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[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Community Change Grant](https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program) Program

EPA’s new Community Change Grants program announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for approximately $2 billion in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities through projects that reduce pollution, increase community climate resilience, and build community capacity to address environmental and climate justice challenges. These place-based investments will be focused on community-driven initiatives to be responsive to community and stakeholder input.

* [**Applications are due November 21, 2024**](https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/351071)

[Rural Business Development Grant Program](https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/356757)

Grant opportunity from the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Business-Cooperative Service program that promotes economic development and job creation projects through the awarding of grant funds to eligible entities (please see link above for list of eligible applicants). Applicants will compete in two separate categories: business opportunity grants and business enterprise grants, for use in funding various business and community projects that serve rural areas.

* [**Applications are due February 28, 2025**](https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/login.faces?userType=applicant&cleanSession=1&INITIAL_LOAD=true)

[Ocean Protection Council, Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program](https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/senate-bill-1-sea-level-rise-adaptation-planning-grant-program/)

The SB 1 Grant Program aims to provide funding for local, regional, and federally recognized tribal governments and coastal communities to develop sea level rise (SLR) adaptation plans and projects that build resilience to SLR along the coast of California and San Francisco Bay. Funding is being offered for a range of SLR planning activities, including adaptation planning, data collection, and project implementation.

* **The application for this funding opportunity is currently ongoing**

[California Infrastructure & Economic Development Bank, Climate Catalyst Revolving Loan Fund](https://ibank.ca.gov/climate-financing/climate-catalyst-program/)

Designed to jumpstart critical climate solutions by offering flexible, low-cost credit and credit support to public and private sector applicants. The Fund’s current focus is on three sectors critical to supporting the state’s climate mitigation and resilience strategies:

1. Forest Biomass Management and Utilization
2. Clean Energy Transmission
3. Climate-Smart Agriculture *(not accepting applications at this time)*

* **To submit an application, please see the link above for program information and eligibility criteria**

[U.S. Department of Agriculture, Intermediary Relending Program (California)](https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/business-programs/intermediary-relending-program-8)

This new program was recently announced to fund local lenders or “intermediaries” that re-lend to businesses to improve economic conditions and create new opportunities in rural communities. Funds can be used for such activities as promoting community development, establishing a new business, creating, or retaining employment opportunities, to cover feasibility studies, and more.

* **Applications must be submitted to the appropriate**[**RD State Office**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.rd.usda.gov%2Fabout-rd%2Fstate-offices/1/0100019177637678-a09e9277-ecb5-4dcd-bc59-eceb2bb29701-000000/SYSKVkkMrjfUhajkQaIVGYhRVNM-iWwy1-IUlIC9PCY=367)**quarterly**

[EJ4Climate: Environmental Justice and Climate Resilience Grant m](http://www.cec.org/grant-programs/ej4climate/)

Funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) was established in 1994 by the governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States through the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation. The EJ4Climate Grant Program provides funding directly to community-based organizations and seeks to support environmental justice by facilitating the involvement and empowerment of communities searching for solutions and the development of partnerships to address their environmental and human health vulnerabilities, including those due to climate change impacts.

* Eligible applicants include nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), civil society groups, environmental groups, community-based associations, faith-based organizations, tribal nations, and Indigenous Peoples and communities.
* **Applications are due November 14, 2024, at 5:00 PM EST**

**Webinars\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

[FEMA Disaster Response: Small Business Resources, Insurance, and Claims](https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_OBuMqhRpTli15V6jWX4ayA#/registration)

The Disaster Response: Small Business Resources, Insurance, and Claims session is a part of the ongoing Small Business Disaster Preparedness Series aimed at sharing critical information and resources for small businesses to successfully navigate disaster recovery situations and build resiliency before, during, and after disasters.

* [**Webinar will take place on December 10, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. EST**](https://fema.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_OBuMqhRpTli15V6jWX4ayA#/registration) **(10:00am – 1130:am PST)**

[Indigenous Economic Development Community of Practice, Tourism and Culture-Centered Economic Development](https://www.indigenouscop.org/events-and-activities/tourism-and-culture-centered-economic-development)   
  
Tourism and culture-centered activities provide a unique lens through which to examine tribal and Native communities’ efforts to balance their interests in economic development with their desire to preserve their cultures in the face of outside influences, protect sacred sites, leave Native lands and ecosystems unspoiled, and maintain the tranquility and privacy of their communities. This session will focus on how tribal and Native communities have navigated this decision-making process and sought to diversify their activities to make their enterprises less vulnerable to economic, social, and health crises.

* **Webinar will take place on Wednesday, November 20, 2024, from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM (PST)**

[Data’s Role as a Catalyst for Equitable Economic Development](https://www.iedconline.org/events/2024/12/05/webinars/data-s-role-as-a-catalyst-for-equitable-economic-development/?utm_campaign=Weekly%20Briefing%202024&utm_medium=email&_hsenc=p2ANqtz-_QIO01Qu8pfhMAHOZ1plN6B6GbjKfYZvfnVJ2HaiKQSEAkvqa87NW4bv-XGdeRHErSLpTVBEkz6plnyJtmdoCeUdm0tGKUF9FPgLARZxsz2eo8YUw&_hsmi=329231408&utm_content=329231408&utm_source=hs_email)

This webinar from the International Economic Development Council will share how to explore and leverage data as a driving force for inclusive and equitable economic development. The webinar will include a panel discussion with industry experts and investigate best practices for forging fair and just equilibriums in communities. The webinar will help participants understand how to strategically employ data insights to shape the future of community procurement and planning processes that emphasize equity, empowerment, and economic sustainability. 

* **Webinar will take place on Thursday, December 5, 2024, from 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EST**

[U.S. Department of Transportation Fall/Winter 2024 Webinar Series on Climate Change and Transportation Topics](https://usdot.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_LbmU7tzrRKGUKAPRL2q2lg#/registration)

The USDOT Climate Change Center is hosting a 2024 webinar series on climate change and transportation topics, ranging from greenhouse gas reduction strategies to climate resilience activities to research and technology advancements.

* **Resilient Transportation Infrastructure: DOT Climate Adaptation Plan 2024-2027 (Nov 14, 2:00 PM EST)**
* **Parking Reform as a Climate Strategy (Dec 11, 2:00 PM EST)**
* **Navigating Climate Challenges: Enhancing Transportation Resilience (Jan 15, 2:00 PM EST)**

[Roadmap to Success: A Caltrans Guide for Small Businesses](https://dot.ca.gov/-/media/dot-media/programs/civil-rights/documents/business-resources/the-road-to-do-business-with-caltrans-contracting-and-procurement-guide-a11y.pdf)

A contracting and procurement resource guide designed to help small businesses navigate the complexities of working with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The [webinars](https://form.jotform.com/200064023739144) are aimed at assisting small businesses with certifications, bid documents, and public works projects.

* **Scheduled November 4, 2024, to December 2, 2024 (9:30am – 10:30 am, PST)**

**Training\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

[AWR-433-W: Climate Literacy for Emergency Managers](https://training.ncdpcourses.org/browse/wbt/climate-and-equity/courses/awr-433-w)

The National Center for Disaster Preparedness (NCDP) has created a national climate resilience curriculum focusing on equity for state, local, Tribal, and territorial emergency managers. AWR-433-W is a free, web-based training that gives learners an overview of climate change and how it relates to emergency management. The course reviews the root causes and addresses climate change's impacts on communities.

* **This course is a self-paced, virtual course**

[PER-420: Understanding Climate Risk - Hazard, Vulnerability, and Community Resilience](https://training.ncdpcourses.org/browse/instructor-led-ilt/climate-per-420/per420-il/courses/per-420-il)

Provides an overview of climate change and community resilience and reviews available tools, such as the Resilience Analysis and Planning Tool (RAPT) and the National Risk Index (NRI), and how to use these tools to inform planning. Case studies and scenarios will also be presented for learners to understand lessons learned regarding preparation for supply chain management in a changing climate.

* **This course is virtual - May 14, 2025, from 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CT**

[PER-419: Understanding Climate Change and Social Vulnerability for Disaster Management](https://training.ncdpcourses.org/browse/instructor-led-v/climate-per-419/courses/per-419-mn)

Live virtual training that will provide participants with an overview of climate change and its impact on disaster management and vulnerable populations. This course will review available tools, such as the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool, and discuss how to incorporate them into emergency plans. The course will also cover how to incorporate equity in emergency planning.

* **This course will be virtual and participation for both days is required.**
* **The training will take place on February 25-26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CT**

[AWR-347: Climate Adaptation Planning for Emergency Management](https://ndptc.hawaii.edu/training/delivery/3818/)

Builds awareness of future climate hazards and impacts that the emergency services sector may face to help emergency services and the community better prepare for the climate adaptations necessary and systems vulnerabilities that may occur from hazard impacts. Participants will gain an understanding of how to identify and apply adaptation strategies to address local emergency services sector vulnerabilities. The training is also designed to provide opportunities for participants to learn about various resources that can be used to implement local climate adaptation strategies in their communities.

* **This course is an 8-hour two-day course on January 14-15, 2025, from 12:00 – 4:00 PM EST**

**Resources\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

[U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation: Resilience in a Box](https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/solutions/disaster-response-and-resiliency/resilience-in-a-box)

Resilience in a Box is intended to help educate businesses on how to prepare for disasters of all kinds, while building in flexibility to handle potential business interruptions. The resources available include a [Resilience 101 Workbook](https://chamber-foundation.files.svdcdn.com/production/documents/Resilience-in-a-Box-Workbook.pdf?dm=1697837052#asset:30609@1), which acts as a guide for small businesses and large companies strive toward preparedness issues, preparedness checklists, geared towards assessing six critical assets before a disaster occurs, and Disaster Resistant Business (DRB) Workbook, DRB toolkits, and more.

[Climate Resolve’s Grant Writing Assistance Program](https://www.climateresolve.org/grant-writing-assistance-program/)

Climate Resolve’s no-cost grant writing services build local adaptive capacity and help invest grant funding in local communities, which preserves and stimulates economic growth. The “Ready for Tomorrow” program connects disadvantaged communities and disadvantaged vulnerable communities in Southern California to climate planning research, funding, and resources. 

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Sustainable Communities Accelerator Network](https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sustainable-communities-accelerator-network#About%20the%20Program)

EPA's Office of Community Revitalization is launching the Sustainable Communities Accelerator Network, a national peer learning program to support local leaders in implementing plans to prioritize sustainability actions in their communities. The Sustainable Communities Accelerator Network will expand the capacity of teams to move an idea from paper to action and enable participants to share experiences and learn from one another.

* [Application deadline to apply is November 13, 2024, at 11:59 PM EST](https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sustainable-communities-accelerator-network#How%20to%20Apply)

[LISTOS California’s Disaster Ready Guide](https://www.listoscalifornia.org/resources/?_search=ready%20guide)

LISTOS has recently updated their Disaster Ready Guide, which contains simple, easily digestible information for how community members can best prepare themselves, friends, and their families for any potential emergencies or any future incidents. The Guide is available in over 15 different languages, which are accessible online at the link above.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Climate Resilience and Adaptation Funding Toolbox](http://url6130.epa.mediaroom.com/ls/click?upn=u001.iqz6hAvLdUl-2FaSixKUG3i5M7-2Ftp15QiEbe05KkhTN1WG7UCIU6dg91jf9xW-2Bgn64nnh6f5PcFzKUthuSg5k6pA-3D-3D114u_0vYRGyQ4AXLctOw5ybsy33M0TW-2FT-2F-2FxpAhTOs-2FFENGgcL3-2FAlY-2BciLx6mMAnqrGnuyxOFGITRqPEdM6QgTYc6Va-2BUHsj4mD0Yrks-2FZ1PGdF0D7YdnUQw7oBNht1yK5CPdfHrnPG508rQMD9p02MjU2BqSV-2B83QaOuEN2YN8n7ZxGf3F52Be-2B6zKMMk2ZrdWteXY7bObjxkRjjqGEG5RfnO-2FnDXMM3x-2BtdpOtovx44kU7ee7nDNUXGIXEGOm8FePW)

The Climate Resilience and Adaptation Funding Toolbox (CRAFT) was created to support technical assistance providers working with states, tribes, communities, nongovernmental organizations, academia, businesses, and others looking to make sure their investments are resilient to climate-related impacts. The CRAFT can help potential funding applicants learn about and secure financial support for climate-smart investments, particularly communities that are just getting started and have historically been unable to access federal dollars.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regional Resiliency Toolkit](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2019-07/documents/regional_resilience_toolkit.pdf)

The Regional Resilience Toolkit promotes an inclusive, coordinated approach to disaster planning. It is designed to help multiple jurisdictions and levels of government, as well as non-governmental partners and local groups, collaborate on regional-scale actions. It can be used in any region or community no matter the size, location, capacity, or hazard.

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Smart Growth Self-Assessment for Rural Communities](https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-12/documents/rural_self_assessment_121815.pdf)

The Smart Growth Self-Assessment for Rural Communities is a compilation of strategies, organized by 11 common "goal areas," that villages, towns, and small cities can use to evaluate their existing policies to create healthy, environmentally resilient, and economically robust places. This tool provides a checklist of smart growth strategies, which are organized into topical "goal areas," that are relevant to a variety of small towns and rural communities.

[Minority Business Development Agency: Business Resource Centers](https://www.mbda.gov/business-resources/business-centers)

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce, provides assistance to support innovative projects seeking to promote and ensure the growth of minority enterprises. The MBDA Business Center Program provides technical assistance and business development services to minority business enterprises for minority business owners looking to expand into new markets, build capacity, and scale operations.

[National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Sea Level Rise Viewer](https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr.html)

This tool allows users to visualize community-level impacts from coastal flooding or SLR. Photo simulations of how future flooding might impact local landmarks are also provided, as well as data related to water depth, connectivity, flooding, socio-economic vulnerability, wetland loss and migration, and mapping.

*To be added to either the Community Planning and Capacity Building (CPCB) or the Economic (ECON) bulletin distribution list, please send a request to* [*LongTermRecovery@caloes.ca.gov*](mailto:LongTermRecovery@caloes.ca.gov)*. An accessible version of the CPCB/ECON Bulletin will be posted to* [*www.CalOES.ca.gov/RSF*](http://www.CalOES.ca.gov/RSF) *shortly after distribution.*