

Webinar for U.S. Communities along the U.S.-Mexico Border on
the Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Program Design

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entre EE. UU. y México sobre el diseño del Programa de Justicia
Ambiental y Climática (ECJ)

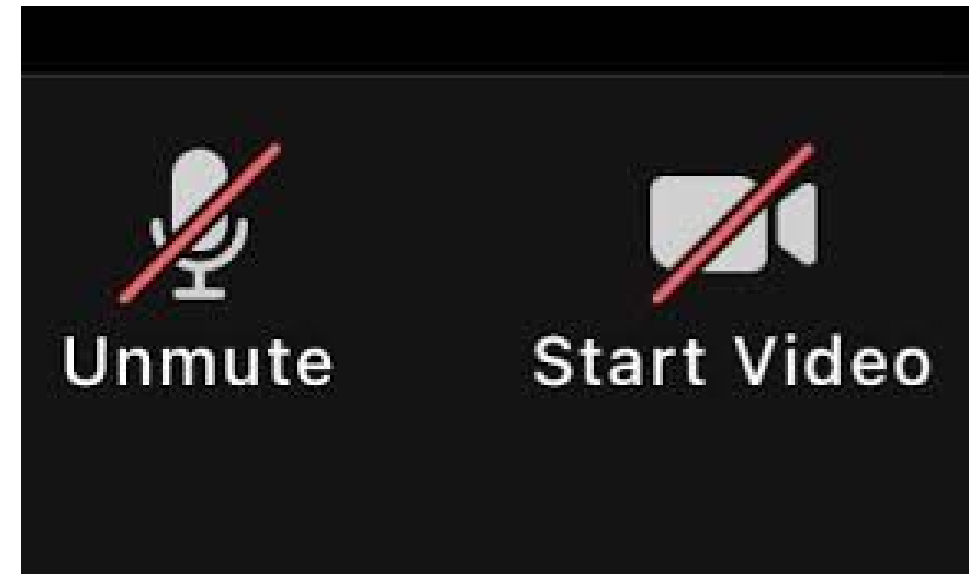
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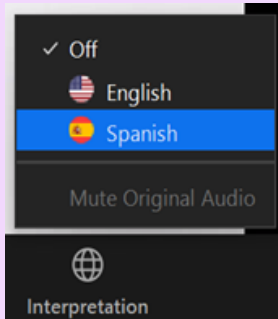
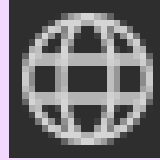
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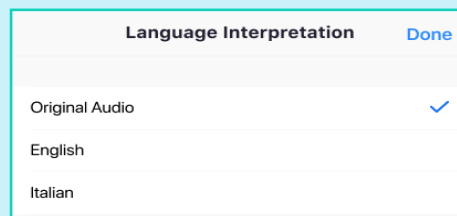
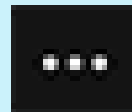


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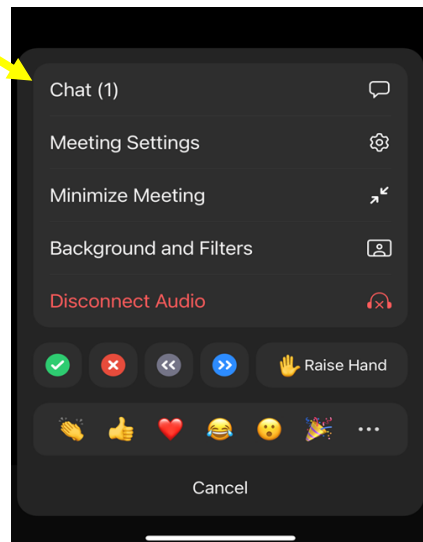
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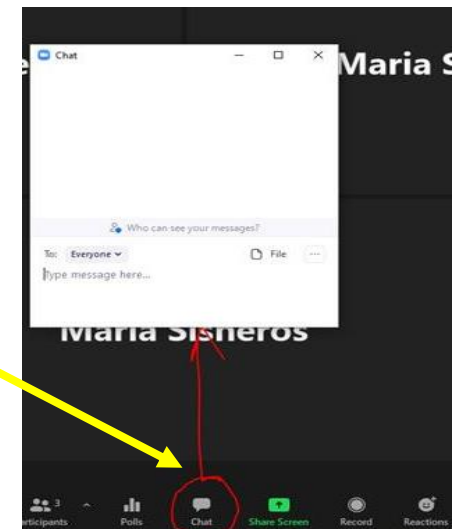


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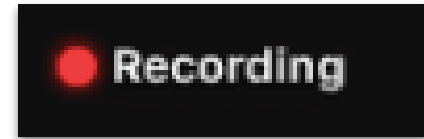
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AGENDA

- Program overview, background, and goals
- Questions and answers
- Discussion questions for public input 

CLIMATE EQUITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- **Environmental justice** is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.
- Striving for **climate equity** is putting these same values into practice when tackling climate change impacts and ensuring that everyone has equal access to resources and safe spaces.
- Learn more: <https://www.epa.gov/climateimpacts/climate-equity>



Environmental & Climate Justice (ECJ) Grant Program Development

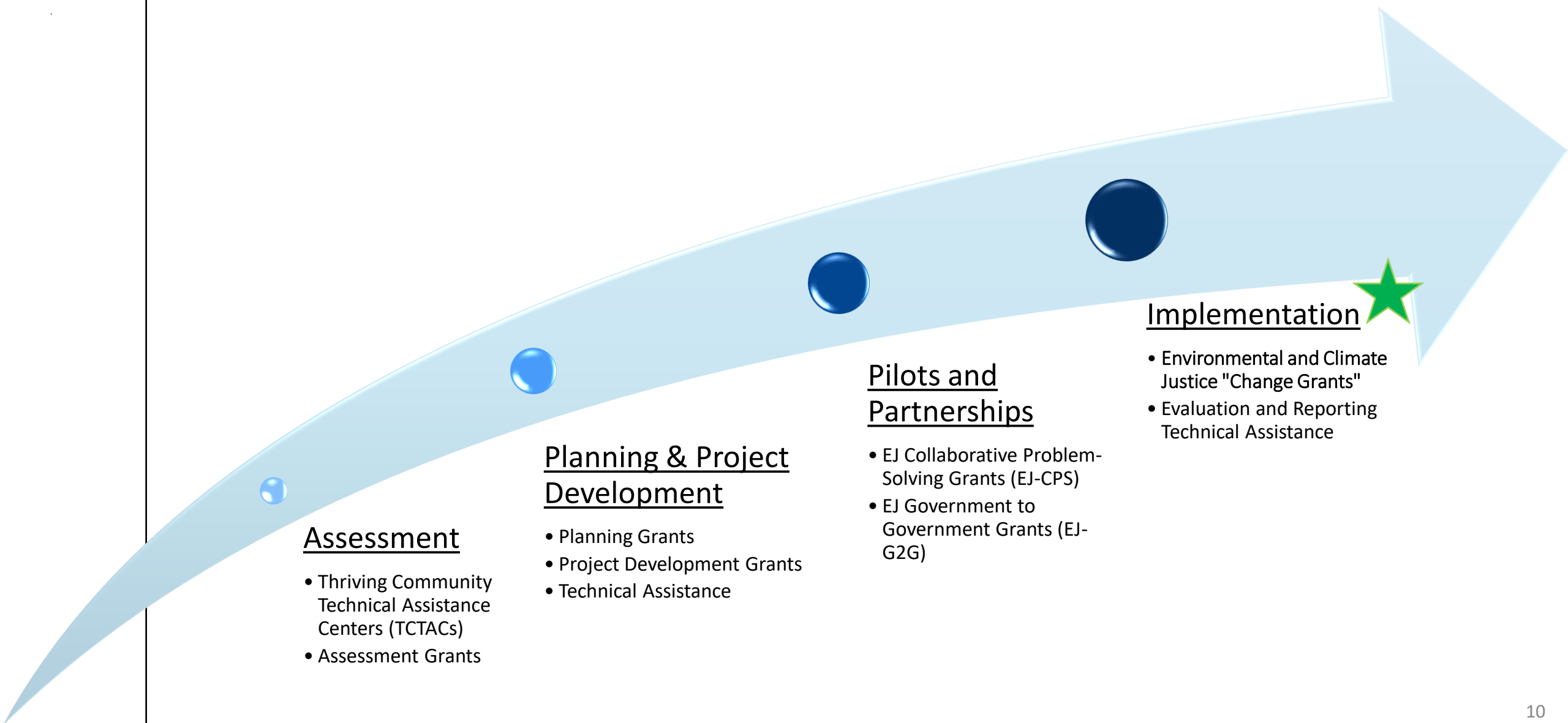


OVERVIEW

\$3 billion under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) to support environmental justice activities

- IRA:
 - \$2.8 billion to provide grants for activities benefiting disadvantaged communities.
 - \$200 million for technical assistance related to the grants

GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE



Assessment

- Thriving Community Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs)
- Assessment Grants

Planning & Project Development

- Planning Grants
- Project Development Grants
- Technical Assistance

Pilots and Partnerships

- EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants (EJ-CPS)
- EJ Government to Government Grants (EJ-G2G)

Implementation

- Environmental and Climate Justice "Change Grants"
- Evaluation and Reporting Technical Assistance

STATUTORY BASIS FOR OEJECR IRA GRANTS

The Environmental and Climate Justice Grants (ECJ) program was created by the IRA and is contained in Section 138 of the Clean Air Act with flexibility for program design within the following parameters:

- **Funding**: Approximately **\$2 Billion** for the ECJ Change grants. An additional \$200 million is available to provide TA for the IRA funded grants.
- **Period of Performance**: The grants cannot exceed [three years](#). No extensions afforded.
- **Grants can be for the following activities**:
 - Community-led [air and other pollution](#) monitoring, prevention, and remediation, and investments in low- and zero-emission and resilient technologies and related infrastructure and [workforce development](#) that help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants;
 - Mitigating [climate](#) and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events;
 - Climate resiliency and adaptation;
 - Reducing indoor toxics and [indoor air pollution](#); or
 - Facilitating [engagement](#) of disadvantaged communities in State and Federal advisory groups, workshops, rulemakings, and other public processes.
- **Eligible Entities For the Grants**:
 - A [community-based non-profit organization](#) (CBO)
 - A partnership of CBOs
 - A partnership between a CBO and [tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education](#)

GOALS

- Provide resources as soon as possible for on the ground activities to benefit communities.
- Meet communities at their needs and where they are in their journey.
- Prove that investing in communities are the best investments to solve the toughest problems in places with the biggest challenges.
- Achieve lasting, meaningful change on the ground.
- Be the bottom-up to all the other top-downs!

ECJ “CHANGE GRANTS” PROGRAM VISION

Concentrated, holistic investment for disadvantaged communities to support their multifaceted community-driven projects

- Projects are individually strong and collectively work together to advance a community's vision for change

Strong partnerships with demonstrated history of, and commitment to, working within the community and integrating their input

- Enable the development of long-term partnerships at multiple levels

Community and stakeholder engagement embedded into program design

- Invest in people and social infrastructure in addition to physical infrastructure

Technical assistance and capacity building provided at every level

- Multiple forms of technical assistance to help grantees and communities
- Specific program development support for projects that have a broad and diffuse benefit

Innovative competition features

- 12-month rolling application process with various program offerings at different amounts that applicants can access when ready
- Reduce traditional application evaluation process reliance solely on written proposals by adding an oral presentation evaluation component to enhance ability of capacity constrained organizations to receive awards

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY?

- Find your partners
- Build your coalitions
- Identify meaningful transformative projects implementing strategies to address environmental and climate justice concerns that benefit disadvantaged communities
- Stay up to date with Environmental and Climate Justice Program funding opportunities
- Become familiar with federal mapping tools
 - Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)
 - Environmental Justice Screening Tool (EJ Screen)

Thank you for joining us!

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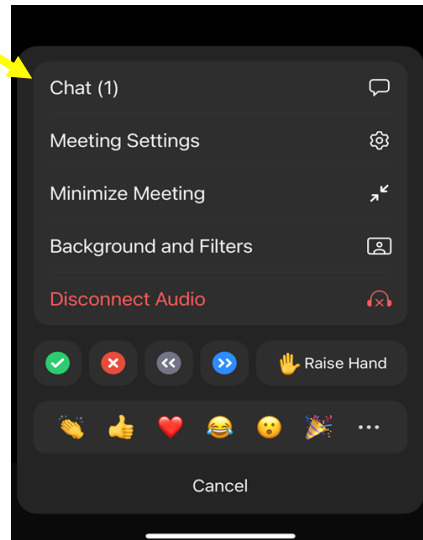
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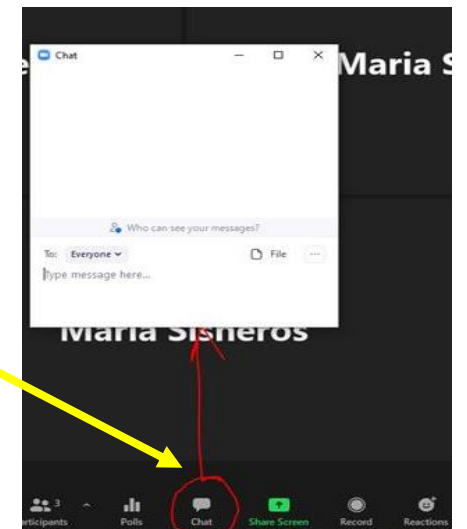


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BREAKOUT SESSION | *SESIÓN PARALELA*

Main channel: Community based organizations, faith-based organizations, foundations and those needing interpretation services

Canal principal: Organizaciones comunitarias, organizaciones religiosas, fundaciones y aquellas que necesitan servicios de interpretación

Breakout Room: Tribal, local and state governments; academia

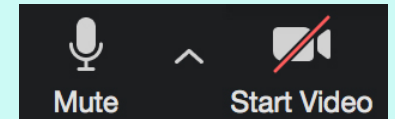
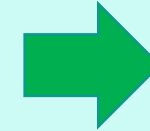
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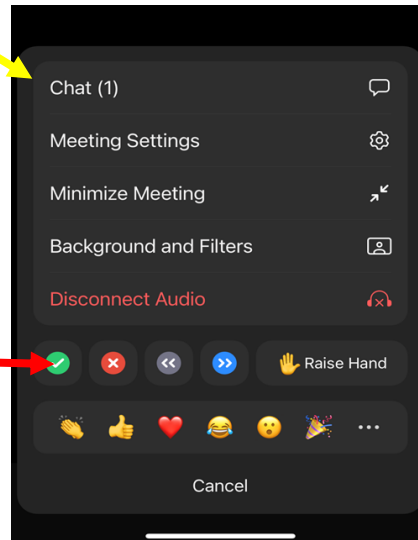
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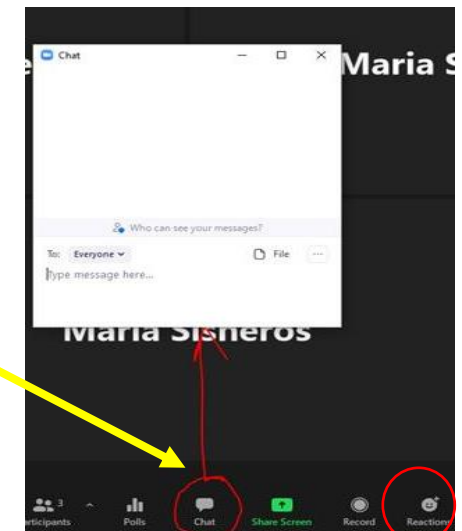


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DISCUSSION / DISCUSIÓN

- What projects provide the most benefit to U.S. border disadvantaged communities, including Colonias?
 - *¿Qué proyectos proporcionan el mayor beneficio a las comunidades fronterizas, y Colonias, de Estados Unidos que históricamente han estado desprotegidas o mas vulnerable?*
- How can we strengthen community capacity to ensure long-term impact of these projects?
 - *¿Cómo podemos fortalecer la capacidad de la comunidad para garantizar el impacto a largo plazo de estos proyectos?*
- What has kept you from applying for environmental justice funding in the past?
 - *¿Qué le ha impedido solicitar fondos de justicia ambiental en el pasado?*

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