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## AGENDA

### Leadership Team

Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 1:30 PM

In Person	Zoom Video	Zoom Phone Audio
Kalapuya Building 4500 SW Research Way Corvallis, Oregon	<a href="#">Click for Zoom link</a>	Dial 1-253-215-8782
	Zoom Meeting ID: 848 1810 4373	
	Zoom Passcode: 853558	

#### Meeting Part 1

1. (15 minutes) Request for Content for County Media Platforms – Cory Grogan, Public Information Officer
2. (15 minutes) Sustainability Update – Jennifer Brown, Sustainability Coordinator

#### Meeting Part 2 – (Department Directors Only)

# Sustainability Update

February 7, 2004

Jen Brown  
Sustainability Program



# EPA Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant Program

Climate Action and Pollution Reduction Strategies to meaningfully improve the environmental, climate, and resilience conditions affecting disadvantaged communities.

- Increase community resilience through climate action activities
- Reduce local pollution to improve public health
- Center meaningful community engagement
- Build community strength
- Reach priority populations
- Maximize integration across projects

**Multi-faceted applications -- Implemented through strong collaborations – To achieve sustained impacts**

# Eligibility

- Eligible applicants include a partnership between two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs), or a partnership between a CBO and one of the following: a Federally recognized Tribe, a local government, ...

# Funding & Awards

- Total of \$2 billion in funding
- Awards are expected to be between \$10-20 million each and cannot exceed \$20 million.

# Timelines

- Application packages will be accepted on a rolling basis until November 21, 2024
- If awarded funding, must be ready to begin project within 120 days
- All funds must be expended within 3 years, no extensions.

# Project Requirements

**Requirement 1: Climate Action Strategies.** Must include at least one project aligned with at least one of the Climate Action Strategies identified below:

- Strategy 1: Green Infrastructure and Nature-Based Solutions
- Strategy 2: Mobility and Transportation Options for Preventing Air Pollution and Improving Public Health and Climate Resilience
- Strategy 3: Energy-Efficient, Healthy, and Resilient Housing and Buildings
- Strategy 4: Microgrid Installation for Community Energy Resilience
- Strategy 5: Community Resilience Hubs
- Strategy 6: Brownfield Redevelopment for Emissions Reduction and Climate Resilience
- Strategy 7: Waste Reduction and Management to Support a Circular Economy
- Strategy 8: Workforce Development Programs for Occupations that Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Air Pollutants

**Requirement 2: Pollution Reduction Strategies.** Must include at least one project aligned with at least one of the Pollution Reduction Strategies identified below.

- Strategy 1: Indoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvements
- Strategy 2: Outdoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvements
- Strategy 3: Clean Water Infrastructure to Reduce Pollution Exposure and Increase Overall System Resilience
- Strategy 4: Safe Management and Disposal of Solid and Hazardous Waste

**Requirement 3: Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance Plan.** Including but not limited to:

- Past Community Outreach and Engagement Conducted
- Community Engagement Plan Implementation
- Collaborative Governance Structure

**Requirement 4: Community Strength Plan.** This plan should describe how the projects in the application are intended to

1. maximize the economic benefits of the projects for existing residents in the Project Area, and
2. avoid unintended consequences for existing residents in the Project Area including the displacement of residents in the Project Area.

**Requirement 5: Readiness Approach.** Grants must be completed within three years; applicants must describe their approach for initiating grant performance upon award, or generally within 120 days after award.

**Requirement 6: Compliance Plan.** Applicants must submit a plan describing how they will ensure compliance for financial management, internal controls, pass-through entities, and management of broader legal and compliance risks.

# Our Conversation So Far

Departments engaged:

- Financial Services, CommDev, NAPE, Emergency Services, Health, Sustainability

Project Proposal Concepts explored:

- Develop and/or Strengthen a network of Climate Resiliency Hubs in Benton County
- Increase energy efficiency in homes of income qualified residents of Benton County

Next Steps:

- Feb 15 meeting with team and CFM.
- Determine if we have a project and readiness to apply.

# Employee Commute Survey

- Most recent stats



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