

POTENTIAL FUNDING NOW AVAILABLE FOR SOLAR+STORAGE PROJECTS AT HEALTH CENTERS

WHAT IS IT?

EPA's **Community Change Grants** is a federal opportunity to develop solar microgrid and resilience hubs in communities that face environmental justice issues. Over 60% of health centers are in Justice40 census tracts, or communities that face environmental, climate, and socio-economic burdens.

COMMUNITY-DRIVEN INVESTMENT FOR CHANGE

While there are two tracks for this award, the Community-Driven Investments for Change (Track 1) seems especially relevant for health centers because of a focus on community resilience, reducing pollution, and building community strength/ engagement, among others.

Under this track, applicants must align with at least one of seven different Climate Action Strategies. Two of those strategies are:

- **Strategy 4: Microgrid Installation for Community Energy Resilience**
- **Strategy 5: Community Resilience Hubs**

HOW CAN CHARGE HELP MY HEALTH CENTER?

The **Community Health Access to Resilient Green Energy (CHARGE)** Partnership stands at the ready to help PCAs and health centers with Track 1 submissions related to solar+storage projects. CHARGE is a collaboration between three mission-driven organizations: The National Association of Community Health Centers, Capital Link, and Collective Energy. We offer tailored, turn-key solar+storage solutions for health centers. We only exist to support health centers and truly seek to understand their unique needs and challenges. Our team is ready to provide descriptions for grant applications or share more about our work at any time. Are you interested in pursuing this grant opportunity and working with CHARGE? Please fill out [this form](#) or email jdempsey@nachc.org.



APPLICATION DEADLINE

The EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for \$2 billion in funding. The deadline to apply is **November 21st, 2024, but the sooner you get your applications in, the better!**

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A partnership between at least two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs)
- Or a partnership between a CBO and one of the following:
 - Federally-Recognized Tribe
 - Local Government
 - Institution of Higher Education
- Must demonstrate that the projects in their application would benefit a disadvantaged community.
 - Disadvantaged community defined [using this map](#)
 - OR a farmworker community or Disadvantaged Unincorporated Community



FUNDING AMOUNT

EPA anticipates awarding approximately **\$2 billion** in funding for both tracks, depending on availability.

- **Track I is expected between \$10-\$20 million** each and cannot exceed \$20 million. EPA expects to award \$1.96 billion across about 150 applicants.