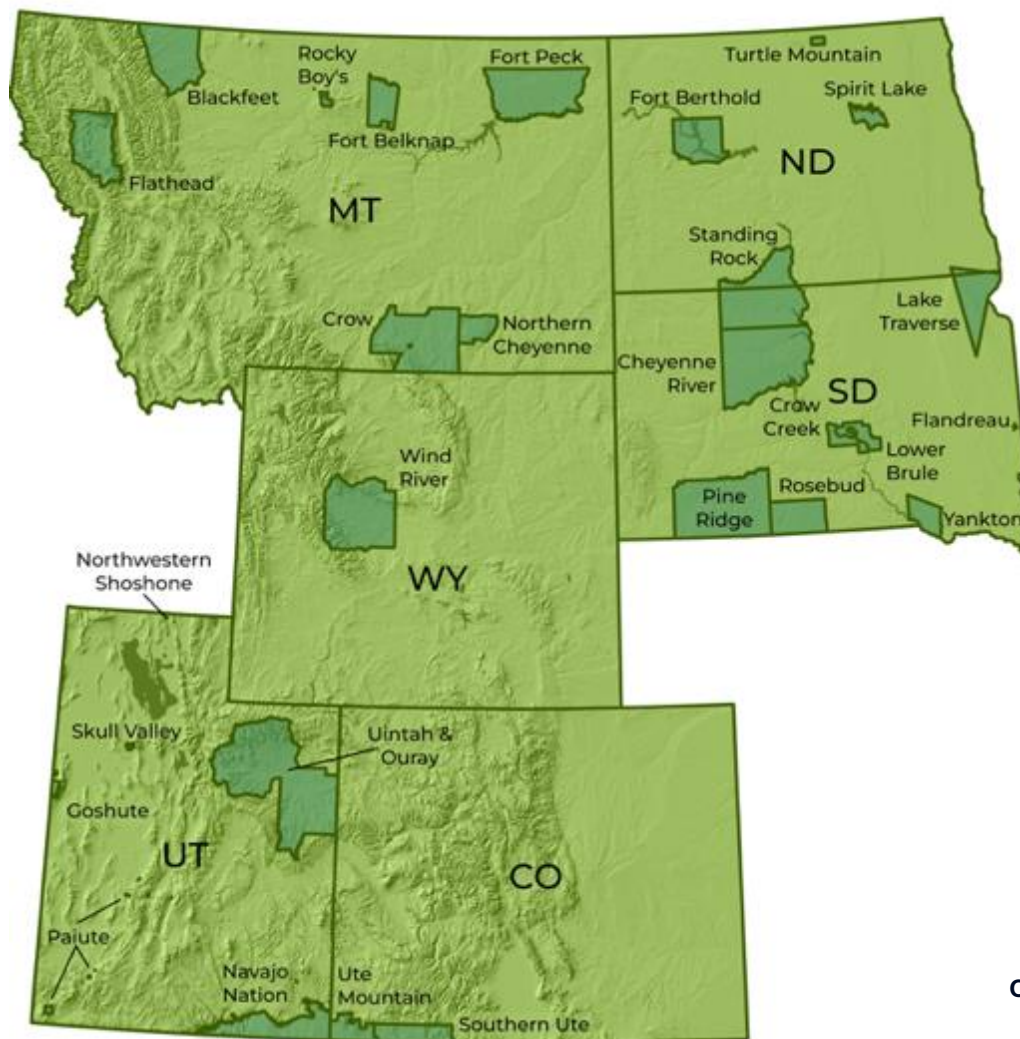
Photos clockwise from top L, all Adobe stock. St. Mary, MT (Blackfeet); Salt Lake City; Wyoming; Clara Crossing, ND; downtown Pueblo CO/riverwalk



MaPTCC works across six states and all 28 federally recognized Tribes



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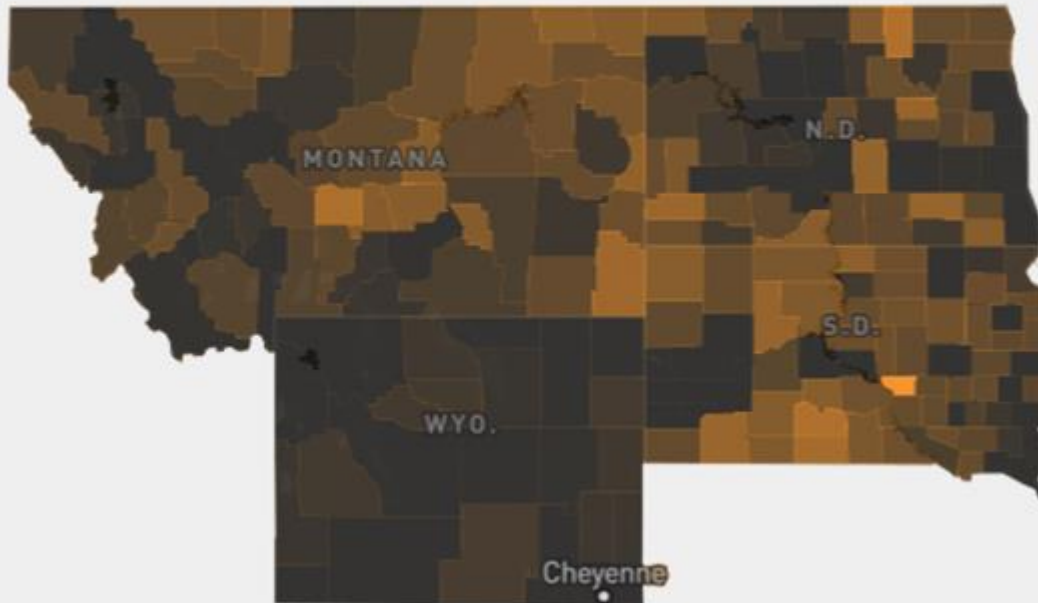
Community Infrastructure Center





The risk of being left behind and disinvested (again)

Northern Great Plains



58%

Of counties in
WY, ND, SD, & MT
do not have sufficient
staff & resources



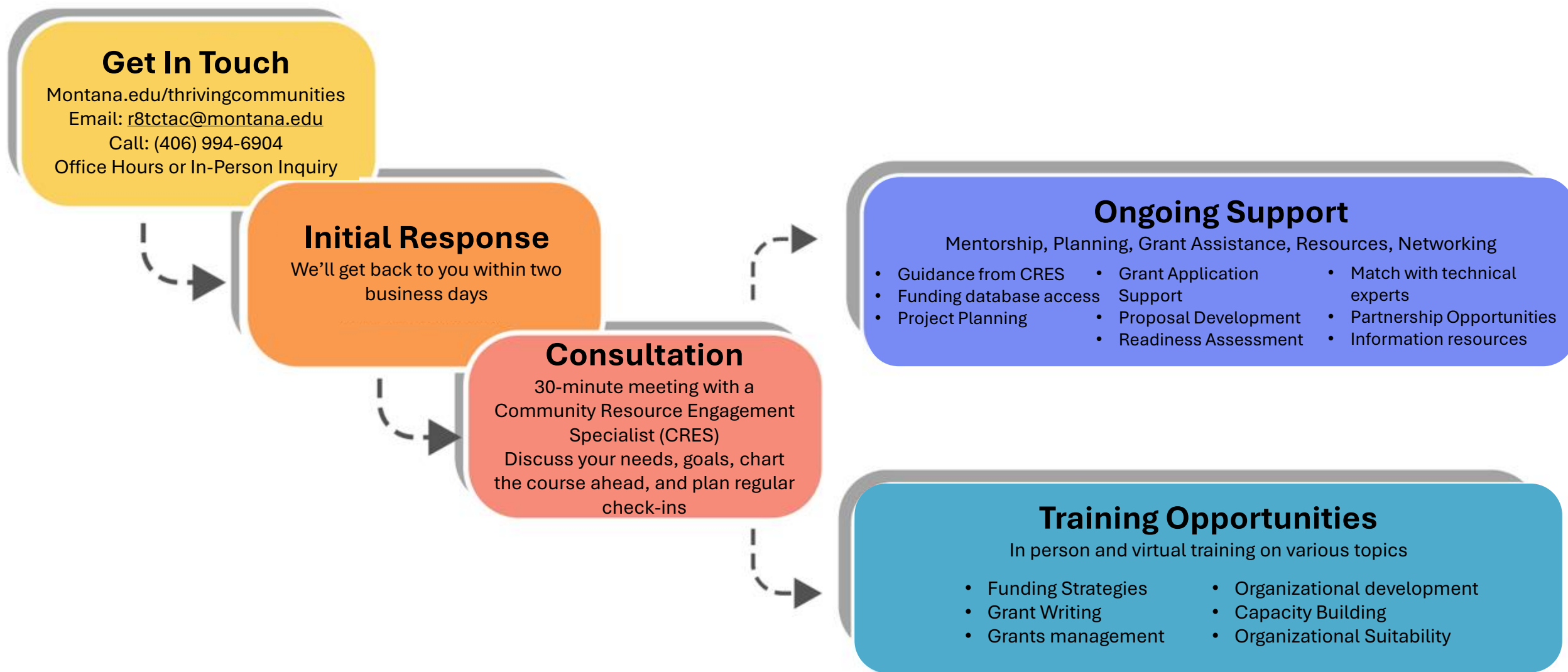
A vision for increased capacity in Region 8



- A community navigator in & for every community
- Winning and managing funds for locally-driven solutions
- Plans, planning, more plans!
- Multi-solving for climate, energy and environmental security/justice and economic sustainability
- Increased connectivity across sectors and scales



How to access technical assistance



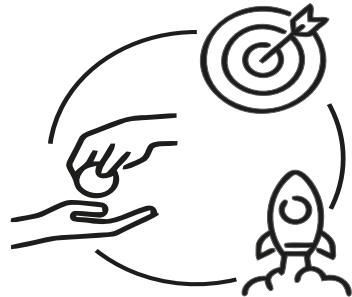


What MaPTCC offers

Ongoing Support

Mentorship, Planning, Grant Assistance, Resources, Networking

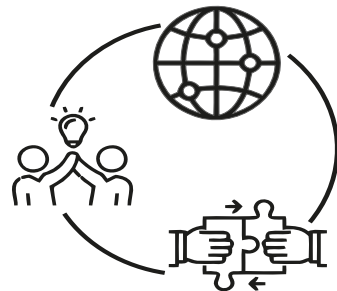
- Guidance from CRES
- Funding database access
- Project Planning
- Grant Application Support
- Proposal Development
- Readiness Assessment
- Match with technical experts
- Partnership Opportunities
- Information resources



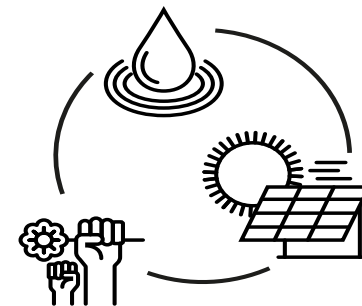
Finding grants & funding strategy



Community engagement support



Building partnerships



Access to environmental and energy experts



Community navigators

Training Opportunities

In person and virtual training on various topics

- Funding strategies
- Grant writing
- Grants management
- Organizational development
- Capacity building
- Organizational sustainability

Community Navigators are participants of MaPTCC's **Funding and Organizational Development Training (FODT)**

2 workshops in each state per year

Each **3-day workshop** will offer a total of **8 participants stipends** and will be open to up to **15-20 participants**





Get in touch with MaPTCC

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We're Here to Help:

Our team is ready to help you with your technical assistance needs



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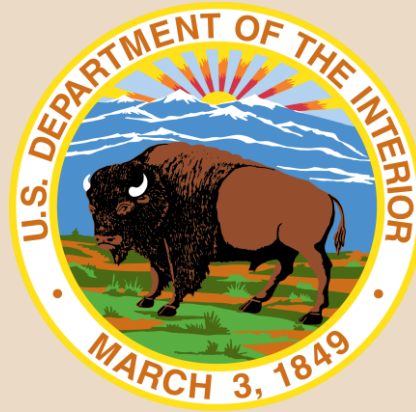
- Register for the next webinar in the DOI's Environmental Justice Webinar Series:
 - **Topic:** How to Write a Successful Grant Application
 - **Date:** Wednesday, October 16, 2024
 - **Time:** 2:30 to 3:30 pm ET
 - *Link [here](#) and in webinar chat*
- To access recordings of our previous webinars:
 - <https://www.doi.gov/oepc/resources/environmental-justice/technical-assistance>
- For any DOI-related questions/concerns, please contact the DOI's Environmental Justice Team at: environmental_justice@ios.doi.gov



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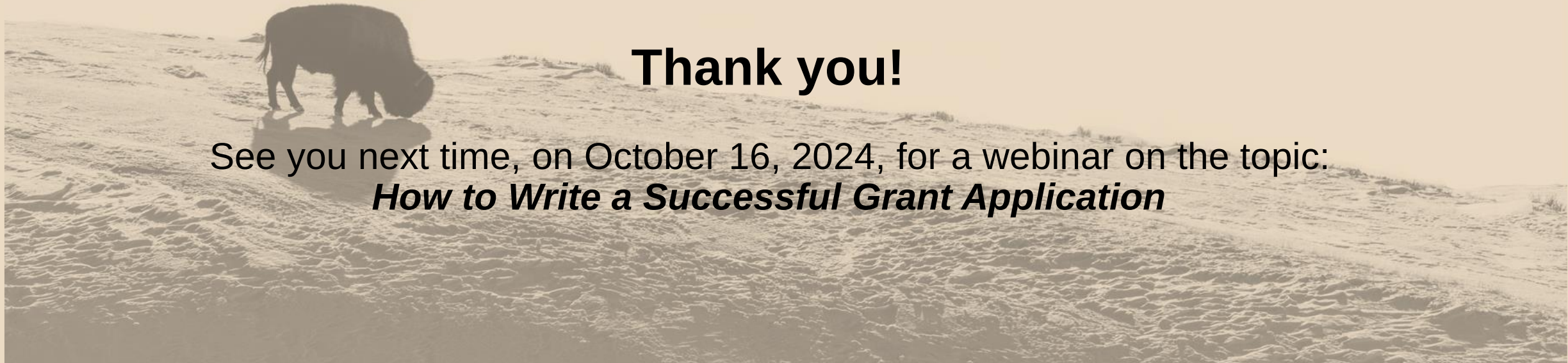
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Thank you!

See you next time, on October 16, 2024, for a webinar on the topic:
How to Write a Successful Grant Application



Additional EPA funding and resources below on:

Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program

Community Change Grants and other EPA funding from the IRA

EPA EJ Resources for Tribes



IRA FUNDED GRANTMAKERS

*CHECK OUT THE [GRANTMAKERS FAQ PAGE](#)
THAT IS UPDATED REGULARLY !*



**Environmental
Justice Thriving
Communities
Grantmaking
Program (EJ TCGM)**

**Regional & National
Grantmakers**

**GRANTS FOR TRIBES AND
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

EPA's EJ TGM Funding Breakdown

Approximately \$600 m. awarded to 11 Grantmakers

- 9 Regional and 3 National Grantmakers to provide 1000s of subgrants nationwide
- 80% of each \$50 million Regional Grantmaker award will be redistributed in Thriving Community Subgrants [\$40million]
- Tier 1-3 Competitive subgrants available for **Assessment**, **Planning**, and **Project Development** activities ranging from \$150,000 to \$350,000
- Non-competitive awards up to \$75,000 provided to severely capacity-constrained CBO

Project Timeline

- **11 cooperative Agreements** with substantial EPA involvement & oversight
- Grantmakers awarded in **Spring 2024**, subgrant applications open in **Summer 2024**
- **Project Period is 3 years**, funds available until 2027 depending on award date

11 GRANTMAKERS



9 REGIONAL

3 NATIONAL

Proposed Geographic Area	Legal Business Name	Submitter's State	Grant Office
Region 1	Health Resources in Action	MA	Region 1
Region 2	Fordham University	NY	Region 2
Region 3	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Inc.	MD	Region 3
Region 4	*Research Triangle Institute	NC	Headquarters
Region 5	The Minneapolis Foundation	MN	Region 5
Region 6	*Texas Southern University	TX	Region 6
Region 7	Reference Central National GM		NA
Region 8	JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.	CO	Region 8
Region 9	Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), Inc.	CA	Region 9
Region 10	Philanthropy Northwest	WA	Region 10
National GM East [Regions 1-3]	*Institute for Sustainable Communities	VT	Headquarters
National GM West [Region 8-10]	Climate Justice Alliance	CA	Headquarters
National GM Central [Region 4-7]	*Research Triangle Institute	NC	Headquarters

*RTI will serve as both the Region 4 Grantmaker as well as one of three National Grantmakers

*TCTAC or TCTAC partner

Historic Funding for Tribes

- Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program (EJ CCG)
 - **Application period closes on 11/21/24**
 - First EJ CCG Award announced for MTERA/GRID Alternatives to receive nearly \$20 million
 - More CCG awards announced soon!
- \$25.5 M in Drinking Water Infrastructure Funds
- Tribal and Territory Grants: Diesel Emissions Reduction Act



Historic Funding for Tribes

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund:

- **\$27 b. for clean energy projects funding and grants for low-income communities**
- **Solar for All provided \$7 b. to 60 awardees, including 6 Tribal awardees**
- **National Clean Investment Fund awarded \$14 b. to 3 entities to create clean financing institutions**
- **\$6 b. for a Clean Communities Investment Accelerator for 5 awardees including the Native CDFI Network (\$400 million award), a nonprofit that serves 60+ U.S. Treasury-certified Native CDFIs, which have a presence in 27 states across rural reservation communities as well as urban communities and have a mission to address capital access challenges in Native communities.**



Historic Funding for Tribes

- **Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Announced!**
- **EPA announced last week the funding of \$300 million for 34 projects proposed by Tribes including:**
- **Specific information on all awards are here!**



**CLIMATE
POLLUTION
REDUCTION
GRANTS**

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EPA's EJ/Climate Web Resources

- **Environmental Justice Clearinghouse**
- **EJSCREEN**
- **EPA External Civil Rights Docket**
- **The Environmental Justice Scorecard**
- **Resources to Help Communities webpage**
- **EPA National Climate Resources for Tribes**



EPA's EJ Webinar Series for Tribes & Indigenous Peoples

- **Monthly, on/near last Wednesday, at 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM ET.**
- **Features OEJECR Updates, Best EJ Practices, and Tribal Presenters**
- **Don't miss the rest of the 2024 webinars!**
 - **September 25th Indigenous Food Sovereignty**
 - **October 30th Cumulative Impacts**
 - **November 20th Advancing EJ Through Storytelling**
- **What EJ topics would like to see discussed in 2025? Share your thoughts with us!**
- **See recordings of past webinars & register for upcoming webinars on [OEJECR's website!](#)**

