

## News (updated 1/12/24)

### Community Change Grants

The Inflation Reduction Act authorized the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [new Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants program](#). The program is designed to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects to reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community response capacity. To help meet the goals of the MI Healthy Climate Plan, including addressing environmental injustices, **the State of Michigan will provide a range of support for potential applicants, including technical assistance for the following groups:**

- Existing community-led environmental and climate justice coalitions ready for immediate support to submit a high-quality Community Change proposal early next year
- Community groups, including frontline/grassroots groups, with plans that could develop into Community Change applications
- Community groups, including frontline/grassroots groups, looking to collaborate with others to explore possibilities for forming joint/coalition-led applications

**Please, take the [Community Change Grants Interest & Support Survey](#) to indicate your interest in this support by January 12.**

Eligible project categories include:

- Climate resiliency 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

Eligible applicants include at least two community based non-profit organizations (CBOs) or a partnership between a CBO and one or more of the following:

- a Federally-Recognized Tribe
- a local government
- an institution of higher education

View the Notice of Funding Opportunity on the [EPA's Inflation Reduction Act](#) website.