



Office of Environmental Justice &
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**COMMUNITY
CHANGE GRANTS**

Environmental and Climate Justice

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



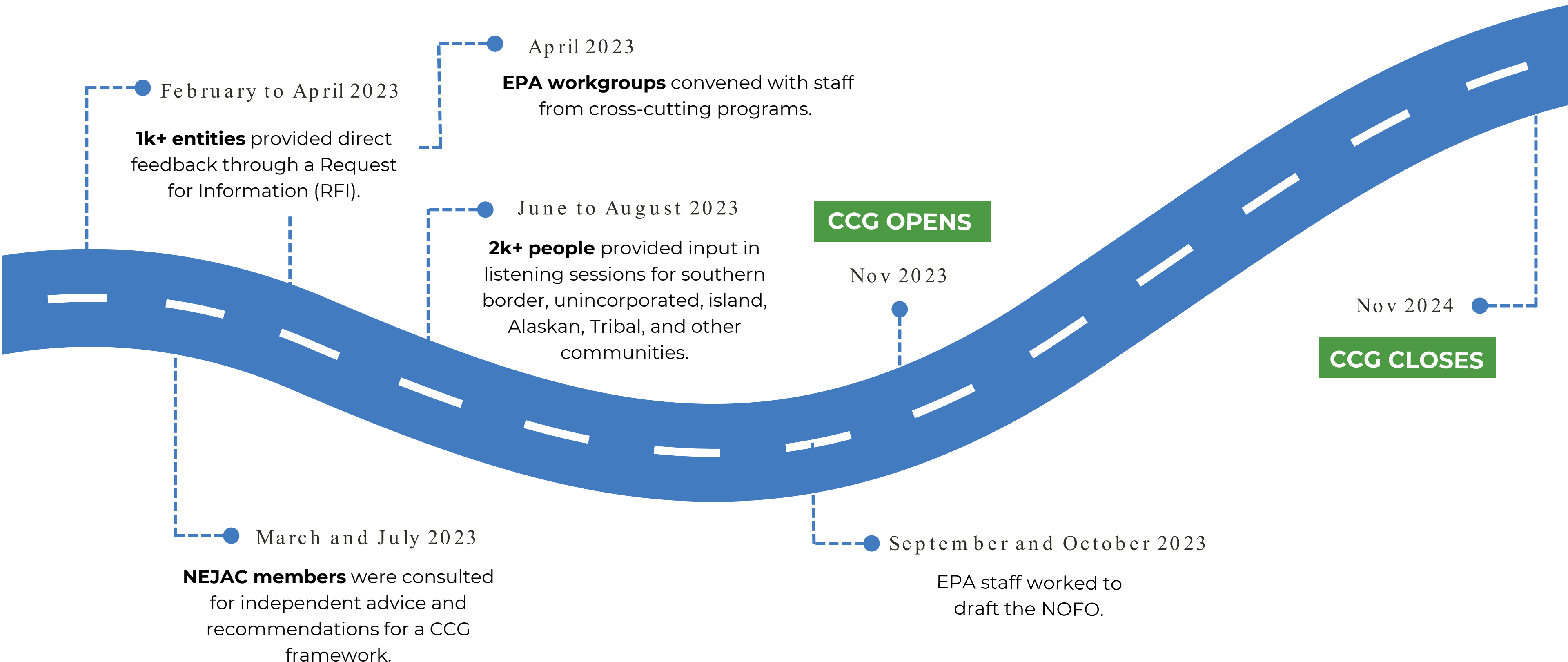
Introduction

EPA received \$3 billion through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to fund **environmental and climate justice** activities to **benefit disadvantaged communities**.

- \$2.8 billion for grants including **\$2 billion for the Community Change Grants (CCG) Program**.
- **\$200 million for technical assistance** related to the grants.
- Grants cannot exceed three years (no extensions).
- All grants must be awarded by September 30, 2026.



NOFO DESIGN PROCESS



Technical Assistance



- [Community Change Technical Assistance \(CCTA\)](#)
 - Broad-based pre-award and post-award TA
 - Submit an on-line [TA Request Form](#)
 - Call to make a TA Request or ask questions: 1 (800) 540-8123
 - Email: EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov
- [Community Change Equitable Resilience Technical Assistance \(CCER TA\)](#)
 - Submit an on-line [TA Request Form](#)
 - More limited and tailored TA focusing on disaster-prone areas
- [Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers \(TCTACs\)](#)

COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANTS

ARE INTENDED TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES TO BENEFIT DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE JUSTICE CONCERNS:



Provide resources for community-driven projects.



Unlock access to resources from the federal government and other sources.



Invest in strong cross-sectoral collaborations.



Strengthen community participation in government decision-making.



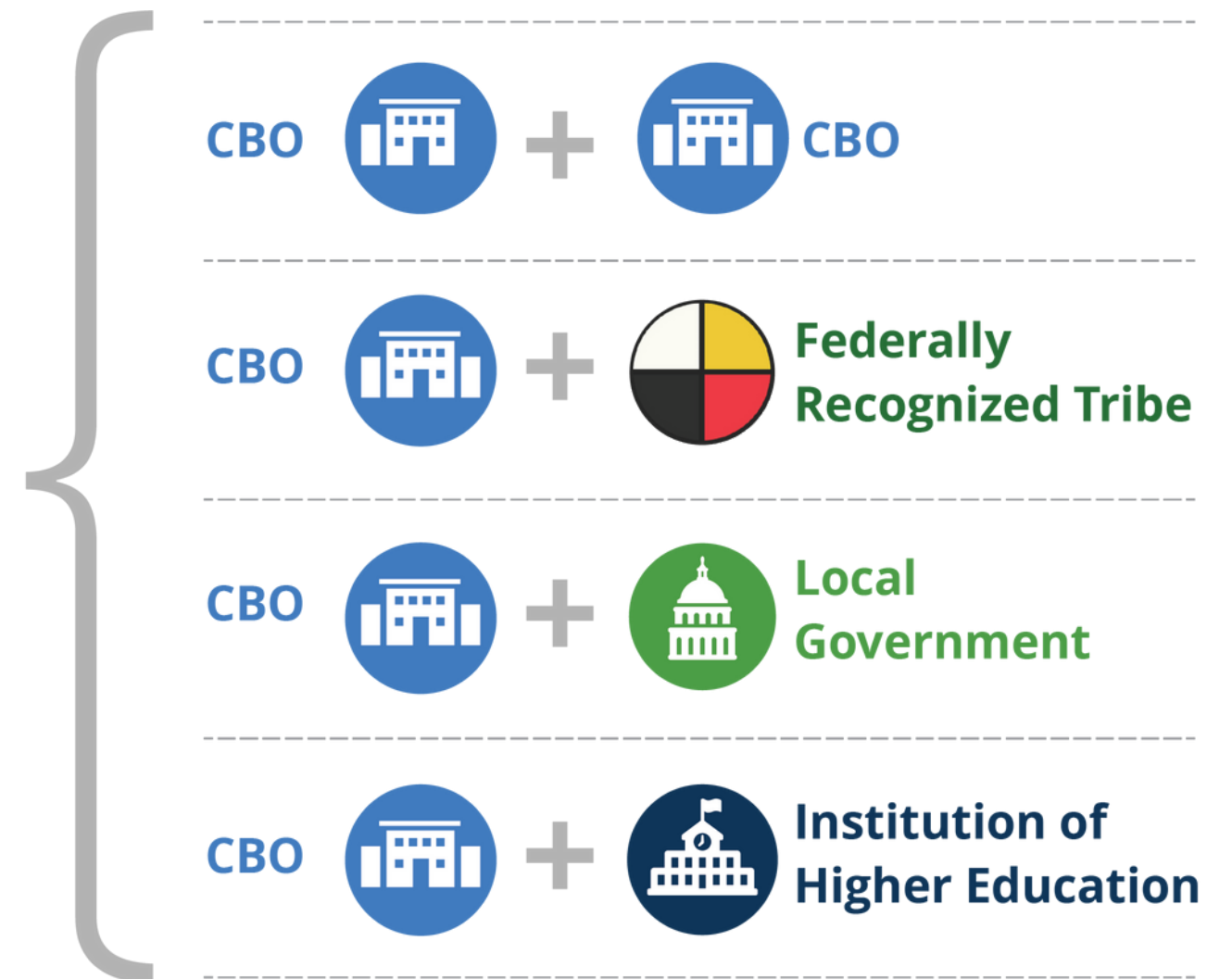
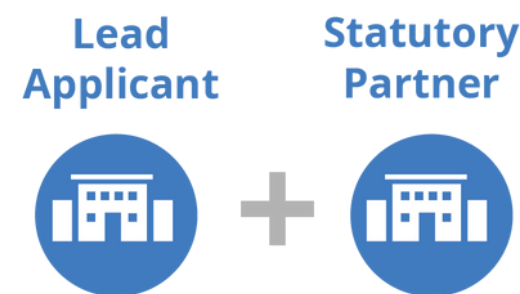
Empower communities and strengthen capacity to drive meaningful positive change.

Eligible Entities and Statutory Partnership

Applicants must either be a partnership of two community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs) or a partnership between a CBO and a federally recognized Tribe, local government or institution of higher education.

Partnerships must be documented and meet certain legal requirements (see [Appendix B](#)).

Additional information on eligibility and partnerships can be found in [Section III](#) of the NOFO.



Note: While the CBO does not have to be the “Lead Applicant,” all statutory partnerships must include a CBO.

Track I

Community-Driven Investments for Change

Funding Available: approx. \$1.96 billion

Number of Awards: approx. 150

Per Award Amount: \$10M - \$20M each

Track II

Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance

Funding Available: approx. \$40 million

Number of Awards: approx. 20

Per Award Amount: \$1M - \$3M each



Track I: Community-Driven Investments for Change

Track I applications must also address these requirements, as further described in those in [Section I.G](#) and [Section IV.B](#). of the NOFO:

Strategies

- **Climate Action**
 - Green Infrastructure & Nature-Based Solutions
 - Mobility & Transportation Options
 - Energy-Efficient, Healthy and Resilient Housing & Buildings
 - Microgrid Installation
 - Community Resilience Hubs
 - Brownfield Redevelopment
 - Waste Reduction & Management
 - Workforce Development
- **Pollution Reduction**
 - Indoor Air Quality & Community Health
 - Outdoor Air Quality & Community Health
 - Clean Water Infrastructure
 - Hazardous Waste Management

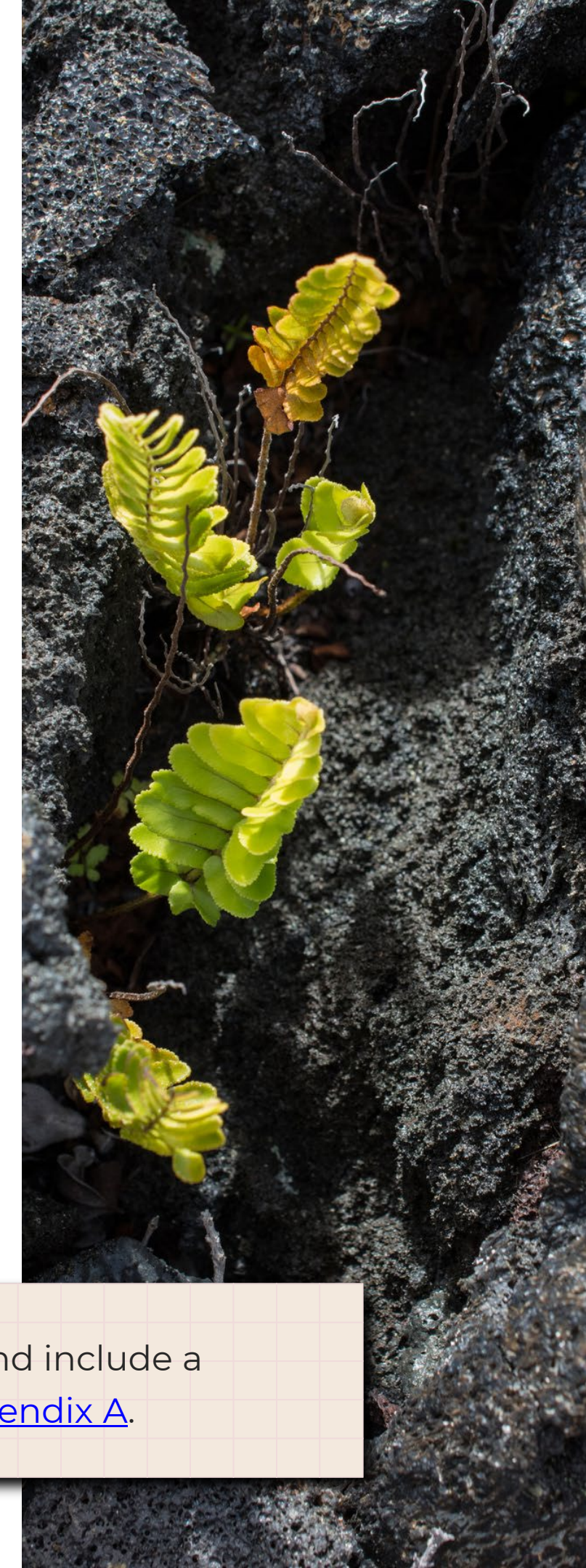
Plans

- Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance Plan
- Community Strength Plan

Additional Requirements

- Readiness Approach
- Compliance Plan

Note: Projects must be place-based and include a Project Area Map, as described in [Appendix A](#).



Track II: Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance

Objectives

- To build the capacity of communities to redress environmental and climate injustices.
- To give disadvantaged communities a meaningful voice in government decision-making processes.

Project Examples

- Educational and Training Programs
- Environmental Advisory Boards (EABs)
- Collaborative Governance Activities
- Participation in Governmental Funding and Budgeting Processes



TARGET INVESTMENT AREAS



\$50M
**Disadvantaged
Unincorporated
Communities**



\$150M
**Tribes in
Alaska**



\$300M
**Tribal
Communities**
(lower 48 states + HI)



\$100M
**Southern
Border
Communities**



\$50M
U.S. Territories

These Track I investment area amounts are approximate and may be adjusted based on the quantity and quality of applications received.

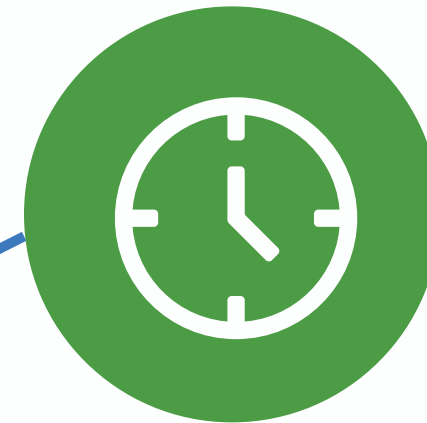
ROLLING APPLICATION TIMELINE



November 21,
2023

Applications
Open

Applications will be accepted, reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis.



November 21,
2024

Applications
Close

Application packages will be accepted until November 21, 2024, at 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) through grants.gov.

Stay Updated with Us

- **NOFO Modifications:** The NOFO will likely be modified a few times while it is open to clarify issues as necessary. Two modifications have already taken place in December 2023 and February 2024. Make sure you are referencing the most updated version of the NOFO on [grants.gov](https://www.epa.gov/grants).
- **Frequently Asked Questions:** [FAQs](#) are on the [CCG website](#) and updated regularly to address NOFO questions.
- **Future Webinars:** Check the [CCG website](#) often for dates for future webinars and recordings; to get email reminders and join our listserv send a blank email to join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov
- **Specific Questions:** email CCGP@epa.gov

