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Demystifying Federal Grants Workshop

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Workshop Slides & Recording

- PDF [Slide Presentation](#)
- Workshop [Video Recording](#)

1:1 Technical Assistance Providers

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request [TA form](#)

See full list of TA in Region 1 [here](#) ↓

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN REGION 1		
SCOPE PROJECTS & FIND PARTNERS	GRANT SUPPORT & REGISTRATIONS	COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT
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Find Grants & More Grant Resources

- [Justice40 Resources Website](#) - lots of funding trackers, datasets, templates, and more!
- [Find Grants](#) - Region 1
- [Grant Terms & Jargon Cheat Sheet](#)
- [List of Grant Terms & Definitions](#)
- [Grants.Gov Workspace Roles](#)
- [Budget Template & Example](#)

- [About Justice40 Covered Programs](#)
- [Grants.gov](#)
- [Sam.gov](#)

Find Data

- [Data - Region 1](#)
- [EPA Disadvantaged Communities Map](#) (a combination of CEJST and EPA EJ Screen)

Prepare Organization

- [Federal Grant Readiness Checklist](#)
- [Should Our Organization Consider a Federal Grant?](#)
- [Nevada Grant Lab](#)

Prepare Projects

- [Project Scoping Checklist](#)
- [Project Snapshot](#)

Assess Grant Opportunity

- [Is This Grant For Us? 9 Question Checklist](#)

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) & Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- [Inflation Reduction Act List of Funding Programs, Rebates, & Incentives](#)
- [Inflation Reduction Act List of Tax Incentives](#)
- [Inflation Reduction Act - EPA](#)
- [Track BIL Funding in RI](#)
- [Track IRA Funding in RI](#)

Federal Funding - Track Spending By State

- [USA Spending](#)

Track Congressionally Directed Spending in RI

- [US Government Accountability Office - Track Congressionally Directed Spending By State](#)

Southeast New England Program Network

- [2-pager explainer: Southeast New England Program Network \(SNEP Network\)](#)
- [Project Examples: SNEP Network](#)
- [SNEP SOAR Grant](#)

Community-Driven Planning Resources

- [Community-Driven Planning Resources](#)

EPA Community Change Grant: Track I and Track II

- [Main website](#)
- [Technical assistance info](#)
- [Technical assistance webinars](#)
- [Video explainer](#)
- [Request technical assistance](#)
- [FAQ #1 | FAQ #2](#)
- [2-page explainer](#)
- For more information about the NOFO contact CCGP@epa.gov
- To subscribe to the EPA's EJ Listserv, send a blank email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov
- [Suggested 6-step application process](#)
- To request a TA for preparing a community change grant application:
<https://communitychangeta.org>
- Call: 1(800) 540-8123
- For language assistance: EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov

Workshop Questions & Answers

Q: How does TA work if you are an artistic organization? E.G. as a sub awardee?

A: Whether you are a prime recipient or a subawardee, working on environmental justice or an artistic organization - technical assistance is available to you. If you're seeking information about being a subawardee, see [here](#). For technical assistance, consider contacting Davina Resto at EPN to help you navigate to the right resource to learn more about resources for subawardees and how to manage your funding. You may also consider reaching out to [RI State Council on the Arts](#) or calling them at: 1-401-222-3880.

Q: If there was a way to explain the community change grant in plain language, what the different tracks help you to do, and how it might fund capacity across a lot of projects, collaborations and programs it might help us individually and together identify next steps.

A: The Community Change Grant is a way for disadvantaged communities to get money for projects in your community that will address climate change and pollution. There are lots of project categories in each of those big buckets. For example - pollution might include indoor air quality of homes, outdoor air quality, soil toxins, lead pipes, and more. To learn more about this grant, check out Environmental Protection Network's list of [Community Change Grant resources](#), including their [example Track I narrative](#) and [example Track II narrative](#) to get a better sense of the kinds of information that will go into a proposal. As well, here is a [2-page explainer](#) about the Community Change Grant which breaks it down into simpler language.

Q: What does DAF mean? How do we register to participate? In informational webinars?

A: DAF stands for Donor Advised Funds. Please contact Davina Resto at davina.resto@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org to access the recording of the webinar hosted on 3/4/2024: **Understanding Philanthropy & DAFs**, a webinar to explain why it's essential for environmental groups to grasp the basics of philanthropy and how structured giving can benefit your projects.

Q: Are you able to share the all resources EPN has developed for community change with everyone after the webinar?

A: Yes! Here is the link:


<https://www.environmentalprotectionnetwork.org/change-grants-application-process/>

Q: How are funds distributed if a grant is received?

A: Reach out to Davina Resto at EPN to help explain the federal grant reimbursement payment process outlined by federal law in the Uniform Guidance. As a brief explainer, the Lead Applicant/Prime Recipient/Prime Awardee will be the entity to request, receive, and manage funds from the federal government. The Prime Recipient is then tasked to distribute funding to all Subrecipients or Collaborating Entities named in the grant award, as well as manage funding to contractors hired through a standard competitive bidding process. To understand how funding is distributed through the Community Change Grant, here is the exact language from the [FAQ](#) Question 4, Page 6:

“Automated Standard Application Payments (ASAP) and Proper Payment Draw Down.”

“Recipients must enroll in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system to



draw down funds. Payments made to recipients through ASAP are virtually instantaneous—typically the same business day. Recipients must draw down funds based on actual costs incurred (“immediate cash requirements”) rather than in a single draw at the beginning of the grant or multiple lump sum draws based on estimated costs in order to comply with 2 CFR 200.305(b). Recipients do not have to pay employees, contractors and subrecipients before obtaining payment from ASAP but must disburse the funds for the incurred costs within 5 working days of receiving the ASAP payment subject to a 5% of the amount of payment or \$1,000 cushion for calculation errors. EPA’s Award Official may make exceptions to the 5-business day disbursement basis based on documented circumstances that prevent the recipient from complying with that requirement. Recipients must return excess funds through ASAP.”

Q: We are waiting to hear back re: technical assistance. My colleague submitted the request AND Q: We did finally did receive an email response to our application for TA telling us someone would contact us, but no one has actually contacted us.

A: Olivia Lopez is the EPA EJ Coordinator for Region 1 and has promised to followup with both individuals who requested help. If you have not received follow-up from the Community Change Grant TA Center, please email Olivia Lopez at: Lopez.Olivia@epa.gov

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