



The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program

EPA has selected 18 Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTACs) in partnership with the [U.S. Department of Energy](#) that will receive \$177 million to help underserved and overburdened communities across the country.

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Overview of the EJ TCTACs

Each of the technical assistance centers will receive at least \$10 million to remove barriers and improve accessibility for communities with environmental justice concerns. With this critical investment, these centers will provide training and other assistance to build capacity for navigating federal grant application systems, developing strong grant proposals, and effectively managing grant funding. In addition, these centers will provide guidance on community engagement, meeting facilitation, and translation and interpretation services for limited English-speaking participants, thus removing barriers and improving accessibility for communities with environmental justice concerns. Each of the technical assistance centers will also create and manage communication channels to ensure all communities have direct access to resources and information.

[Learn about all of the EJ TCTACs \(pdf\)](#) (402.25 KB)

The EJ TCTAC Program is part of the [Federal Thriving Communities Network Initiative](#) that is working towards a holistic government-wide framework for providing technical assistance and capacity building resources those most in need to improve and foster thriving communities throughout the country.

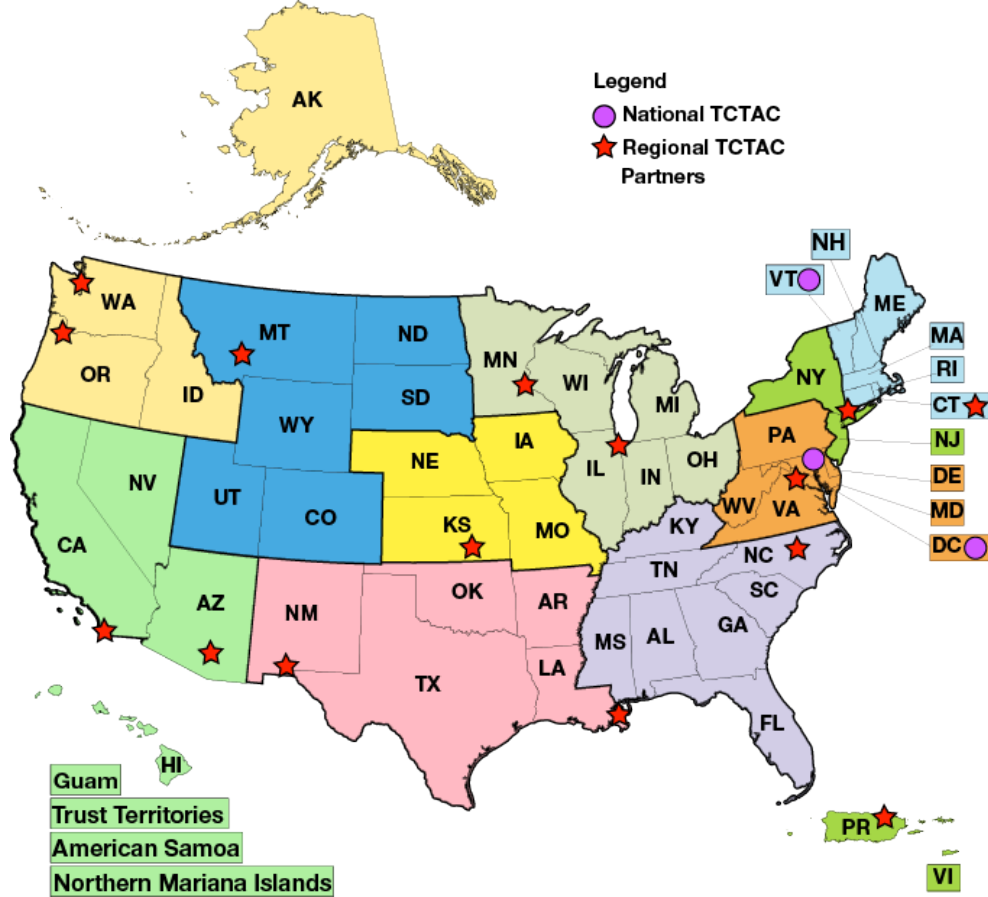
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Map of the EJ TCTACs

Click the map below to see the 18 EJ TCTACs and their partners:

Additional Information

- [Read the press release announcing the EJ TCTACs](#)
- [View the EJ TCTAC Request for Applications \(pdf\)](#) (606.37 KB) (closed November 1, 2022)
- [EJ TCTAC Selection Fact Sheet \(pdf\)](#) (193.09 KB)
- [Informational Video on the Environmental and Climate Justice Communities Grants Program](#)
- [Clean Energy Demonstration Program on Current and Former Mine Land](#)
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Submitting a Request for Technical Assistance



EJ TCTACs are now accepting technical assistance requests. To submit a request for technical assistance, please identify the EJ TCTAC for your region from the table below and navigate to their individual website. If you are interested in technical assistance for the Community Change Grants \$2 billion Notice of Funding Opportunity, please visit: [Community Change Grants Technical Assistance](#)

Awardee

West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc. (dba WE ACT for Environmental Justice)

Region	Awardee	Partner List	Website to Submit Technical Assistance Requests
1 (serving CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, and VT)	University of Connecticut (UConn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection Network • Groundwork USA • New England Rural Health Association • University of Massachusetts Boston's Institute for New England Native American Studies • University of Southern Maine's New England Environmental Finance Center 	https://environmental-justice.program.uconn.edu/ ↗
2 (serving NJ, NY, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and 8 federally recognized)	West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc. (dba WE ACT for Environmental Justice)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York University School of Law Institute for Policy Integrity (academic) • Inter American University (academic) • Columbia University Climate School (academic) 	https://www.weact.org/tctac/ ↗

Indian Nations)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Protection Network (nonprofit, technical assistance) • Clean Energy Group (nonprofit, technical assistance) • New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance (nonprofit, environmental justice) • South Ward Environmental Alliance (nonprofit, environmental justice) 	
2 (serving NJ, NY, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and 8 federally recognized Indian Nations)	Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Metropolitan Campus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WEACT • Community Engineering Corps • NJ Science and Technology University • Vitrina Solidaria • Energy Justice PR • Environmental Protection Network • Department of Economic Development and Commerce of PR & • SBDC for Region 2 	https://metro.inter.edu/ecoeagle/
3 (serving DE, DC, MD, PA, VA, WV and 7 federally recognized tribes)	National Wildlife Federation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Maryland's (UMD) Center for Community Engagement Environmental Justice and Health (CEEJH) • Environmental Finance Center (EFC) • Morgan State University • West Virginia State University • Centro De Apoyo Familiar • South Baltimore Community Land Trust • Overbrook Education Center • Sussex Health & Environmental Network/Sentinels of Eastern Shore Health • Empower DC 	https://www.nwf.org/Our-Work/Environmental-Justice/Region-3-TCTAC
4 (serving AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN)	Research Triangle Institute (RTI International)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Carolina Central University (academic/Minority-serving Institution [MSI]) • University of Memphis (academic) • University of South Carolina (academic) 	http://react4ej.org/




		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Georgia (academic) • Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (academic/MSI) • Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (academic/MSI) • University of Kentucky (academic) • Jackson State University (academic/MSI) • Environmental Protection Network (non-profit) 	
5 (serving IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI)	Blacks in Green (BIG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA) • Black Environmental Leaders (BEL) • Environmental Health Watch (EHW) • The School of Public Health, University of Illinois, Chicago • The Smart Energy Design Center, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (SEDAC) 	https://www.blacksingreen.org/resources/big-justice-tctac 
5 (serving IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, and WI)	University of Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Minnesota (academic) • University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (academic) • Michigan State University (academic) • Purdue University (academic) • Ohio State University (academic) • Great Plains Institute (non-profit) • Environmental Protection Network (non-profit) • Community Engineering Corps (non-profit) • Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (non-profit) 	https://greatlakestctac.umn.edu/ 
4 (serving AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN) and 6 (serving	Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic: Alabama A&M University • Bethune Cookman University • Spelman College 	https://www.dscej.org/circ 


AR, LA, NM,
OK, and TX)

- Dillard University
- Jackson State Univ.
- North Carolina Central University
- South Carolina State University
- Tennessee State University
- Texas Southern University
- Xavier University
- Community-Based: Clean, Healthy, Educated, Safe and Sustainable
- Unity in the Family Ministry
- Education, Economics, Environmental, Climate, and Health Organization
- East New Orleans Neighborhood Advisory Commission
- Coalition of Community Organizations
- Government: U.S. Representative, 2nd District
- City of New Orleans Office of Hazard Mitigation
- Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
- New Orleans City Council District E.
- Research and Policy: Bullard Center for Environmental and Climate Justice
- Alliance for Affordable Energy
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Environmental Protection Network
- Health Impacts of Degraded Environments
- Healthy Gulf
- Land Loss Prevention Project
- Ocean Conservancy
- Union of Concerned Scientist
- West Atlanta Watershed Alliance
- Metropolitan Group
- Center for Earth Energy and Democracy
- People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith-Based: Louisiana General Missionary Baptist Convention and the Baptist Pastors Conference of New Orleans 	
6 (serving AR, LA, NM, OK, and TX)	New Mexico State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NMSU (Academic-College of Engineering and Cooperative Extension Service) • Beloved Community (Non-profit) • UT Arlington-based Texas Manufacturing Extension Program (Academic, TMAC) • Life City (Business/Industry) • Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce (Non-profit, SFGCC) • Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana(Non-profit) • Arkansas Capital Corporation (Business/Industry, ACC) • Gulf States Renewable Energy Industry Association (Non-profit, GSREIA), Together Louisiana (Non-profit) • G.A.A.P. Grant Writing Training (Non-profit) 	https://scejrc.nmsu.edu/index.html
7 (serving IA, KS, MO, and NE)	Wichita State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Center for Rural Affairs • Climate and Energy Project • Community Engineering Corps • Environmental Protection Network • Iowa Environment Council • Kansas Rural Center • Kansas State University Engineering Extension • Metropolitan Congregations United 	https://heartlandej.org/
8 (serving CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, and WY)	Montana State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colorado State University • Center for Social Creativity • Alliance for Clean Tribal Energy • University of Wyoming • Utah State University Extension 	https://www.montana.edu/thrivingcommunities/request.html
9 (serving AZ, CA, HI, NV,	University of Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonoran Environmental Research Institute (SERI) 	https://westejcenter.arizona.edu/

<p>American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and Tribes in Region 9)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (AZ non-profit) • Public Health Institute (PHI) (CA non-profit) • University of Southern California (USC) (CA academic) • Larson Institute for Health Impact and Equity (NV academic) • Hawaii Public Health Institute (HIPHI) (HI non-profit) 	
<p>9 (serving AZ, CA, HI, NV, American Samoa, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and Tribes in Region 9)</p>	<p>San Diego State University</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SDSU Community Climate Action Network (academic) • Environmental Protection Network (industry) • Center for Creative Land Recycling (non-profit) • University of San Diego's Energy Policy Initiatives Center (academic) • Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (tribal) • Desert Research Institute (non-profit) • Climate Science Alliance (non-profit education) • Pacific RISA (research) • University of Guam's Center of Island Sustainability (academic) • Public Health Alliance (non-profit) • Arizona State University (academic) 	<p>https://ccej.sdsu.edu/ </p>
<p>10 (serving AK, ID, OR, WA and 271 native tribes)</p>	<p>Willamette Partnership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portland State University (academic) • Rural Community Assistance Corporation (nonprofit) • Alai Community Consulting (business) • Oregon Public Health Institute (nonprofit) • Verde (nonprofit) • Boise State University (academic) • Kearns and West (private) • Community Engineering Corps (nonprofit) 	<p>https://nwejc.org/ </p>

<p>10 (serving AK, ID, OR, WA and 271 native tribes)</p>	<p>University of Washington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Akiak Native Community, Swinomish Tribe- Education Division • Kuskokwim River Intertribal Fish Commission (KRIFC) (Tribe) • Northwest Indian College • American Indian Studies Department (academic), Center for American Indian & Indigenous Studies (academic) • Aldo Leopold Wilderness Research Institute (Federal agency research institute) • Clean Energy Institute, Center for Exposures, Diseases, Genomics, and Environment, Industrial Assessment Center, Northwest Center for Occupational Health and Safety, NW Pediatric Environmental Health • Specialty Unit, Pacific Northwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center, (academic) • National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) (practice) • El Centro de la Raza, El Proyecto Bienestar • Front and Centered, Sound Defense Alliance (community orgs) 	<p>https://deohs.washington.edu/cehe/ </p>
<p>National</p>	<p>International City/County Management Association</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (academic, tribal) • National League of Cities (elected officials, local government) • National Forum for Black Public Administrators (local government) • Urban Sustainability Directors Network (local government, community organizations) 	<p>http://tctac.icma.org/ </p>
<p>National</p>	<p>Institute for Sustainable Communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atma Connect (Atma), a non-profit technology organization • American Society for Adaptation Professionals 	<p>https://sustain.org/program/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-center-ej-tctac/ </p>

		(ASAP), a non-profit association	
National	National Indian Health Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 574 federally recognized Tribes. NIHB works closely with each of the 11 AIHBs across the country, the Tribal Epidemiology Centers (TECs), and Tribal governments 	https://www.nihb.org/environmental-health/tribal-tac.php 

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