



Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program EPA Region 3

GHHI's EPA Region 3 Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program Pre-Launch Webinar

August 7, 2024

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Welcome



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Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI)

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GHHI is dedicated to addressing the social determinants of health and the advancement of racial and health equity through the creation of healthy, safe and energy efficient homes.



Accomplishments



\$650 million raised and +45 pieces of legislation passed to support health and equity in housing.



Architect of the most health protective lead laws in the nation, leading to a 99% reduction in lead poisoning in Maryland. Policies have been replicated around the country.



Leading healthy housing convener at the local (over 75 partnering jurisdictions), state and national levels.



Field leader in alignment of housing with other sectors such as healthcare, energy, and education.



National leader in innovative financing models for healthy homes including designing the first Pay for Success model with Medicaid paying for outcomes.



Leading healthy homes programs contracted by Medicaid MCOs and ACOs. Supports other contracted programs by demonstration of Medicaid and Hospital Community Benefits investments.

GHHI's Whole-House Model

Comprehensive, integrated resident education, assessment, and housing interventions



Hazard Recognition, Risk Assessment, Risk Management, and Phased Scope of Work to Address Multiple Intervention Needs:

- › Lead-based paint hazards
- › Asthma triggers (Mold, pests, VOCs)
- › Injury hazards (Falls, fire, poisoning, etc.)
- › Radon and asbestos hazards
- › Energy efficiency/weatherization issues
- › Electrification/decarbonization
- › Housing rehabilitation



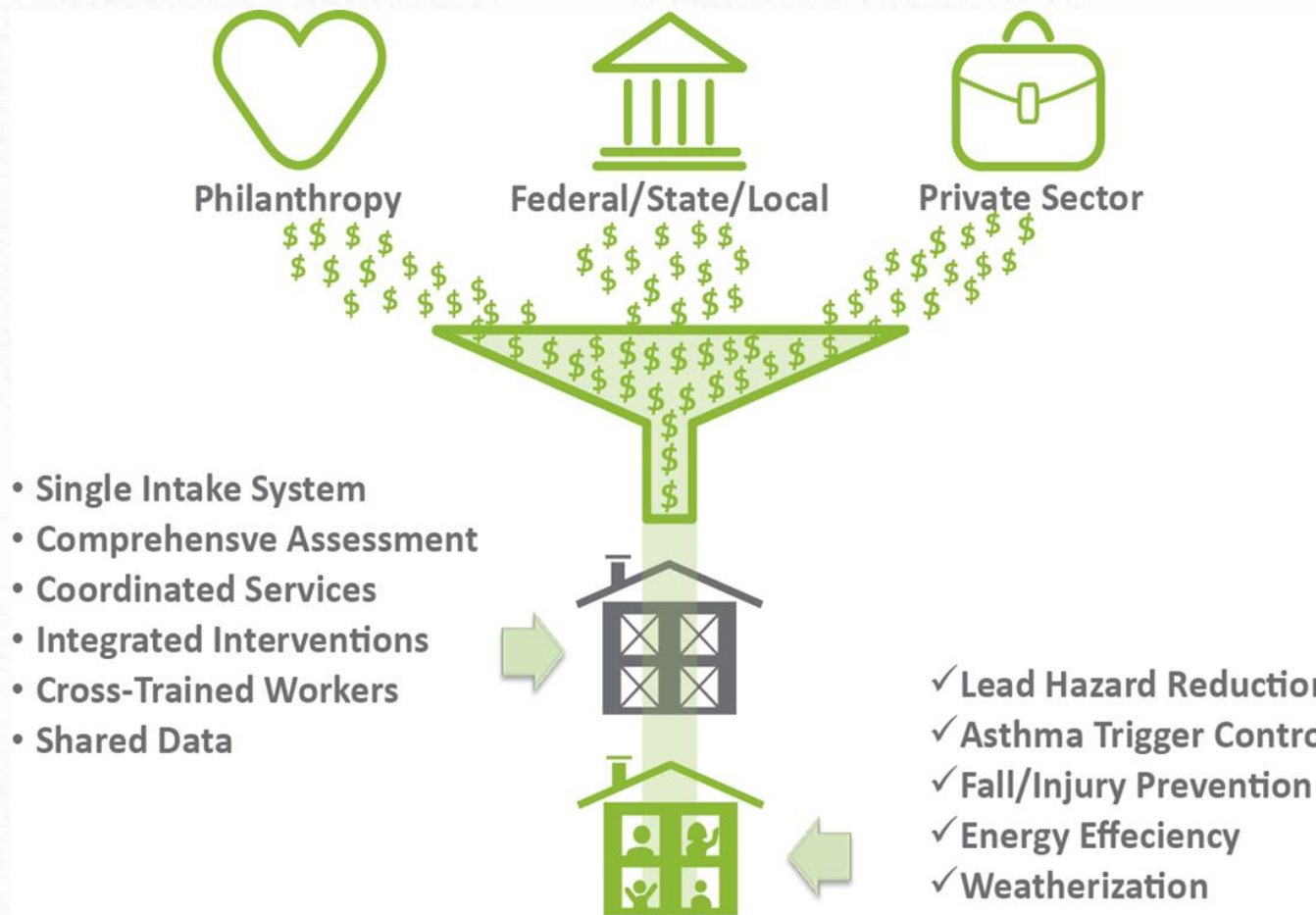
Conducted by cross-trained housing assessors, educators, and contractors addressing housing issues holistically

GHHI Model: Aligning Resources to Advance Holistic Retrofits

Align
Services & funding

Braid
Relevant resources

Coordinate
Service delivery



**GHHI's EPA Region 3
Thriving Communities
Grantmaking Program**

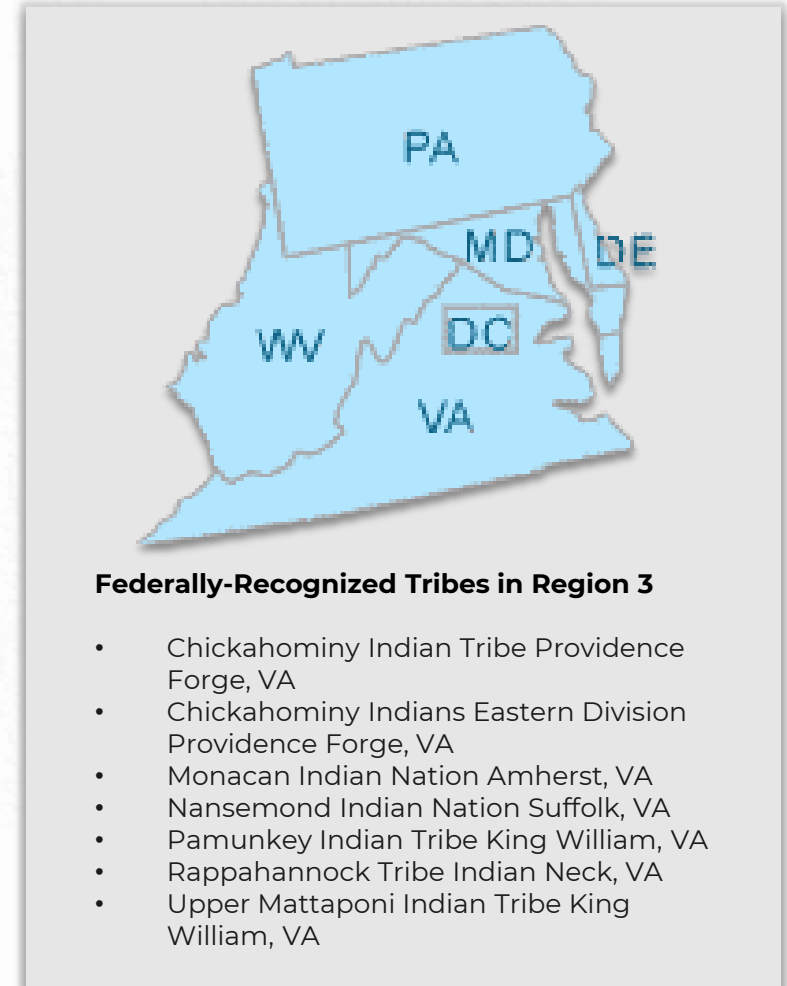
EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (TCGM) Program

- Purpose: Reduce barriers and make it easier for small, community-based organizations to access federal environmental justice funds.
- \$600 million from Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the largest investment in climate action in history.
- 11 grantmakers covering all EPA regions to distribute thousands of grants over 3 years.



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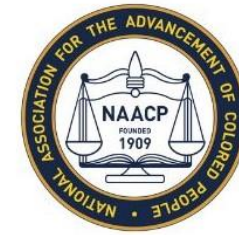
- \$40 million in grants to approximately **171 eligible environmental justice grant projects** benefitting disadvantaged communities in EPA's Region 3
- Program staff and **TA Provider partners** with subject matter expertise to support applicants and grantees



GHHI's TCGM Advisory Board

Organizations will:

- Outreach & applicant engagement
- Program design
- Ensure equitable & transparent grant awarding & project implementation processes.



GHHI's TCGM Core TA Partners



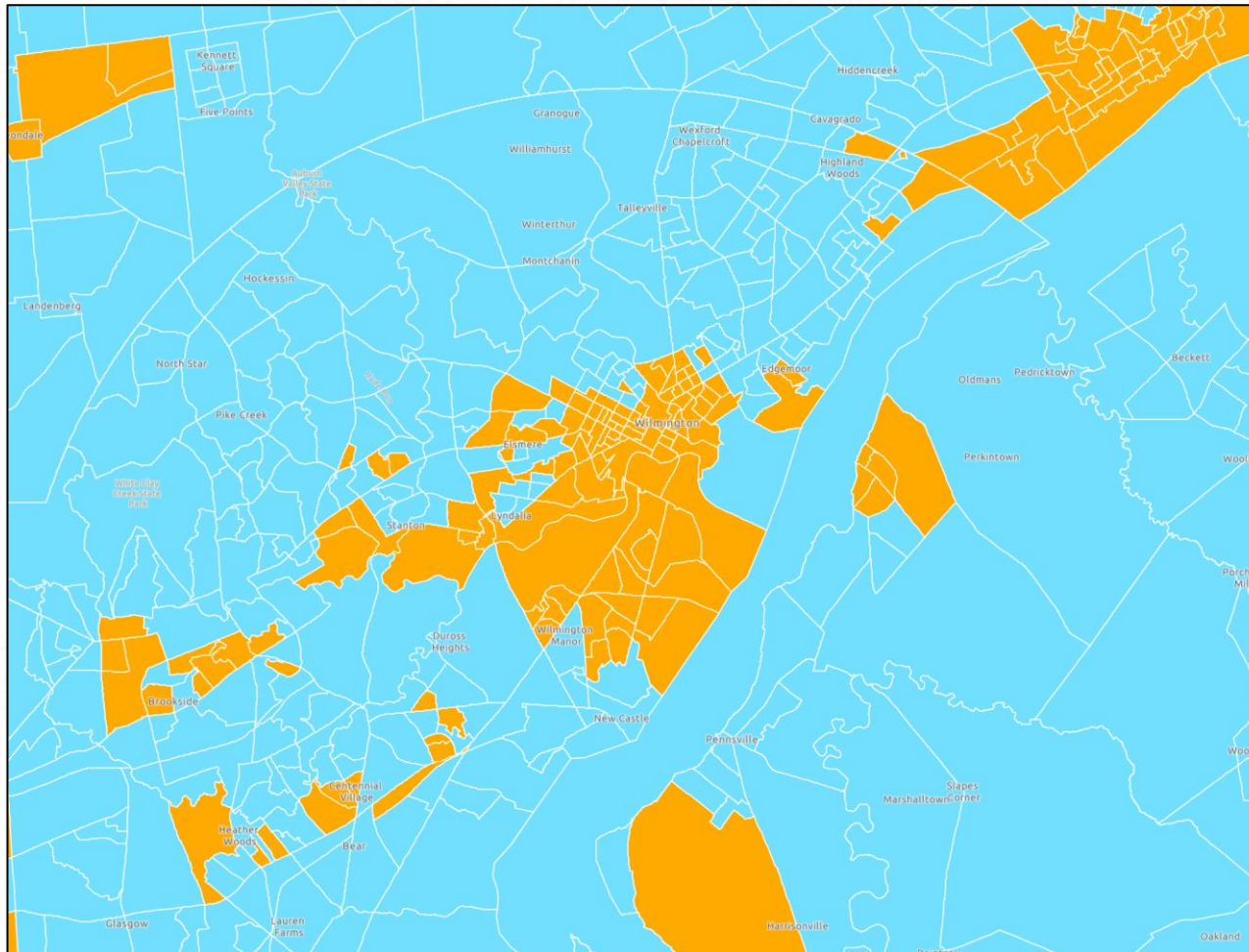
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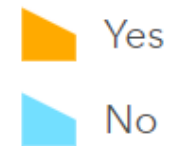
Purpose of the Thriving Communities Subgrants

Focus	Strengthen	Connect	Catalyze
<p><u>Focus resources</u> to benefit communities disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health harms and risks.</p>	<p><u>Strengthen the capacity</u> of local grassroots and community-based organizations.</p>	<p><u>Connect community-based organizations with support and TA</u> advance community-driven projects to address local environmental justice issues.</p>	<p><u>Catalyze</u> disadvantaged and underserved communities into healthy, thriving communities.</p>

Focus: Grants to realize benefits for communities overburdened and underserved



EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities



Source:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/inflation-reduction-act-disadvantaged-communities-map>

Eligible Applicants (must be in EPA Region 3)

- Nonprofit organizations
- Tribal governments (both federally and state recognized) and intertribal consortia
- Native American organizations (includes Indian groups, cooperatives, nonprofit corp., partnerships, and associations)
- Local governments
- Institutions of higher education

Grantmaking Focus: Possible EJ Issues

- Air quality & asthma
- Fence line air quality monitoring
- Monitoring of effluent discharges from industrial facilities
- Water quality & sampling
- Small cleanup projects
- Improving food access to reduce vehicle miles traveled
- Stormwater issues and green infrastructure
- Lead and asbestos contamination.
- Pesticides and other toxic substances
- Healthy homes that are energy/water use efficient and not subject to indoor air pollution
- Illegal dumping activities, such as education, outreach, and small-scale clean-ups
- Emergency preparedness and disaster resiliency
- Environmental job training for occupations that reduce greenhouse gases and other air pollutants
- Environmental justice training for youth

+ Other community-driven environmental justice priorities

Grantmaking Summary

Tier	Award Focus	Expected Number	Grant Amount	Award Period
I	Assessment projects	60	\$150,000	1 year
II	Planning projects	51	Up to \$250,000	1-2 years
III	Implementation projects	50	Up to \$350,000	2 years
N/A	Non-competitive capacity building	10	\$75,000	1 year

Examples of Project Activities, by Tier

Tier 1
Assessment
1 year
\$150,000

- Sampling
- Testing
- Monitoring
- Investigation
- Surveys and studies
- Public education
- Project design research

Tier 2
Planning
1-2 years
Up to \$250,000

- Planning
- Community engagement
- Partnership building
- Public outreach and education
- Trainings
- Small land purchase and acquisition (less than 50% of award)

Tier 3
Development
2 years
Up to \$350,000

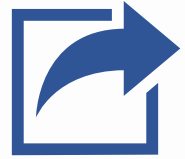
- Implementation of project plans
- Development
- Blueprints, Plans, Technical development
- Obtaining permits for EJ project
- Small land purchase and acquisition (less than 50% of award)

Noncompetitive Grants: 1 year, \$75,000

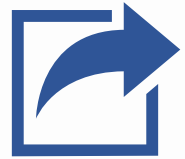
- Expected to be **10 noncompetitive** awards for severely capacity constrained entities
- Criteria and selection process will be developed by GHHI and the Advisory Board
- Not managed through this RFA process

Request for Applications

Request for Applications (RFA) Timeline



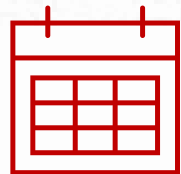
Applications for all three tiers will be rolling submission



RFA anticipated launch - August 2024

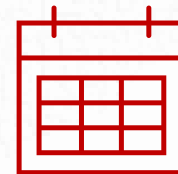
Submission Deadlines

November 30, 2024



2-year award submissions

April 30, 2025



1-year award submissions

Application Materials

Vision: Transparent, low-barrier application, with optional templates and limited questions.

- Online platform for submissions (preferred) or mail-in option.
- Expectation is that the application can be completed in 4 to 8 hours, including up to an hour for the budget and up to an hour for the work plan.
- Supports for applicants throughout the process

Application Materials

Narrative Proposal	Community need, proposed project, organizational capacity & TA needs, project evaluation process. (No more than 7 pages)
Budget	Optional template will be provided.
Work Plan	Optional template will be provided.
Financial Statement	Most recent statement. Tier I applicants without a financial statement can submit a document explaining how the project will be financially managed.
A-133 Audit	Most recent A-133 audit, if applicable.

Optional Materials



2 to 3 minute video about the project or highlighting the need for the project



Up to 3 additional project-related documents, such as case studies, project logic model, or news articles



Up to 3 letters of commitment from partnering entities' leadership

Application Scoring

Application Element	Max Points	Suggested Page Length
Community Need	20	1 to 2 pages
Project Description	30	2 pages + Workplan
Organizational Capacity and Needs	30	2 pages
Evaluation Plan	10	1 page
Budget	10	Budget worksheet

Review Process

GOAL: Time between application submission, review, award, and under agreement is no more than three months.

- Applications will be checked for completion and that threshold criteria are met (e.g. required materials provided, entity is eligible, etc.) within 15 days of receipt.
- Eligible applications moving to full review will be completed within 1 ½ months.
- Debrief may be requested for non-awarded projects. Applications can be re-submitted once if it is before the end date for applications

Application Announcement & Assistance

GHHI's Thriving Communities Website:

www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/thrivingcommunities/

- Sign up for updates
- Request for Applications (Mid-August)
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Applicant Webinars starting in late August/September
- Available Office Hours
- Please submit inquiries to ThrivingCommunities@ghhi.org.

Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (TCTAC) for Region 3

The **National Wildlife Federation**, the **University of Maryland**, and other partners awarded \$12 million by EPA to provide TA throughout the region.

Primary objectives:

1. Outreach to underserved, overburdened, rural, and capacity constrained communities to receive TA.
2. Capacity-building for environmental and energy justice assessment.
3. Capacity-building and direct assistance in grant writing techniques and financing.
4. Capacity-Building and direct assistance to engage policy-makers, government, business, and industry in decision-making to address environmental and energy injustices

Region 3 TCTAC is a resource for potential applicants.

www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Environmental-Justice/Region-3-TCTAC

1-202-792-5350 or 1-800-757-1405



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Q & A



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