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Environmental Justice

Community Change Grants Selections Announced!

EPA has announced the selection of an initial \$325 million in Community Change Grants to help disadvantaged communities tackle environmental and climate justice challenges.

Learn more about the Community Change Grants [<https://epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program>](https://epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program)

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“Environmental justice” means the just treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of income, race, color, national origin, Tribal affiliation, or disability, in agency decision-making and other Federal activities that affect human health and the environment so that people:

- are fully protected from disproportionate and adverse human health and environmental effects (including risks) and hazards, including those related to climate change, the cumulative impacts of environmental and other burdens, and the legacy of racism or other structural or systemic barriers; and

- have equitable access to a healthy, sustainable, and resilient environment in which to live, play, work, learn, grow, worship, and engage in cultural and subsistence practices

Grants and Resources



- EJ Grants, Funding, and Technical Assistance <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance>>
- Resources for Communities <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/resources-creating-healthy-sustainable-and-equitable-communities>>
- EJ in Your Community <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-your-community>>
- EJ Program Funded Projects <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-and-resources>>
- EJ Learning Center <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-learning-center>>
- EJSCREEN <<https://epa.gov/ejscreen>>
- EPA American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding <<https://epa.gov/arp>>

Strategic Planning



- Learn about Environmental Justice <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/learn-about-environmental-justice>>
- EJ Scorecard and EPA <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/ej-scorecard-and-epa>>
- Equitable Development <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/equitable-development-and-environmental-justice>>
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-and-national-environmental-policy-act>>
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/title-vi-and-environmental-justice>>
- Community Outreach and Engagement <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/community-outreach-and-engagement>>
- Journey to Justice Tour <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/journey-justice>>

Collaborative Partnerships



- Community Voices <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/community-voices-environmental-justice>>
- National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council>>
- White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/white-house-environmental-justice-advisory-council>>
- International Human Rights and Rights of Indigenous People <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/epas-role-promoting-international-human-rights-rights-indigenous-peoples-and>>
- Tribes and Indigenous Peoples <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-tribes-and-indigenous-peoples>>

How Did the Environmental Justice Movement Arise?

The environmental justice movement was started by individuals, primarily people of color, who sought to address the inequity of environmental protection in their communities.

Professor Robert Bullard wrote, "whether by conscious design or institutional neglect, communities of color in urban ghettos, in rural 'poverty pockets', or on economically impoverished Native-American reservations face some of the worst environmental devastation in the nation."

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s sounded the alarm about the public health dangers to their families, their communities and themselves.



This timeline presents EPA's involvement in the Environmental Justice Movement and the major events leading up to it. This is not meant to be an all inclusive history of the movement in general.

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