

## Community Change Grants Program: Summary of Selections

*Organized by Location (State) of Project Activities*

### **MULTIPLE STATES**

**State/Territory:** Multi-State (AL, GA)

**Lead Applicant:** Groundswell

**Statutory Partner:** City of Lanett, Alabama

**Application Name:** East Alabama Resilience and Energy Coalition

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Track:** Track I

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The East Alabama Resilience and Energy Coalition (EAREC) will serve communities in East Alabama and West Georgia: Chambers, Clay, Macon, Randolph, and Tallapoosa Counties in Alabama and Troup County in Georgia. To help reduce energy burden and improve indoor air quality, EAREC will expand Groundswell's Save On Utilities Long-Term (SOUL) Program, to implement electrification, energy efficiency upgrades, and home repairs. The project will serve 500 homes and 1,250 individuals through the SOUL Program. Additionally, the EAREC team will develop 10 community resilience hubs, powered by solar and energy storage on a microgrid, to improve community resilience by providing a place where community members – especially those who are low-income, medically fragile, senior citizens, or living with young children – can access electricity and heating or cooling during a power outage or other disruptive event.

**State/Territory:** Multi-State (Tribes in Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin)

**Lead Applicant:** Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association, Inc. (MTERA)

**Statutory Partner:** GRID Alternatives

**Application Name:** Improving Tribal Access to Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Infrastructure for Midwest Tribes

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$19.8 million

**Summary:** Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association and GRID Alternatives will work with 35 federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin to support energy efficiency and weatherization upgrades in homes to improve indoor air quality and lower energy costs. They will invest in leadership development training for Tribal Energy Champions to build their Tribes' capacity to access additional funding sources and implement projects to strengthen community resilience and reduce pollution.

**State/Territory:** Multi-State (Nationwide with focused deployment in NJ, PA, MN)

**Lead Applicant:** The New School

**Statutory Partner:** Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

**Application Name:** Energy Governance Engagement for Environmental Justice (EGEEJ)

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** The New School and Center for Earth, Energy, and Democracy will create an Energy Transition Educational Series, composed of three modules on key energy-related topics for various stakeholders. The project will develop an Equitable Energy Governance Consultation Process in two regions, the Midwest and Northeast, which can be adapted and replicated in future locations. The consultation process carried out in partnership with key anchor organizations and tailored for their local context, will include in-person delivery of the Education Transition Educational Series, community workshops, stakeholder workshops, energy infrastructure site tours, and joint convenings.

**State/Territory:** Multiple (OH, IN, WI)

**Lead Applicant:** Groundwork USA, Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** Groundwork Ohio River Valley

**Application Name:** Climate Safe Great Lakes | Building Resident Capacity to Collaboratively Advance Community Climate Adaptation Priorities

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.2 million

**Summary:** The Climate Safe Great Lakes project will facilitate meaningful engagement in local decision-making bodies and spur regional collaboration for community-led climate resilience in Indianapolis, IN; Cincinnati, OH; and Milwaukee, WI. The project will use data, storytelling, and organizing training to build the capacity of residents across five neighborhoods to drive meaningful change. Residents will learn how local city planning and policy systems function, identify local climate adaptation solutions, and engage with government stakeholders to implement policy and planning changes. The project will launch a paid Youth Environmental Council (YEC) and resident-led Climate Action Group (CAG) in each city to strengthen community participation in public processes and champion their priorities. The project also will create new partnerships across diverse stakeholders, including resident groups, community organizations, businesses, and local government.

## **ALABAMA**

**State/Territory:** Alabama

**Lead Applicant:** Texas A&M University

**Statutory Partner:** Black Belt Unincorporated Wastewater Program (BBUWP)

**Application Name:** Innovative, Climate-Resilient, and Cost-Effective Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems and Management in Rural Unincorporated Communities in the Alabama Black Belt

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (TIA D)

**Amount Requested:** \$14.4 million

**Summary:** Texas A&M University and the Black Belt Unincorporated Wastewater Program will install onsite wastewater treatment systems for 350 households that lack adequate wastewater management in Alabama's Hale, Lowndes, and Wilcox counties. The project also will develop a

training, certification, and post-secondary bridge program to produce in-demand wastewater professionals for this rural area.

**State/Territory:** Alabama

**Lead Applicant:** West Anniston Foundation

**Statutory Partner:** Earth Island Institute

**Application Name:** Youth Empowerment Strategies 4 Environmental Justice (YES4EJ)

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.6 million

**Summary:** The West Anniston Youth Empowerment Strategies for Environmental Justice (YES4EJ) Project will work within the West Anniston community and two adjoining communities (West End-Cobbtown and Hobson City) to empower young adults in the community to engage with governmental processes. The project will provide training programs for community members to learn more about local health and environmental issues and opportunities to pursue accreditations and training certificates. The project will conduct community environmental health assessments under the guidance of environmental health experts and with the participation of community volunteers. The project also will establish a community-driven leadership team to improve engagement with government officials and secure community representation in decision-making processes.

## **ALASKA**

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Tanana Chiefs Conference

**Statutory Partner:** Huslia Village

**Application Name:** Huslia Village Climate Solutions

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This project will focus on Huslia, Alaska, which is a Koyukuk-hotana Athabascan village within the Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge, deep in the roadless interior of the state. The project will connect 24 households to water and sewer infrastructure, so they no longer must rely on hauled water and “honeybuckets.” They also will construct eight new energy-efficient housing units, using local hire of Huslia residents with experience in home construction, and conduct mold remediation (as needed) and weatherization on 16 homes to reduce energy costs and improve indoor air quality. To further improve indoor air quality, the project will offer woodstove upgrades. The project will install a grid-connected solar PV and battery storage system, which will make the community less energy-dependent on diesel fuel. To address solid waste and erosion issues, the project will conduct river and shoreline cleanup to remove debris.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Tebughna Foundation

**Statutory Partner:** University of Florida

**Application Name:** Rebuilding Community: Repairing and Renewing Homes for the People of the Native Village of Tyonek, Alaska

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Tyonek is located on the northern shore of Tikahtnu (the Cook Inlet), within the traditional territory of the Dena'ina Athabascan people. Residents identify as Tebughna, Dena'ina for "the beach people." The project will invest in homes in Tyonek by removing asbestos, lead, and materials compromised by mold or structural decay and upgrading them to include better insulation, lighting, and heating systems as well as solar PV. The project will provide workforce development opportunities and collaborate with registered apprenticeship programs to offer training in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and solar system installations.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Native Village of Chenega

**Statutory Partner:** Prince William Sound Economic Development District

**Application Name:** The Chenega Bulk Fuel Storage System and Renewable Integration Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$8.9 million

**Summary:** The Chenega Bulk Fuel Storage System and Renewable Integration Project is a transformative initiative designed to enhance the energy resilience and sustainability of the Native Village of Chenega, Alaska. At the core of this project is the construction of a new 50,000-gallon bulk fuel storage facility and the integration of a 140-kW solar photovoltaic array with a 250 kW/648 kWh battery energy storage system. This dual approach not only modernizes critical fuel storage infrastructure, significantly reducing the potential for fuel spills, but also incorporates renewable energy solutions to lessen the village's dependence on diesel fuel for electricity production. The project also will offer workforce training for Chenega residents in solar panel installation and microgrid operations and maintenance.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Metlakatla Indian Community

**Statutory Partner:** Native Conservancy

**Application Name:** Revitalizing Metlakatla's Ecosystems for Future Generations - Air Toxic Pollution Reduction, Nature-Based Solutions through Regenerative Seaweed Farming, and Ocean Vessel Electrification

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$19.5 million

**Summary:** This project will benefit the Metlakatla Indian Community (MIC)—the only Indian Reserve in the State of Alaska—which includes 1,500 residents, primarily Ts'msyen Tribe members. MIC and the Native Conservancy will deploy a range of complementary strategies to advance regenerative practices on the MIC homelands, including: (1) developing Native seaweed farming as a nature-based solution that can reduce the footprint of terrestrial

agriculture, plastics, and fiber markets and bolster economic opportunities in this remote community; (2) improving air quality by investing in municipal waste management, which will end open-air municipal trash burning, and electrifying kelp farming boats; (3) boosting local economic returns from seaweed farming and processing within the Metlakatla community, and (4) implementing strategies to protect Native community access to ancestral waters.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

**Statutory Partner:** Kawerak, Inc.

**Application Name:** Bering Straits Community Solar & Battery Systems

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$19.99 million

**Summary:** To address energy resilience in remote Alaska Native communities, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) will build community-scale photovoltaic solar arrays and battery storage systems in the remote Bering Strait communities of Brevig Mission, Elim, Koyuk, Savoonga, and Teller. ANTHC manages the construction and distributes net revenue through a subsidy to household water and sewer utility bills, but the infrastructure will be owned locally. Kawerak will provide a workforce development program with multi-sectoral partnerships to bring together outside expertise to enable rural community members to access high-quality careers focused on developing renewables in the area.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

**Statutory Partner:** Native Village of Kotzebue

**Application Name:** Kotzebue Tribal Wind

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$19.8 million

**Summary:** Kotzebue, a town with 3,199 people, is the largest community within the Northwest Arctic Borough and serves as the service and transportation center or “hub” community for the surrounding communities. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) and the Native Village of Kotzebue will build two 1-MW turbines to be owned and operated by the Tribe to sell power to the Kotzebue Electric Association, an electric cooperative. KEA is supportive of Tribal ownership of additional wind turbines and has agreed to partner with the Native Village of Kotzebue on the electrical integration needed for this project.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** The Rector & Visitors of the University of Virginia

**Statutory Partner:** Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative

**Application Name:** Permafrost Management for Community Health and Resilience in Utqiagvik, Alaska

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Built on ice-rich permafrost, Utqiagvik—located 330 miles north of the Arctic Circle on the coast of the Arctic Ocean—faces significant pressures from climate change. This project will protect permafrost from pooling water by evaluating urban permafrost watersheds, drainage characteristics, and vulnerable areas to inform stormwater and snow management strategies and necessary infrastructural upgrades. Permafrost degradation and drainage problems in Utqiagvik are endangering traditional Inupiat ice cellars and burial sites, essential for subsistence culture and community heritage. The project will upgrade and improve drainage near vulnerable ice cellars and improve the ecological and hydrological functionality of the Imaisaun cemetery—the only active burial site in town that floods persistently. The project also will invest in new equipment for Barrow Utilities and Electric Cooperative to improve its capacity to navigate deep snow and reach remote utility infrastructure.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Native Village of Kipnuk

**Statutory Partner:** Alaska Institute for Justice

**Application Name:** Kipnuk Reach 3 Riprap Riverbank Stabilization Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in Alaska (TIA A)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This Kipnuk Riprap Riverbank Stabilization Project will benefit the community of Kipnuk, Alaska, which is located on the southeast bank of the Kugkaktlik River, about four miles upriver from the Bering Sea on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Riverbank erosion is occurring at a rate of 10-28 feet per year, threatening homes, community buildings, the fuel header and bulk fuel tanks, the barge landing, boardwalks, power lines, and other critical infrastructure. The project focuses on adding bank stabilization along Kipnuk's embankment on Reach 3 of the river. This section of the river is at the highest risk of erosion caused by downstream current and sharp bank curvature as water flows to the Bering Sea.

**State/Territory:** Alaska

**Lead Applicant:** Spruce Root, Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** Organized Village of Kake (OVK)

**Application Name:** Village Voices for Equity: Strengthening Indigenous Participation in Environmental and Climate Policy

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.9 million

**Summary:** The Village Voices for Equity project will pilot governance education programs in Kake for the OVK Tribal Council, youth, and community members, focusing on permitting processes, climate adaptation planning, and natural resource management decisions. The project will adapt and disseminate these programs in additional tribal communities in Southeast Alaska (Angoon, Hoonah, and Yakutat).

## **ARIZONA**

**State/Territory:** Arizona

**Lead Applicant:** Primavera Foundation

**Statutory Partner:** City of Tucson

**Application Name:** Collaborative for an Adaptable and Resilient Tucson (CART)

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Southern Border Communities (TIA E)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Focused on Tucson's most vulnerable neighborhoods and the City of South Tucson, the Collaborative for an Adaptable and Resilient Tucson (CART) project will create new greenways along major traffic corridors by planting trees and shrubs, installing stormwater harvesting basins, and removing thousands of square feet of asphalt. The CART project will increase shade at bus stops and install solar and energy storage at three resilience hubs. The project also will offer home energy audits for 350 households; provide energy-efficient appliance and HVAC upgrades for 200 households; identify lead hazards in homes and refer them for mitigation; and install solar on at least six multi-family and single-family homes.

## **CALIFORNIA**

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** San Diego Foundation

**Statutory Partner:** Environmental Health Coalition

**Application Name:** Rooted in Comunidad, Cultivating Equity: Bringing Just and Electric Transit, Healthy Homes and Opportunity to San Diego's Central Historic Barrios

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Southern Border Communities (TIA E)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Focused on San Diego's historic central barrios, San Diego Foundation and the Environmental Health Coalition propose a holistic approach to improve local air quality, mitigate extreme heat, and expand green space. The project will improve residents' access to clean and safe transportation by expanding a free micro-transit shuttle service and electrifying regional buses. The project also will electrify homes, add energy storage, install air filters, and perform weatherization upgrades. The project will connect residents to clean energy job opportunities and apprenticeships in electrical and construction work.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** City of Bakersfield

**Statutory Partner:** Building Healthy Communities Kern

**Application Name:** Southeast Strong

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The City of Bakersfield and Building Healthy Communities Kern will improve community connectivity in central and southeast Bakersfield by expanding residents' access to safe, clean, and convenient active transportation and public transit options. To reduce pollution

and energy costs, they will fund energy efficiency retrofits at 30 single-family residential units and retrofit another 60 homes with solar panels and battery technologies. They will convert a community center into a resilience hub by installing a microgrid. The project will provide 150 residents with training to install solar panels, repair electric vehicles, and enroll in electrician apprenticeships.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Coalition for Responsible Community Development

**Statutory Partner:** Los Angeles Trade-Technical College

**Application Name:** South LA All In Good Jobs Health Communities

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Funding amount:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Coalition for Responsible Community Development and the Los Angeles Trade-Technical College will support workforce development in South Los Angeles along four career tracks to reduce pollution, including lead abatement in buildings; welding for clean energy and transportation projects; hybrid and electric vehicle maintenance; and weatherization and energy auditing of buildings. They will work with partners to recruit high-need individuals for workforce training and engage employers, public agencies, and community-based organizations to assist job seekers.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Day One

**Statutory Partner:** ActiveSGV

**Application Name:** GREEN (Green, Resilient, Energy Efficient Neighborhoods) San Gabriel Valley

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Funding amount:** \$20 million

**Summary:** In California's San Gabriel Valley, Day One, Active San Gabriel Valley, and their partners will implement several projects informed by a decade of community-led work. They will mitigate extreme heat and build community resilience by expanding tree canopy and greening schoolyards with rain gardens and native plants. They will improve transportation access by providing incentives for the purchase of e-bikes and installing related infrastructure. To reduce energy costs, they will install solar and energy storage systems at 30 homes and cool roofs on more than 20 homes. They also will install 60 public water stations to reduce single-use plastic pollution and ensure access to clean drinking water.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** La Familia Counseling Center, Inc

**Statutory Partner:** Community Resource Project

**Application Name:** Greening North Franklin

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$17.8 million



**Summary:** La Familia Counseling Center and Community Resource Project will implement several projects—identified through comprehensive neighborhood assessments and planning—to reduce pollution and build climate resilience in south Sacramento. They will develop a community resilience hub to serve as a cooling center during extreme heat events and provide services to meet community needs in an emergency. To reduce energy costs and pollution, the project will provide energy efficiency upgrades, install solar on qualifying homes, and provide workforce training in electrification, housing retrofits, and solar installation. The project also will create a public park in a neighborhood without green space.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Treasure Island Mobility Management Agency

**Statutory Partner:** One Treasure Island

**Application Name:** Treasure Island Connects

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.5 million

**Summary:** This project focuses on Treasure Island and Yerba Buena Island in the San Francisco Bay area. Treasure Island Connects aims to expand community access to clean public transportation resources through six projects. The project will launch a microtransit pilot to connect Treasure Island residents to key resources on mainland San Francisco and a community circulator shuttle. The project will add one new electric bus to the Muni bus route servicing Treasure Island, create a bikeshare program, and install electric ferry charging infrastructure to support the planned conversation to zero-emission ferry service. The project also will support a Transportation Resource Center to mitigate barriers to transit access and connect people to services, including discount fares.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Pueblo Unido, CDC

**Statutory Partner:** University of California Riverside, Extension

**Application Name:** Building Climate Resilient Communities in the ECV

**TIA Category:** Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (TIA D)

**Track:** Track I

**Amount Requested:** \$18.8 million

**Summary:** The Eastern Coachella Valley in Riverside County, California includes the unincorporated communities of Thermal, Oasis, Mecca, and North Shore. The project will build four geothermal, solar-powered commercial greenhouses with geothermal energy for cooling and heating. The greenhouses will support vertical hydroponic farming and will offer free training and 15 living wage jobs to newly trained “Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) workers from the ECV community. The project will build a tree nursery greenhouse to propagate native tree seedlings for free distribution to Polanco communities. The project also will build the Center for Community Development and Resilience (CCDR), which will integrate climate-smart building elements, such as solar and heat pumps, as well as green infrastructure. The CCDR will serve as the new Polanco community headquarters for rural workforce

development; Pueblo Unido will provide free workforce development opportunities in partnership with the University of California, Riverside/Extension.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Community Water Center

**Statutory Partner:** Pajaro Sunny Mesa Community Services District

**Application Name:** Safe Drinking Water and Climate Resilience for Rural Pajaro Valley

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (TIA D)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Focusing on households served by California's Pajaro Water System (PWS), Sunny Mesa Water System (SMWS), and Springfield Water System (SWS), as well as households relying on private wells near the SWS in Northeastern Monterey County, this project will consolidate these water systems, which currently do not have backup wells that meet water quality standards, into a combined system with multiple compliant wells for redundancy and resilience to extreme climate events. The project will update additional wells to reduce levels of iron, manganese, arsenic, chrome-6, and other pollutants. In addition, the project will install new radio-read meters for all residences in the project area to help reduce water usage; 30 rainwater catchment systems; and 20 laundry-to-landscape greywater reuse systems at resident homes.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Casa Familiar Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** San Diego Air Pollution Control District

**Application Name:** Healthy Borders Community Change Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Southern Border Communities (TIA E)

**Amount Requested:** \$12.7 million

**Summary:** The Healthy Borders Community Change Project will address the impacts of poor air quality in San Ysidro, home to one of the busiest border crossings in the world. The project includes a low-cost e-share mobility project, including e-bikes, EV car share, and circulators/shuttles, which will provide residents access to low-cost, zero-emission transportation options. The project also will provide indoor air monitors and purifiers to 1,000 low-income households in the area. Residents will be trained and employed as promotoras (community health workers) to distribute the technology and educate their neighbors about air quality and associated health impacts. At least 15 low-income residences will receive whole-home energy efficiency upgrades to lower energy costs.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** County of Contra Costa

**Statutory Partner:** Urban Tilth

**Application Name:** North Richmond Community Resilience Initiative

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.1 million

**Summary:** The North Richmond Community Resilience Initiative will build a community resiliency center at the North Richmond Farm to serve the community in the event of an emergency or disaster and provide community services during normal operations. The project will scale up existing efforts to increase North Richmond's urban tree canopy and will plant 65 new trees along the Verde Elementary schoolyard to shield students from pollution generated by a new distribution center. The project will renovate four vacant and blighted duplex properties and convert them to energy-efficient single-family homes with solar and air filtration systems. The County will support comprehensive whole-home electric retrofits for 40 qualified single-family and multi-family homes. The project also will demolish 10 dilapidated and vacant units on two sites formerly managed by the Contra Costa County Housing Authority program, replacing them with a community garden and green gathering spaces.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians

**Statutory Partner:** Dos Pueblos Institute

**Application Name:** Restoring Resilience: Enhancing Community and Environmental Sustainability through the Dos Pueblos Institute's Climate Action Strategy

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Restoring Resilience project will enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities for the residents of disadvantaged communities on California's Gaviota Coast. The project will establish the Gaviota Coastal Cultural and Historical Center, a resilience hub that will serve as a central location for educational programs and community events during "blue sky" days and as an emergency shelter and staging area during wildfires and other disasters. The hub will include a solar array, backup power, and microgrid interconnections. In addition, the project will develop a regenerative farming operation that restores previously degraded land into a model of sustainable agriculture and establish a composting facility to process organic waste.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Insight Garden Program

**Statutory Partner:** Ella Baker Center for Human Rights

**Application Name:** Environmental and Climate Justice in Prison and Reentry Communities

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$1.5 million

**Project Summary:** The Insight Garden Program works closely with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to provide nature-based programming and skills development to help transform incarcerated individuals' lives and support their successful reentry. This project will engage up to 1,350 individuals in California prisons and reentry communities to learn about the unique environmental and climate justice challenges faced by these communities—such as the impact of dangerous heat waves on populations housed in aging facilities without adequate cooling or ventilation—and identify potential solutions. The project will establish a statewide

Environmental Advisory Board to educate policymakers about these challenges and develop policy recommendations to improve conditions.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Special Service for Groups, Inc

**Statutory Partner:** Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment (CAUSE)

**Application Name:** Mobilizing Youth Advocates for Resilient Communities (MYARC) Program

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$1.2 million

**Summary:** Special Service for Groups, Inc. and Center for Asian Americans United for Self Empowerment will deliver 27 modules of educational content to youth in California's San Gabriel Valley. The curriculum blends leadership training, community engagement, and practical experience to enable participants to meaningfully participate in decision-making processes that affect their communities. The project will identify opportunities for youth to engage with and learn from local governmental officials on environmental and climate issues.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

**Statutory Partner:** Central California Environmental Justice Network

**Application Name:** San Joaquin Valley Climate Justice Collaborative

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** Disadvantaged communities in the San Joaquin Valley, many of which are unincorporated and farmworker communities, often lack access to decision-making venues to address the impacts of climate change and air pollution, even as they disproportionately face its effects. The project will facilitate engagement of these communities in public processes by (1) building the capacity of community residents to participate in decision-making, and (2) building relationships between residents and relevant government staff so residents can elevate community concerns in the development and implementation of government plans and programs, such as county general plans, hazard mitigation plans, and zoning decisions.

**State/Territory:** California

**Lead Applicant:** Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs

**Statutory Partner:** Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy

**Application Name:** Los Angeles Coalition for Resilient and Healthy Homes Initiative to Decarbonize Northeast, Southeast, and South Central Communities

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** This project aims to build the capacity of Los Angeles communities to create networks and leverage resources to decarbonize multi-family residential buildings and schools. The project will create the Los Angeles Coalition for Resilient and Healthy Homes. The Coalition will coordinate community outreach – 40,000 door-to-door canvassing sessions, 75 community meetings, and 7,500 surveys, annually – and recruitment of 50 community leaders each year. The project also will offer union-led training programs in the construction trades.

## **COLORADO**

**State/Territory:** Colorado

**Lead Applicant:** Commún Denver, Inc

**Statutory Partner:** City of Denver

**Application Name:** Loretto Heights Resiliency Hub

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.8 million

**Summary:** To improve the resilience of disadvantaged communities in southwest Denver, the project will renovate a 40,000-square-foot building into the Loretto Heights Resiliency Hub. The hub will function as a public-serving space that provides shelter and essential services during emergencies and disasters, including wildfires. The hub will also serve as a community-convening space to host educational activities on emergency and disaster preparedness and other issues. The Loretto Heights Resiliency Hub will include rooftop solar, energy storage, highly efficient air-source heat pumps, and charging stations for electric vehicles and e-bikes.

## **CONNECTICUT**

**State/Territory:** Connecticut

**Lead Applicant:** City of New Haven

**Statutory Partner:** Greater Dwight Development Corporation

**Application Name:** Elm City Climate Collaborative

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Climate Resilience Corridors. Building on the Resilient Fair Haven Plan (2023), the City of New Haven will work with Urban Resources Initiative and other partners to identify and establish 5,000 feet of climate resilience corridors that traverse Fair Haven and other neighborhoods. They will create new greenways and improve sidewalks by removing concrete or asphalt, establishing a permeable strip along the sidewalk, installing specially engineered tree pits that capture stormwater, and planting street trees. The Elm City Climate Collaborative will recruit and support owners of multi-unit buildings to install energy-efficient and health-related upgrades. An estimated 350 buildings will receive comprehensive energy assessments through Energize CT. The Collaborative will offer grants of up to \$100,000 for energy upgrades at community development corporation-sponsored new or substantially rehabilitated affordable housing projects. The Collaborative also will expand bike share programs and work to increase community-based composting to reduce food waste.

## **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**State/Territory:** District of Columbia

**Lead Applicant:** National Housing Trust

**Statutory Partner:** D.C. Children’s Law Center

**Application Name:** Empowering Healthy, Resilient, and Affordable Multifamily D.C. Communities Through Decarbonization and Healthy Housing Interventions

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The National Housing Trust and D.C. Children’s Law Center will retrofit 785 homes in multifamily buildings in Washington D.C.—with a focus on the neighborhoods of Anacostia and Mt. Vernon Square—to improve indoor air quality and lower energy costs for residents. They also will invest in local workforce development to expand the number of contractors with skills and experience in multifamily housing retrofits.

## **FLORIDA**

**State/Territory:** Florida

**Lead Applicant:** Southwest Florida Community Foundation dba Collaboratory

**Statutory Partner:** Lee County Board of Commissioners

**Application Name:** Community Led Environmental Justice and Resilience in Ft. Myers, FL

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.9 million

**Summary:** This project, targeting disadvantaged communities in Ft. Myers, Florida, will develop four resilience hubs that will be the first connected network of resilience hubs throughout Lee County. On ordinary days, these resilience hubs will provide sites where both Lee County and social services can reach these communities and serve as a resource for disaster planning and community engagement. They will also serve as cooling centers in times of extreme heat. In times of emergency, they will provide enhanced physical safety and local resources such as electricity, access to backup communications, distribution points for water and food, and emergency healthcare. In addition to creating resilience hubs, the project will develop a filter marsh and stormwater enhancements to mitigate pollution in Ten Mile Canal and improve water storage and treatment at the headwaters of Ten Mile Canal and Manuel’s Branch. The project will add shade trees to a city-planned extension of an existing walking and biking path along Ten Mile Canal. The project will support construction and energy workforce development, training, and apprenticeship opportunities through multi-sectoral partnerships.

**State/Territory:** Florida

**Lead Applicant:** University Area Community Development Corp, Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** University of South Florida

**Application Name:** Brownfields to Healthfields: Catalyzing Transformational Change in the University Area Community

**TIA Category:** Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (TIA D)

**Track:** Track I

**Amount Requested:** \$14.9 million

**Summary:** This project benefits the University Area Community (UAC), a disadvantaged neighborhood of about 10,000 residents located in unincorporated Hillsborough County on the northern edge of the City of Tampa. The Brownfields to Healthfields project will transform an unused warehouse on a former brownfield site into the Prosperity Center, a one-stop-shop campus for healthcare, jobs training, and a small business incubator. The Prosperity Center will meet the highest standards for energy efficiency and will use solar panels to reduce energy costs. The project will address frequent flooding in the area by upgrading stormwater ponds by deploying bio-infiltration systems, such as rain gardens/bioswales and floating treatment wetlands. Finally, the project will work with the county to extend water service to 50 residences and provide septic-to-sewer conversions at 25 properties.

**State/Territory:** Florida

**Lead Applicant:** County of Palm Beach

**Statutory Partner:** Community Partners of South Florida

**Application Name:** PBC Climate Resilient Communities Project

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** The PBC Climate Resilient Communities Project will empower residents of disadvantaged communities in Palm Beach County to participate in climate resiliency planning. The project will strengthen communication channels between community-based organizations, residents, and the county's local government resilience and sustainability staff by creating a PBC Resilience & Sustainability Advisory Council made up of community members representing disadvantaged communities. The project team will collaborate with the Advisory Council and community supporters to create a climate resilience project priority list for the county's most vulnerable communities.

## **GEORGIA**

**State/Territory:** Georgia

**Lead Applicant:** Lucky Shoals Community Association

**Statutory Partner:** Gwinnett Housing Corporation

**Application Name:** A Multicultural Green Campus for a Multilingual Community

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (TIA D)

**Amount Requested:** \$19.95 million

**Summary:** Focused on unincorporated Norcross in Georgia, this project will retrofit or construct a community resilience hub, providing a space for residents to gather during an emergency. In non-emergencies, the hub will serve as a central, accessible site for community activities and local workforce training in clean energy and other trades – to equip the area's robust but undertrained construction industry to do much-needed work in the very communities where they live. The project also will replace private-side lead lines in 200 homes and locally owned or nonprofit buildings; provide septic maintenance; and implement septic-to-sewer conversions.

**State/Territory:** Georgia

**Lead Applicant:** City of Thomasville

**Statutory Partner:** Thomasville Community Development Corporation

**Application Name:** Restoring Resiliency in Thomasville's Traditional Neighborhoods

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.8 million

**Summary:** This project will restore resiliency in Thomasville's low-income historic neighborhoods through several community-driven projects. They will renovate the Douglass School gymnasium and ancillary buildings to serve as a community resilience hub. Project leaders will work with relevant emergency response organizations to assess local risks and adequately equip the hub for critical needs, such as refrigeration for medicines, charging stations, and emergency supplies. A solar micro-grid and energy storage unit will provide reliable, affordable energy to the hub and the adjacent 52 affordable apartments on the Douglass campus. The project will support upgrades to 45 single-family homes and 55 multi-family homes to improve indoor air quality and make them more energy efficient. Finally, this project will replace aged wastewater infrastructure in Thomasville to prevent sewer backup into homes and mitigate overflow of the wastewater facility into local waterways.

## **GUAM**

**State/Territory:** Guam

**Lead Applicant:** University of Guam

**Statutory Partner:** Nihi Indigenous Media (Duk Duk Goose, Inc.)

**Application Name:** Guam Community Change Workforce Development Program

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** The University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability and Sea Grant (UOG CIS and SG) will provide program participants with expertise from legal professionals on local environmental issues and communications training from Nihi. The program will partner with two local law firms experienced in environmental law in Guam. Each year, these law firms will host two law fellows, one science expert, and one administrative assistant. Law fellows will collaborate with scientists, who will serve as subject matter experts on the technical aspects of the issues being addressed.

## **HAWAII**

**State/Territory:** Hawaii

**Lead Applicant:** Pacific International Center for High Technology Research

**Statutory Partner:** Dynamic Community Solutions

**Application Name:** Uplifting the Wai'anae Community for Resilience and Vibrance

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$13.8 million



**Summary:** The Uplifting Waiʻanae project will install a microgrid at Puʻuhonua O Waiʻanae (POW) Farm Village to reduce energy costs while increasing community resilience. To manage these investments, the project will train and employ residents of POW on the installation and operation of the microgrid. The project also will restore native and food plant species and use nature-based solutions to mitigate the threat of wildfires and storm impacts while supporting freshwater aquifer recharge.

**State/Territory:** Hawaii

**Lead Applicant:** Earth Island Institute

**Statutory Partner:** Kingdom Pathways

**Application Name:** Huliau o Wai'anae: Turning Points for a Sustainable Future

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.99 million

**Summary:** Huliau o Wai'anae is an innovative program dedicated to harnessing traditional knowledge and modern technology to foster intergenerational learning and collaborative problem-solving to inform government. Huliau o Wai'anae will establish and train an environmental advisory team; engage community members in environmental and health data collection; develop an intergenerational learning fellowship to share traditional knowledge and skills; and conduct a community health assessment to understand how water and air contaminants are affecting residents. Through hands-on activities, workshops, education, and community gatherings, Huliau o Wai'anae aims to empower residents to engage in governmental processes that affect Wai'anae.

## **IDAHO**

**State/Territory:** Idaho

**Lead Applicant:** City of Pocatello, Idaho

**Statutory Partner:** Portneuf Greenway Foundation

**Application Name:** City of Pocatello South 5th Ave. Complete Streets and Sewer Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$16.5 million

**Summary:** The City of Pocatello and Portneuf Greenway Foundation plan to implement a series of projects to revitalize the city's South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue corridor. They will invest in water infrastructure by installing sewer lines in unsewered neighborhoods and more than 50 drinking water stations. They plan to transform three miles of South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue into a "complete street" and install a 6-mile trail connecting South 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to existing green space. They also will expand tree canopy and invest in stormwater management at local parks.

## **ILLINOIS**

**State/Territory:** Illinois

**Lead Applicant:** Friends of the Chicago River

**Statutory Partner:** Metropolitan Planning Council

**Application Name:** Establishing a Climate Just Future in Chicago by Collaborating through the River Ecology and Governance Task Force

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.8 million

**Summary:** Friends of the Chicago River and the Metropolitan Planning Council will expand the established River Ecology and Governance Task Force, an Environmental Advisory Board, which creates opportunities for communities along the Chicago-Calumet River system to participate in government decision-making. They will form a new Community Partner Council, led by the Calumet Collaborative, to bring together community leaders to assist with shaping the work plan for rivers policy advisory work. As part of the Community Partner Council, they will provide financial capacity support for five community organizations to lead a community participant-centered engagement approach with the general public, residents, and those not currently able to participate in the River Task Force structure.

## **INDIANA**

**State/Territory:** Indiana

**Lead Applicant:** City of Evansville

**Statutory Partner:** Welborn Baptist Foundation, Inc.

**Application Name:** Moving Evansville Toward a Healthier Future

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Residents of Evansville's disadvantaged communities suffer from poor air quality, as the region's low river valley topography hinders the dispersion of pollutants from traffic and power plants, wildfire smoke, and excessive heat that contribute to temperature inversions and air quality action days. In direct response to the challenges of poor air quality, this project will designate 15 "Mobility Hubs" throughout the city; expand the current bike share system with 100 electric bikes; electrify and expand the on-demand microtransit program; invest in publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure and install solar power at the bus transit facilities; and conduct a local EV public awareness campaign.

## **KANSAS**

**State/Territory:** Kansas

**Lead Applicant:** Healthy Bourbon County Action Team

**Statutory Partner:** University of Kansas Medical Center

**Application Name:** Increase Engagement with Local, State, and Federal government through Local Health Equity Action Teams

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.9 million

**Summary:** This project is focused on Bourbon, Crawford, Cowley, and Mitchell Counties in Kansas, each of which participated in the Communities Organizing to Promote Equity initiative funded through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and administered through

the University of Kansas Medical Center. As part of the program, each county formed a Local Health Equity Action Team (LHEAT) composed of community health workers, healthcare providers, representatives of non-profit organizations, churches, government officials, and residents with lived experience. The project will build on this foundation to support the LHEATs' work to engage local and state governments on key issues, including lead-based paint, air and water pollution, transportation access, and more.

## **LOUISIANA**

**State/Territory:** Louisiana

**Lead Applicant:** Dillard University

**Statutory Partner:** United Way of Southeast Louisiana

**Application Name:** Building Climate Resiliency in Southeast Louisiana

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.9 million

**Summary:** Dillard University and United Way of Southeast Louisiana will work in Orleans, St. Tammany, and Washington Parishes to reduce pollution and strengthen community resilience to natural disasters. They will improve transportation access by providing up to 300 families with e-bikes; expanding bike-sharing programs; and installing EV chargers. They will retrofit several public buildings with energy-efficient HVAC systems, solar, and energy storage so they can serve as community resilience hubs during emergencies. The university also will launch new non-degree certificate programs in clean energy and climate resilience.

**State/Territory:** Louisiana

**Lead Applicant:** Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation

**Statutory Partner:** Power Coalition for Equity and Justice

**Application Name:** Weatherization and Energy Efficiency to Promote Louisiana's Urban Growth (WE PLUG)

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The WE PLUG project, focused on North Baton Rouge, will train a team of 10 outreach workers with deep knowledge and trust in their neighborhoods to canvass neighborhoods, conduct educational workshops, and host community events about energy efficiency, weatherization, and climate resilience. They will work closely with a team of 15 community navigators to assess eligible households for home upgrades and help connect them to programs that meet their needs. Home upgrades could include mechanical improvements (e.g. HVAC replacement); health and safety improvements (e.g. remediating mold hazards); building shell improvements; installation of energy-efficient appliances; fortified roofing; and installation of solar plus energy storage. WE PLUG also will identify and train 90 project area residents through the Louisiana Housing Corporation weatherization certification program.

**State/Territory:** Louisiana

**Lead Applicant:** Stay Ready NOLA, Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** Metro Bicycle Coalition of New Orleans, Inc.

**Application Name:** Stay Ready Solar Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Benefiting New Orleans' Upper Ninth Ward, the Stay Ready Solar Project will develop a Resilience Hub to provide crucial support for citizens and emergency responders during a storm or other emergency. The Resilience Hub will be connected via the grid to two solar farms, also located in the Upper Ninth Ward, that will produce 3MW of clean solar energy, enough to power 1,000 homes. Construction of the solar farms and Resilience Hub will include permeable surfaces to reduce stormwater runoff and enhance groundwater recharge. The project will offer workforce development programs to equip residents with job skills in solar energy, e-bike repair and maintenance, and more.

## **MARYLAND**

**State/Territory:** Maryland

**Lead Applicant:** Centro de Apoyo Familiar

**Statutory Partner:** Black Wall Street

**Application Name:** BrightFUTURES: Building Resilient, Innovative, Green Habitats and Facilitating Urban Transformation for Underserved Residents Through Renewable Energy Solutions

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** BrightFUTURES will invest in 10 disadvantaged communities in Prince George's County to build climate resilience, reduce energy costs, and develop a clean energy workforce. The project will plant trees and rain gardens to close the nature gap, provide shade on hot days, and mitigate flooding. An innovative workforce development program will give trainees hands-on experience with energy audits, HVAC installation, and solar deployment within the target communities. A subset of these trainees will receive entrepreneurship training and start-up funds to establish their businesses.

## **MASSACHUSETTS**

**State/Territory:** Massachusetts

**Lead Applicant:** City of Springfield, MA

**Statutory Partner:** Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts

**Application Name:** Green and Resilient Springfield

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.99 million

**Summary:** The City of Springfield and the Public Health Institute of Western Massachusetts will support the transformation of a post-industrial city toward resilience with this multi-faceted project. They will invest in a community solar project; retrofit 30 one- to four-unit homes to reduce energy use and improve indoor air quality; and complete home rehabilitation projects to remove lead and other pollution hazards. They will convert two city-owned buildings to non-grid clean energy sources and expand their use as community resilience hubs and emergency shelter locations. They also will expand tree canopy by planting 1,500 trees; restart a city e-bikeshare program; and support a workforce development program for HVAC-R technicians.

**State/Territory:** Massachusetts

**Lead Applicant:** JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** Mauricio Gaston Institute for Latino Community Development and Public Policy

**Application Name:** Enhancing Equitable Community Engagement in Governance for Environmental and Climate Justice in East Boston (EJ Engaged East Boston)

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** The EJ Engaged East Boston project will create a Community Advisory Council (CAC), composed of 20 representatives from underserved communities in East Boston, to increase the communities' meaningful engagement in government processes, including participatory budgeting. The project also will establish bi-directional communication pathways between community members and city government officials and offer training for East Boston community members.

## **MICHIGAN**

**State/Territory:** Michigan

**Lead Applicant:** Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

**Statutory Partner:** Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

**Application Name:** Making Michigan Tribal Homes & Buildings Efficient, Healthy, and Resilient

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will collaborate with six federally recognized tribes in Michigan to retrofit and electrify at least 300 tribal homes and transform 12 government facilities into community resilience hubs. The home building upgrades will include an energy and performance assessment to create a comprehensive plan for each property; necessary repairs for health, safety, and electrification (from roof repairs to electrical upgrades); building envelope improvements (insulation, ventilation, air sealing, etc.) to both address indoor air quality challenges and reduce the building's heating and cooling load; and installation of electric equipment for all major energy end uses. In addition, the project will install portable air purifiers, dehumidifiers, and other equipment where needed. Each participating tribe will receive funding to hire and train a specialist to oversee building performance improvement investments in their community.

**State/Territory:** Michigan

**Lead Applicant:** Kalamazoo County Government

**Statutory Partner:** Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition (KCCC)

**Application Name:** Holistic Healthy Homes in Kalamazoo County: Delivering Energy Efficiency Measures, Increasing Resiliency, and Improving Air Quality in Existing Housing Stock

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$18.7 million

**Summary:** Kalamazoo County Government and Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition will launch the Holistic Healthy Homes program, a project focused on improving housing stock in the Northside, Eastside, West Douglas, and Edison Neighborhoods of the City of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The vision for this project is to deliver critical home repairs and energy-efficiency measures to 300 owner-occupied single-family detached housing units in the project area, create a workforce development training program for 150 Kalamazoo residents, and remodel four local neighborhood centers into resiliency hubs. These hubs will function as emergency shelters as well as community anchors to provide activities and services.

**State/Territory:** Michigan

**Lead Applicant:** Eco Works

**Statutory Partner:** Michigan Interfaith Power and Light

**Application Name:** Detroit Community Resilience Hub Initiative

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Detroit Community Resilience Hub Initiative will partner with 20 houses of worship and food assistance programs in neighborhoods to transform their facilities into community resilience hubs powered by solar energy. Each hub will offer shelter during weather emergencies and utility outages, offering places to plug in electronic devices and medical equipment and refrigeration capacity to store medication. The project will deploy 30 EVs to provide the community with a low-cost rideshare program. These EVs also will serve as battery storage at the hubs during emergencies. Each hub also will reduce flooding by using nature-based solutions such as rain gardens and bioswales to capture and filter stormwater.

**State/Territory:** Michigan

**Lead Applicant:** Southwestern Michigan Commission

**Statutory Partner:** City of Benton Harbor

**Application Name:** Benton Harbor Neighborhood Resilience Hubs

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Benton Harbor Neighborhood Resilience Hubs project will establish two community resilience hubs that will provide supportive services to residents before, during, and after disasters. They will transform a large house into the Garden House Resilience Hub to be a

model of an electrified house that serves as an accelerator for community electrification efforts; a hub for community education; and a safe space for residents to gather during emergencies. They also will upgrade the Bobo Brazil Community Center with energy efficiency improvements, storage/backup power, and two bi-directional EV chargers—the centerpiece of a pilot microgrid to increase community energy resilience. The project also will offer energy efficiency and electrification upgrades for low-income households, churches, and other public buildings. The project will offer apprenticeships and other workforce development programs in weatherization, home upgrades, and green construction.

**State/Territory:** Michigan

**Lead Applicant:** Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (ITCMI)

**Statutory Partner:** Bay Mills Indian Community

**Application Name:** Michigan Tribal and State Manoomin/Mnoomin/Mnomen Stewardship

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** This project will support the meaningful participation of Michigan’s federally recognized Tribal governments and enrolled members in the implementation of the Tribal-State Manoomin Stewardship Plan to protect wild rice. The project will enable tribal elders, traditional ricers, and knowledge keepers to participate in the Michigan Wild Rice Initiative (MWRI) and inform decision-making in the Stewardship Plan implementation process. This project was developed in coordination with the MWRI including all 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan; ITCMI; the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE); and the University of Michigan Water Center.

## **MINNESOTA**

**State/Territory:** Minnesota

**Lead Applicant:** Minneapolis American Indian Center

**Statutory Partner:** Sabathani Community Center

**Application Name:** The Minneapolis Climate Resilience Partnership

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$10 million

**Summary:** The Minneapolis Climate Resilience Partnership will support upgrades at community-based resilience hubs in Minneapolis that provide community programming during non-emergency times and the resources to support disadvantaged populations during emergencies, such as severe weather. This funding will complement \$58 million in other funds raised for the Minneapolis American Indian Center’s (MAIC) renovation and the Sabathani Community Center’s (SCC) Community Energy Project. MAIC will use \$4 million to complete the building renovation, including energy efficiency and ventilation upgrades, prepare the roof for solar, and acquire and install the solar. SCC will use \$6 million to complete the first phase of SCC's geothermal energy system. SCC is building out programming to launch a new geothermal workforce program, and MAIC and SCC will be training sites for hands-on learning opportunities in geothermal, heat pumps, solar, and microgrid systems.

**State/Territory:** Minnesota

**Lead Applicant:** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

**Statutory Partner:** Cass Lake Boys and Girls Club

**Application Name:** Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Resilience Hub

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Tribal Resilience Hub project will create a Tribal Resilience Hub, which will also act as a cornerstone of the cultural resilience campus for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, located in northern Minnesota. The Tribal Resilience Hub will provide essential services during an emergency and will be equipped with a rooftop solar and battery storage system. The Tribe will install rain gardens around the hub to reduce flooding and will plant several community gardens. The Tribe also will invest in EVs and multimodal transportation infrastructure, including EV transit vans and electric bikes.

## **MISSISSIPPI**

**State/Territory:** Mississippi

**Lead Applicant:** 2C Mississippi Towards Sustainable Educated and Empowered Mi

**Statutory Partner:** Voice of Calvary Ministries

**Application Name:** First Resiliency Hub in Jackson, Mississippi

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.9 million

**Summary:** This project will build the first community resilience hub in Jackson, Mississippi to provide both emergency and recovery services along with a range of social, economic, and cultural co-benefits for the city's most at-risk residents. The long-term purpose of this hub will be to function as headquarters for a system of "subhubs" across the city that will offer emergency services nearby. The community resilience hub will be upgraded to be energy efficient; powered by a microgrid; and equipped with an independent water well to provide a publicly accessible, reliable source of drinking water.

## **MISSOURI**

**State/Territory:** Missouri

**Lead Applicant:** The Curators of the University of Missouri

**Statutory Partner:** Chariton County Community Foundation

**Application Name:** Rejuvenate A River Basin Community Disadvantaged by Climate-Change Induced Extreme Weather Conditions

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million



**Summary:** Missouri's Chariton County the City of Brunswick, located near the Missouri River, faces frequent flooding events. This project will enhance the community's flood resilience by developing 10 rain gardens and three acres of water retention ponds. They also will work with the community to plant 500 acres of pecan trees on cleared lands. The project will make vulnerable roadways more resilient by rebuilding them with sustainable asphalt mixtures and upgrading the road drainage design. They will remodel the Old City Hall into a community resilience hub, which will fulfill vital roles as an emergency shelter, resource center, training facility, and historical preservation site. In addition, the project team will offer extension assistance to the local farming community to enhance crop productivity, land use efficiency, and soil health.

## **MONTANA**

**State/Territory:** Montana

**Lead Applicant:** City and County of Butte-Silver Bow

**Statutory Partner:** Headwaters RC&D

**Application Name:** Butte Community Resilience Hub

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This project will create the Butte Community Resilience Hub, equipped with solar and battery storage and satellite communication. The project leads will harden the hub to reduce flammability, create defensible space between the building and its surrounding environment, and install air filtration equipment to reduce the risks of smoke inhalation during wildfire events. The project also includes the construction of new, expanded, or enhanced bikeways, walkways, and non-motorized urban trails that reduce vehicle miles traveled and provide safe routes for travel between residences, workplaces, commercial and community centers, and schools.

## **NEVADA**

**State/Territory:** Nevada

**Lead Applicant:** Nevada Clean Energy Fund

**Statutory Partner:** Walker River Paiute Tribe

**Application Name:** Clean, Resilient, and Affordable Energy, Water, and Food for the Walker River Paiute Tribe

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This project will deliver water, energy, and food infrastructure to benefit the ~1,200 members of the Walker River Paiute Tribe who live on the Walker River Reservation. The Nevada Clean Energy Fund will work with the Walker River Paiute Tribe to provide home energy upgrades to 150 households to make them more efficient and resilient. They also will transform the planned Nutritional Wellness Building into a Community Resilience Hub that will provide

shelter in emergencies, including extreme heat events. The Hub will include solar and battery storage, an energy-efficient heat pump, and resilient building construction, including nonflammable roofing. The project will invest in critical water infrastructure needs, including constructing a new 410,000-gallon water storage tank, 24,000 feet of water mains, 53 fire hydrants, and 100 new domestic water connections.

## **NEW JERSEY**

**State/Territory:** New Jersey

**Lead Applicant:** Ironbound Community Corporation

**Statutory Partner:** Newark Office of Emergency Management

**Application Name:** Enhancing Community Resilience with Microgrid Technology

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) will develop a mobile microgrid powered by solar panels and battery energy storage systems in the Ironbound neighborhood of Newark, NJ. Collaborating closely with the Newark Office of Emergency Management (OEM), ICC is developing comprehensive contingency plans for deploying the microgrid during emergencies. The project will establish Community Resilience Hubs at critical community facilities that will use mobile battery microgrids and solar power systems to provide backup power. The project also will establish an electric vehicle charging area on the Ferry Street Farm site, including charging for two heavy-duty electric vehicles and six light-duty vehicles, and purchase two electric passenger vans and an electric passenger vehicle to serve the transportation needs of Ironbound residents.

## **NEW MEXICO**

**State/Territory:** New Mexico

**Lead Applicant:** Santa Fe Indian School, Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** The Trust for Public Land

**Application Name and Number:** Water Is Life: Advancing Climate Action and Environmental Justice Goals of the Santa Fe Indian School Campus Vision Plan

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) and Trust for Public Land will implement the SFIS Campus Vision Plan. The project will mitigate campus flooding and erosion by restoring bioswales, arroyos, rain gardens, and preferred water pathways; constructing stormwater detention ponds; installing permeable pavements; and planting trees and native vegetation. The project will integrate landscaping with native vegetation and locally grown traditional foods. To reduce energy costs and improve indoor air quality, SFIS will perform an energy audit; perform radon testing and an HVAC assessment; and complete modest capital improvements. The project also will build upon SFIS's existing workforce development and technical education

programs and will employ four student ambassadors and one workforce development program coordinator.

**State/Territory:** New Mexico

**Lead Applicant:** Global Center for Cultural Entrepreneurship

**Statutory Partner:** Indigenous Design and Planning Institute, School of Architecture and Planning, University of New Mexico

**Application Name:** New Mexico Partnership for Equitable Climate Planning & Policy

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.99 million

**Summary:** The New Mexico Partnership for Equitable Climate Planning & Policy project serves the Eight Northern Pueblos (ENP) of Northern New Mexico located across Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, and Taos Counties. The project will support ENP community leaders and organizations in hosting 40+ community engagement workshops and events directly engaging 840 ENP residents; publish and widely disseminate three annual ENP reports with policy recommendations to solve local problems; design, launch, and host a Leadership Development Program graduating 30 young adults (cohorts) from ENP communities; and establish three seminal agreements among Tribes, states, counties, and community-based organizations to reduce barriers to meaningful resident participation.

## **NEW YORK**

**State/Territory:** New York

**Lead Applicant:** People United for Sustainable Housing Inc

**Statutory Partner:** Community Network for Engagement, Connection, and Transformation (CoNECT)

**Application Name:** The Buffalo Neighborhood Mobilization Hubs Plan

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The applicants and their partners, including Erie County, the City of Buffalo, and Buffalo Public Schools, will launch 150 Neighborhood Mobilization Hubs in Buffalo's disadvantaged communities to provide access to support services during emergencies. Each Hub will have emergency equipment such as backup generators, snow removal equipment, portable solar kits, batteries, and walkie-talkies. To prepare for shelter-in-place emergencies, the project will purchase 150 portable network kits for the Hubs and 150 solar kits to power them, wired (ethernet) internet access, cabling tools and supplies, and computers/tablets/cell phones that will be stored at Community Tech Labs. The project also will support local workforce training in solar installation, energy efficiency upgrades, and other trades and conduct outreach to potential employers.

**State/Territory:** New York

**Lead Applicant:** Rockaway Waterfront Alliance, Inc DBA RISE Rockaway

**Statutory Partner:** New York City Department of Parks & Recreation Natural Resources Group

**Application Name:** Rockaway Coastal Resilience Dune Restoration Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$11.2 million

**Summary:** The Rockaway Coastal Resilience Dune Restoration Project will restore and protect 3 miles of coastal shoreline and maritime habitats to reduce pollution with nature-based solutions that not only improve local ecosystems but also build stronger barriers against storm surges. The project will produce plants and seeds appropriate for dune and coastal habitat restoration in two NYC-based nurseries and use them to restore three miles of dune habitat at the Rockaway Dune Preserve Site. While protecting the natural habitat, RISE will also reduce solid waste, trash, and marine debris from the beaches in Arverne and Rockaway. The project will also expand economic opportunity through paid workforce development programs for low-income residents of Arverne and Far Rockaway to support the coastal restoration, nursery, and related work.

**State/Territory:** New York

**Lead Applicant:** Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, inc.

**Statutory Partner:** Clean and Healthy New York, Inc.

**Application Name:** ALL(bany) Together - Climate and Health Resilience Equity Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Trinity Alliance of the Capital Region, inc. and Clean and Healthy New York, Inc. will increase resiliency for the disadvantaged communities of Albany, NY. The project will build two community resilience hubs, increase access to accessible workforce training, reduce urban heat-island effects by investing in green infrastructure, increase community composting, and work with local building trades professional and general contractors to conduct home energy audits, home inspections, and remediate indoor pollution. This project will increase resiliency to extreme weather events among Albany's most vulnerable neighborhoods for generations due to improved infrastructure, disaster preparedness training, and reduced chronic exposure to indoor pollutants.

**State/Territory:** New York

**Lead Applicant:** Bronx River Alliance, Inc

**Statutory Partner:** Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice

**Application Name:** Uplifting Bronx Voices for Climate Change Resilience

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$1 million

**Summary:** The Bronx River Alliance and Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice will convene a Bronx Climate Justice Task Force to speak with a coordinated voice to decision-makers that are shaping the future of climate resiliency in the Bronx. The project will ensure disadvantaged communities in the Bronx fully participate in planning and implementation decisions about coastal adaptation, habitat restoration, and related local, state, and federal infrastructure projects.

**State/Territory:** New York

**Lead Applicant:** WE ACT for Environmental Justice

**Statutory Partner:** Pratt Center for Community Development

**Application Name:** EJNYC: Community-Based Solutions for Environmental Justice

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** WE ACT and its partners will ensure that community perspectives, priorities, and solutions are represented in New York City's environmental justice planning processes. To achieve this goal, this project will first conduct a series of community conversations, informed by the 2024 Environmental Justice NYC Report released by the New York City Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice, in neighborhoods across NYC's five boroughs and synthesize this community input into a set of priorities and strategies. The project will then identify implementation opportunities across city-led initiatives and carry out a citywide communications push to raise communities' awareness of the proposed solutions.

**State/Territory:** New York

**Lead Applicant:** El Puente De Williamsburg

**Statutory Partner:** The New School, Tishman Environment and Design Center

**Application Name:** El Puente Community Change (EPCC)

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** Benefitting neighborhoods in North Brooklyn, the El Puente Community Change project will facilitate regular public workshops, seminars, focus groups, trainings, and education events for community members to discuss local environmental issues and topics of governmental process and policy. The project will create community-based Environmental Advisory Boards (EABs) to engage in land use decisions and other policy matters that affect North Brooklyn. Through the EABs, the El Puente Community Change project will promote collaborative governance activities designed to ensure direct and meaningful community involvement in decision-making processes.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

**State/Territory:** North Carolina

**Lead Applicant:** Southwest Renewal Foundation

**Statutory Partner:** City of High Point, NC

**Application Name:** From Grey to Green: Climate Resilience and Environmental Justice for Southwest High Point, NC

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$18.5 million

**Summary:** The Grey to Green Project, serving the City of High Point, will renovate an existing building on the Guilford Technical Community College High Point campus to serve as a new training center for good-paying jobs in HVAC, EV batteries, entry-level construction, masonry, and more. Grey to Green will plant 1,000 native trees and shrubs in the community to mitigate

the heat island effect. Grey to Green will design two miles of “Complete Streets,” remaking S. Main Street from a typical high-speed unsafe arterial into a safer, high-quality gateway into southwest and downtown High Point. They also will install six electric vehicle charging stations throughout the southwest district. The project will provide energy efficiency retrofits to community buildings and Fairview Elementary School, which will receive new HVAC systems to improve indoor air quality and reduce energy costs. To improve water quality, the project will conduct a sewer rehabilitation program for the Southwest High Point neighborhood.

**State/Territory:** North Carolina

**Lead Applicant:** The Working Lands Trust Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** Democracy Green

**Application Name:** Clean Water Is Safe Water Community Initiative

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (TIA D)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This project, focused on communities in Supply, Ash, and Longwood within the Gullah Geechee corridor of Brunswick County, will conduct water quality testing at homes and public buildings built before 1986 and distribute home water quality testing kits to residents. The project will identify and replace lead pipes in 425 homes and public facilities, including houses, churches, and community centers. Additionally, this project will restore wetlands in the Lockwoods Folly River Watershed to enhance natural water filtration, reduce high-impact flooding events, and improve water quality in the region.

**State/Territory:** North Carolina

**Lead Applicant:** MDC, Inc

**Statutory Partner:** Hispanic Federation, Inc

**Application Name:** Escuelitas Comunitarias para la Justicia Ambiental: Disaster Resiliency for Latine Communities in Rural Eastern North Carolina

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.97 million

**Summary:** Escuelitas Comunitarias para la Justicia Ambiental focuses on communities in rural eastern North Carolina, anchored in Duplin County. The project will provide training for six community-based organizations (CBOs) and 3-5 community leaders selected by each CBO to develop their skills to effectively engage in government processes. They also will provide two organizational capacity-building trainings annually for the six partnering CBOs. In addition, the project will work with UNC Chapel Hill to compile data about local infrastructure and conditions, such as flood impacts from Hurricanes Matthew (2016) and Florence (2018), that could help inform local, state, and national environmental and climate policies.

## **OHIO**

**State/Territory:** Ohio

**Lead Applicant:** The MetroHealth System

**Statutory Partner:** Community Housing Solutions

**Application Name:** Asthma, Indoor Air Pollution, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$17.2 million

**Summary:** The MetroHealth System and Community Housing Solutions will identify 1,200 Cleveland-area households with at least one resident with asthma and work with them to reduce indoor air pollution. They will replace gas ranges with electric ranges, upgrade kitchen electrical systems as needed, and improve kitchen ventilation. They also will offer households financial incentives to switch to a cleaner electricity supplier and will install EV chargers upon request. All project activities will include extensive community outreach.

**State/Territory:** Ohio

**Lead Applicant:** The Trust for Public Land

**Statutory Partner:** See You At The Top

**Application Name:** Building Democratic Systems for a Climate Resilient Cleveland

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** Trust for Public Land and See You At The Top will work with the City of Cleveland and the Cleveland Parks and Greenspace Coalition to engage residents of eight historically disadvantaged neighborhoods in municipal decision-making and planning processes related to parks and greenspaces.

## **OREGON**

**State/Territory:** Oregon

**Lead Applicant:** Lane County Government

**Statutory Partner:** United Way of Lane County

**Application Name:** Lane County Transformation for Resiliency Through Equity and Engagement (Lane TREE)

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.6 million

**Summary:** Lane County and United Way of Lane County will invest in six facilities to create a network of community resilience hubs to support residents during emergencies, such as wildfires and heat waves. They also will build the capacity of local organizations providing resilience services; train medical and non-medical volunteers to help in emergencies; and equip the hubs with adequate supplies. They will work to expand and improve the county's emergency response planning and implementation network to support an all-of-community response during and after a severe event. The project also will assess the feasibility of installing solar and energy storage on the resilience hubs.

**State/Territory:** Oregon

**Lead Applicant:** Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon

**Statutory Partner:** Energy Trust of Oregon

**Application Name:** Building a Resilient and Responsive Grand Ronde Community

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$19.9 million

**Summary:** The Tribe will construct the Ronde Resilience Center (RRC) to provide shelter and services to the Grand Ronde community during emergencies, including wildfire events. The Tribe will incorporate solar-plus-storage technology into the design and construction of the RRC, which will have the ability to function as a microgrid in the event of power outages or grid failure. During blue sky days, the Center will serve as a center for health, community, education, and wellness. The RRC also will include a public park and open spaces, a raingarden, bioswales, and wetland enhancement. The construction and operation of the RRC will produce several new jobs in the community.

**State/Territory:** Oregon

**Lead Applicant:** Columbia Gorge Education Service District

**Statutory Partner:** Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation

**Application Name:** The Columbia Gorge Early Learning and Resilience Center: A rural hub for environmental justice and climate resilience

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Columbia Gorge Education Service District and Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation will create the Columbia Gorge Early Learning and Resilience Center (ELRC) in the low-income, rural community of The Dalles, OR by renovating a 1954 school building to anchor a community-wide set of activities and function as a critical community resilience center. The building will be solar-powered and grid-islanded to reduce air pollution and provide the community with resilient power during extreme climate events. The Columbia Gorge Early Learning and Resilience Center will also include 2 new EV charging stations, a new bus stop, and air filtration systems. Additionally, the project will expand Columbia Gorge Community Service District's successful career/technical education programs.

**State/Territory:** Oregon

**Lead Applicant:** City of Chiloquin

**Statutory Partner:** Chiloquin Visions In Progress (CVIP)

**Application Name:** Chiloquin Community Resilience Hub and Municipal Center

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$16.3 million

**Summary:** For this project in Oregon, the City of Chiloquin will partner with Chiloquin Visions In Progress (CVIP) to build a community resilience hub and public-serving municipal center on a former and recently remediated Brownfield site. This multi-purpose facility will serve as an emergency shelter, municipal center, and community space that will address climate change vulnerabilities and promote economic development. This facility will also increase the capacity and support services of two local shelters and provide trainings and workshops. Additionally, the



project also includes an air monitoring program to improve indoor air quality efforts for homes and implement a wood stove replacement program.

## **PENNSYLVANIA**

**State/Territory:** Pennsylvania

**Lead Applicant:** Pittsburgh Conservation Corps

**Statutory Partner:** PowerCorpsPHL

**Application Name:** Leveraging a Pittsburgh/Philadelphia Workforce Development Partnership

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Funding amount:** \$13.9 million

**Summary:** The Pittsburgh Conservation Corps and PowerCorpsPHL will work in disadvantaged neighborhoods in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to expand and create critical infrastructure for upcycling and commercializing materials from urban tree waste. The project will offer workforce development and training for area residents to provide career pathways in land stewardship services and wood products.

**State/Territory:** Pennsylvania

**Lead Applicant:** Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia

**Statutory Partner:** Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia

**Application Name:** Grays Ferry Community Resilience Hub

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This project will develop the Grays Ferry Community Resilience Hub in the Grays Ferry neighborhood of South Philadelphia to serve as a workforce development center, disaster and emergency response center, and community education space. The project also will provide assessments and whole home repairs of 189 Grays Ferry homes through Philadelphia's Built to Last framework, which delivers basic systems repairs, energy efficiency, health and safety improvements, and electrification. In addition, the project will provide training to more than 50 individuals annually, prioritizing historically excluded workers aged 16 and above, and offer high-quality, pre-apprenticeship programs to prepare trainees for in-demand positions in clean energy sectors such as sustainable construction, HVAC installation, solar PV installation, energy auditing, disaster recovery, and more.

## **PUERTO RICO**

**State/Territory:** Puerto Rico

**Lead Applicant:** GRID Alternatives

**Statutory Partner:** PathStone Corporation

**Application Name:** A Collaborative Approach to Climate Resilience for Puerto Rico

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Territories (TIA C)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This project, focused on seven municipalities along Puerto Rico's eastern coast, will provide energy efficiency audits and electrification vouchers to 50 community-serving spaces that will then receive solar plus storage systems. Equipped with solar and storage, these community-serving spaces will be reliable safe sites for community members and first responders during disasters and power outages. The project will provide 240 community members with training to maintain these solar and storage systems and will offer scholarships to 24 select participants to continue their professional studies in renewable energy. The project also will plant 10,000 native trees and mangroves in the project area to improve coastal resilience to storm events.

**State/Territory:** Puerto Rico

**Lead Applicant:** El Departamento de la Comida (El Depa)

**Statutory Partner:** Alliance for Agriculture, Corp.

**Application Name:** Por las Quebradas (For the Streams): Community Watershed Stewardship and Climate Resilience in Rural Caguas, Puerto Rico

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Territories (TIA C)

**Amount Requested:** \$11.7 million

**Summary:** This project will serve the San Salvador and Borinquen neighborhoods in the municipality of Caguas, Puerto Rico. Por las Quebradas has three pillars: the creation of a climate resilience hub; waterway restoration; and community education and workforce development. The resilience hub will open a plant and tree nursery, install renewable energy systems, create community composting facilities, expand an existing program to purchase surplus produce from local farmers for a community kitchen, and host a range of educational programs. The Intergenerational Waterway Restoration Project will restore riparian zones by reducing erosion, investing solar power for the aqueducts, and monitoring water quality indicators. The project will train project staff through the Community Watershed Steward Program, host community educational events, and grow a farming workforce trained in agroecological and organic practices.

**State/Territory:** Puerto Rico

**Lead Applicant:** Asociación De Residentes De La Margarita Inc.

**Statutory Partner:** Solar United Neighbors

**Application Name:** Community Leadership Initiatives for Mitigation and Adaptation Project (Project CLIMA)

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Territories (TIA C)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Project CLIMA will serve the disadvantaged municipality of Salinas, Puerto Rico, particularly the La Margarita community. The initiative focuses on the installation of a centralized solar/battery microgrid, EV charging infrastructure, and residential rooftop solar systems to provide affordable and clean energy services to the community. The project will also invest in the deployment of additional mitigation and adaptation infrastructure, including flood water control

barriers, improvements to water drainage systems to mitigate flood risks, as well as the establishment of 20 resilience hubs to form a disaster relief network.

## **RHODE ISLAND**

**State/Territory:** Rhode Island

**Lead Applicant:** Rhode Island Food Policy Council

**Statutory Partner:** Groundwork Rhode Island

**Application Name:** From Food Waste to Opportunity: A Path toward Climate, Environmental, & Economic Justice in Rhode Island

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Serving disadvantaged communities in Providence, Pawtuck, Central Falls, Newport, and Middletown, Rhode Island, this project takes a multilevel approach to food waste reduction, donation, and recycling. By engaging many collaborators, including municipal and nonprofit community-based organizations deeply embedded within their defined community, the Rhode Island Food Policy Council and Groundwork Rhode Island will decrease the food wasted within schools, businesses, and homes; increase donations from food businesses to non-profits; and increase both the capacity for compost processing and participation in these programs. This project will provide direct technical assistance to schools and businesses, train community members, set up local and centralized composting options, and engage with the community to reach the project's objectives.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**State/Territory:** South Carolina

**Lead Applicant:** Sustainability Institute

**Statutory Partner:** City of North Charleston, SC

**Application Name:** Advancing Environmental and Climate Justice in Union Heights, a Historic Black Settlement Community in North Charleston, SC

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$11.4 million

**Summary:** This project benefits Union Heights, located in the "Charleston Neck," local vernacular for a narrow area of once-undesirable, swampy land on a peninsula between the urban centers of Charleston and modern-day North Charleston, SC. The project will perform deep weatherization retrofits on 50 existing homes and provide a subset with new HVAC systems, solar PV, and other upgrades. The project will also construct 10 new single-family housing units to provide much-needed affordable housing – particularly for seniors – and to produce quality constructed homes that are low-carbon, energy-efficient/ Zero-Energy Ready, healthy, durable, and climate resilient. The Sustainability Institute will recruit 12 AmeriCorps Conservation Corps members directly from Union Heights and surrounding communities to support weatherization projects and community capacity-building activities.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**State/Territory:** South Dakota

**Lead Applicant:** Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

**Statutory Partner:** Native Sun Community Power Development

**Application Name:** FSST Environmental Advancement Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$19.9 million

**Summary:** FSST Environmental Advancement Project will serve the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (FSST) in Flandreau, South Dakota. It will create a zero-emission transportation corridor to replace a local bridge previously damaged in 2022. This corridor will provide clean transportation options and other infrastructure improvements, including ADA-accessible mobility options. Additionally, the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe will partner with the Native Sun Community Power Development to support investments in green infrastructure, including roof retrofits and upgrades, new solar capacity, building weatherization, and the construction of multiple resilience hubs to support tribal operations in cases of emergency.

## **TENNESSEE**

**State/Territory:** Tennessee

**Lead Applicant:** Trust for Public Land

**Statutory Partner:** City of Chattanooga

**Application Name:** Clifton Hills Alton Park Thread Trail

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Funding amount:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Trust for Public Land and the City of Chattanooga will develop a 2.6-mile trail system in south Chattanooga, expand greenspace and tree canopy, and improve stormwater and floodplain management using nature-based solutions. This project, first identified as a community priority in 2002, will help transform and reconnect three disadvantaged communities that have been isolated by railroads, highways, and other barriers. More than 3,800 individuals live within a half-mile of the trail.

**State/Territory:** Tennessee

**Lead Applicant:** Young, Gifted, & Green

**Statutory Partner:** Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

**Application Name:** Mid-South Environmental Justice Center In Support of Healthy Communities in Memphis

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Funding amount:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Young, Green, & Gifted will establish a new Mid-South Environmental Justice Center to address critical community needs around energy efficiency, housing, indoor air quality, clean water infrastructure, and workforce development. Green & Healthy Homes Initiative will implement a Whole Home Model Initiative in Memphis to remove lead hazards and install energy efficiency upgrades in 150 low-income Memphis homes. The project will administer a grant fund, the Energy Equity Grant Fund for Small Businesses, to support small businesses that want to invest in energy-efficiency updates, solar panel installation, appliance replacements, and other activities. The project also will transform blighted parcels into greenspace through a new Resilient Community Initiative Grants program.

**State/Territory:** Tennessee

**Lead Applicant:** Tennessee Educators of Color Alliance

**Statutory Partner:** University of Memphis

**Application Name:** Affecting Communities Through Educator Voices (ACTEV)

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$1.9 million

**Summary:** Focused on disadvantaged communities in Davidson, Greene, Hamilton, Knox, Shelby, and Sullivan counties, the Affecting Communities Through Educator Voices (ACTEV) program will train and upskill 60 teachers about local environmental issues and how to engage in governmental processes. The program will train 60 fellows from the target counties over three years. Graduates of the fellowship program will be poised to collaborate with government officials on local environmental issues, leveraging the unique vantage point educators have as pillars of their communities.

## **TEXAS**

**State/Territory:** Texas

**Lead Applicant:** City of Houston Health Department

**Statutory Partner:** Black United Fund of Texas (BUFTX)

**Application Name:** Vulnerable to Vibrant: Power for Change

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Houston Health Department and Black United Fund of Texas (BUFTX) will focus on Houston's Greater Fifth Ward and Kashmere Gardens communities. The project will invest in a community solar energy system to support long-term resiliency and expand solar workforce development. The project also will plant 10,000 trees to provide shade and flood mitigation and expand efforts to reduce illegal dumping. Funding will expand the services provided by the BUFTX community resilience hub to increase its capacity to support the community before, during, and after emergencies.

**State/Territory:** Texas

**Lead Applicant:** Mission Waco, Mission World

**Statutory Partner:** City of Waco, TX

**Application Name:** Engaging Communities for a Resilient and Sustainable Waco and McLennan County

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$17.9 million

**Summary:** Focused on disadvantaged communities in the City of Waco and McLennan County, Texas, this project will create three resilience hubs at existing community facilities to serve as education and workforce development centers, emergency response centers, and temporary shelters for unhoused populations. The project will install solar and provide HVAC and energy efficiency upgrades at the resilience hubs and invest in tree planting and other nature-based solutions to expand shade and improve stormwater management. The project also will divert food waste from the landfill by expanding Waco residents' knowledge of and access to compost and community gardens. The project will offer numerous internship, training, and professional development opportunities focused on food waste diversion and composting.

**State/Territory:** Texas

**Lead Applicant:** Big Bend Conservation Alliance

**Statutory Partner:** City of Presidio, Texas

**Application Name:** Everything's Connected in Presidio

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Southern Border Communities (TIA E)

**Amount Requested:** \$12.5 million

**Summary:** Presidio is a rural town in the most isolated part of Texas; the town and its sister city, Ojinaga, Chihuahua, sit at the US-Mexico border, 250 miles from the nearest metropolitan area. The project will establish a solar-powered resilience center that can serve as a cooling center during heat waves and power outages; moreover, they will develop an emergency cooling plan to help the community's most vulnerable residents get to the cooling center. To reduce the heat island effect and expand the tree canopy for shade, the project will plant more than 1,000 trees to create a greenbelt that connects the town's services including the schools, library, senior center, grocery store, recreation center, medical clinic, and more. They also will offer more than 1,600 trees for planting on private properties and plant 1,500 trees in existing recreational areas and along sidewalks. In addition, the project will develop three detention ponds to capture water runoff and recharge the aquifer.

**State/Territory:** Texas

**Lead Applicant:** Air Alliance Houston

**Statutory Partner:** Houston Advanced Research Center

**Application Name:** AirMail Gulf Coast

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$2.9 million

**Summary:** The AirMail Gulf Coast project will work in 10 counties across three regions of Southeast Texas: Golden Triangle (Port Arthur area), Greater Houston-Galveston Area, and Coastal Bend (Corpus Christi area). Core project activities include: (1) Conducting community-based and citizen-science initiatives that inform government processes; (2) Preparing, training,

and educating communities on how to engage in government processes, with a focus on permitting decisions; land use, highway construction, and infrastructure decisions; and developing community benefit plans/agreements in the region.

### **U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**State/Territory:** U.S. Virgin Islands

**Lead Applicant:** Island Green Building Association, Inc

**Statutory Partner:** Virgin Islands Environmental Association

**Application Name:** US Virgin Islands Partnerships for Community-Wide Sustainability

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** TIA C – Territories

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The US Virgin Islands Partnership for Community-Wide Sustainability project, led by the Island Green Building Association and the Virgin Islands Environmental Association, will serve the islands of St. Thomas and St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Their initiative focuses on improving waste management services through the installation of comprehensive recycling and composting infrastructure, expanding access to clean drinking water, mitigating drinking water contamination, and implementing rigorous education programs focused on environmental science and marine health. This project aims to address the territory's environmental challenges, create jobs in the process, and foster a circular economy while enhancing community health and resilience.

### **VIRGINIA**

**State/Territory:** Virginia

**Lead Applicant:** City of Hampton, VA

**Statutory Partner:** Wetlands Watch

**Application Name:** Aberdeen Gardens Community Resilience Implementation Strategy

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** This collaborative, community-based effort will support investments in the historic district of Aberdeen Gardens located in Hampton, Virginia. The City of Hampton will partner with Wetlands Watch to address immediate pollution and climate risks through projects like creek restoration, the development of community gardens, rain gardens, and the installation of rain barrels to help manage stormwater runoff and improve local environmental quality. These initiatives will reduce and prevent localized pollution and mitigate the effects of flooding and other climate-related challenges. This project utilizes green infrastructure and nature-based solutions to mitigate flooding, improve air quality, and enhance community resilience while providing workforce training and development opportunities.

**State/Territory:** Virginia

**Lead Applicant:** The Rector & Visitors of the University of Virginia

**Statutory Partner:** United Way of Southwest Virginia/Endless Opportunities

**Application Name:** Appalachian Environmental Resilience Community Change Grants Program

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.8 million

**Summary:** The Appalachian Environmental Resilience Community Change Grants Program will implement climate resilience planning and capacity-building efforts across ten communities throughout Southwest (Appalachian) Virginia and advance key projects that reduce pollution and carbon emissions while advancing critical community needs. Their multifaceted approach includes a set of projects in the 7 counties of the Virginia coalfields that will build energy-efficient housing, expand EV charging infrastructure, install community solar, and create community resilience hubs that will double as community capacity building spaces, workforce training, and/or healthcare access points.

## **WASHINGTON**

**State/Territory:** Washington

**Lead Applicant:** Gonzaga Institute for Climate, Water, and the Environment

**Statutory Partner:** Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP)

**Application Name:** Spokane Climate Resilience Project

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$19.9 million

**Summary:** The Gonzaga Institute for Climate, Water, and the Environment and Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners (SNAP) will work with disadvantaged Spokane communities to reduce indoor air pollution and energy costs by retrofitting hundreds of homes with heat pumps and high-quality air filtration systems. They will build the capacity of five community resilience hubs by installing microgrid infrastructure, establishing the Spokane Community Resilience Network, and expanding participation in the Gonzaga climate planning certificate program. They also will establish a fund to support community organizations' work to strengthen Spokane's climate resilience and mitigate local pollution.

**State/Territory:** Washington

**Lead Applicant:** Okanogan County Community Action Council

**Statutory Partner:** Office of Rural and Farmworker Housing

**Application Name:** Okanogan County Microgrid Community Resilience Hubs

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Under this project, the Okanogan County Community Action Council will invest in two community resilience hubs that will focus on reducing climate and pollution risks while engaging the local community in climate resiliency training and education efforts that will benefit the Okanogan County. The first resilience hub will serve as a broader disaster relief/emergency shelter facility that will be used as a cooling center and clean air refuge during summer and



wildfire smoke events. It will also be used as a workforce training space and to run a weatherization and construction training program. The second part of the project will rehab an existing food bank facility to better safeguard the county's food supply and will support expanded education efforts and training programs that will focus on reducing food waste.

**State/Territory:** Washington

**Lead Applicant:** Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation

**Statutory Partner:** Yakima Valley Community Foundation

**Application Name:** Fire and the Built Environment: Reducing Air Pollution Impacts on Yakama Nation and the Yakima Valley

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** Tribes in the Continental United States (TIA B)

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** The Fire and the Built Environment project will pilot advanced conservation harvest and wildfire prevention techniques on 3,000 acres of ancestral Yakama forest. The project also will construct a new Yakama mass timber facility to manufacture mass timber panels and build a prototype of a carbon-sequestering mass timber affordable housing unit and longhouse for the Yakama people.

**State/Territory:** Washington

**Lead Applicant:** Front and Centered

**Statutory Partner:** Solid Ground

**Application Name:** Applying Cornerstones of Co-governance through Community Leadership and Assemblies in Washington State for Environmental Justice (ACCELERATE EJ)

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** Focused on disadvantaged communities across Washington State, the ACCELERATE EJ project will build capacity within community organizations by training 15 community leaders each year to engage in governmental processes. The project also will conduct "community assemblies" to elevate community expertise and develop action plans to inform government decision-making. Anchor organizations will facilitate assemblies in their communities to develop action-oriented proposals on land use, transportation systems, energy policy, air and water quality, and other topics.

## **WISCONSIN**

**State/Territory:** Wisconsin

**Lead Applicant:** City of Madison, WI

**Statutory Partner:** Urban Triage

**Application Name:** Climate Resilience Starts at Home: Growing Energy Efficiency, Indoor Air Quality, and Green Jobs in Madison, Wisconsin

**Track:** Track I

**TIA Category:** n/a

**Amount Requested:** \$20 million

**Summary:** Focused on disadvantaged communities in Madison and Fitchburg, this project will train and lead a CBO Ambassador Network to conduct outreach to residents in the project area; share resources about home energy efficiency programs; and assist them in enrolling in available programs. The project will provide energy efficiency and healthy home upgrades to 45 multi-family buildings and 50 single-family homes each year. To strengthen the community, this project will provide workforce training for 20 young adults each year who will have the chance to perform weatherization and pre-weatherization upgrades on buildings in the project area.

**State/Territory:** Wisconsin

**Lead Applicant:** The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System

**Statutory Partner:** Brothertown Indian Nation

**Application Name and Number:** InterTribal Lake Winnebago Mayom Wild Rice Revitalization Project

**Track:** Track II

**Amount Requested:** \$3 million

**Summary:** The Lake Winnebago watershed is the traditional homeland for several Tribes that have been underrepresented in government decision-making processes. The proposed project will bolster the capacity of the Brothertown Indian Nation and other Tribal communities to evaluate and redress systemic and long-standing challenges, including wetlands degradation and the loss of wild rice. The project also will empower Tribal communities to effectively participate in government decisions that affect their watershed. The project will integrate environmental data from mainstream scientific methods, including water, sediment, and wild rice monitoring data, with the Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) of the project's advisors and participants.