



Through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and the EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Program work, there has been an investment of \$2 billion dollars to be dedicated to addressing environmental and climate justice activities in disadvantaged communities. The EPA's [Community Change Grant Program](#) provides funding to carry out climate justice activities to bring meaningful change to communities negatively affected by climate change, legacy pollution and historical disinvestments. Activities under this award include:

- Climate resilience and adaptation.
- Mitigating climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events.
- Community-led air and other (including water and waste) pollution monitoring, prevention, and remediation.
- Investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure.
- Workforce development that supports the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants.
- Reducing indoor toxics and indoor air pollution.
- Facilitating the engagement of disadvantaged communities in state and federal advisory groups, workshops, rulemakings, and other public processes

The entities eligible to apply under the [Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) are:

- A partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs).
- A partnership between a CBO and one of the following:
 - a Federally-Recognized Tribe
 - a local government
 - an institution of higher education

There is a Two-track Submission Processes where applicants can be submitted under two separate tracks depending on the project scope and funding requested. Projects under both tracks must benefit disadvantaged communities, as defined in Appendix A of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).

- Track I, Community-Driven Investments for Change, is expected to award approximately \$1.96 billion for 150 projects for \$10-20 million each.



- Track II, Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance, is expected to award approximately \$40 million for 20 projects for \$1-3 million each.

The EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis. All Applications must be submitted on or before November 21, 2024 at 11:59EST.

To connect with the NALCAB team on this opportunity and learn more about how NALCAB can support your organization's application, please reach out to Ana Sandoval- Director of Climate Justice and Energy Initiatives at asandoval@nalcab.org or Senior Manager of Special Projects- Steven-Alfonso Maldonado smaldonado@nalcab.org .