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Environmental Health Team
Office Hours
EPA Environmental Justice
Community Change Grant
Funding Opportunity

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AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Overview/Updates from the NACHC Env Health Team
3. IRA Overview and Tax Credits
4. EPA Community Change Grants
5. Funding Resources
6. Getting Plugged into other Funding Resources at NACHC
7. Discussion

NACHC INITIATIVES

START THE CONVERSATION

Share our blog posts, webpage, or other resources to get the conversation started



1



GET CONNECTED

Sign-Up for our Interest Group and Monthly Newsletter



2



LEARN ABOUT THE IMPACTS ON HEALTH

Take the Climate for Health Ambassador Training



3



BUILD RESILIENCE

Install Solar Panels + Storage and learn about Patient-Centered Climate Resilience Strategies



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AWARENESS

ACTIVATION

POLICY & ISSUES FORUM 2024

Join NACHC's Environmental Health Team at **TWO** different sessions at P&I 2024

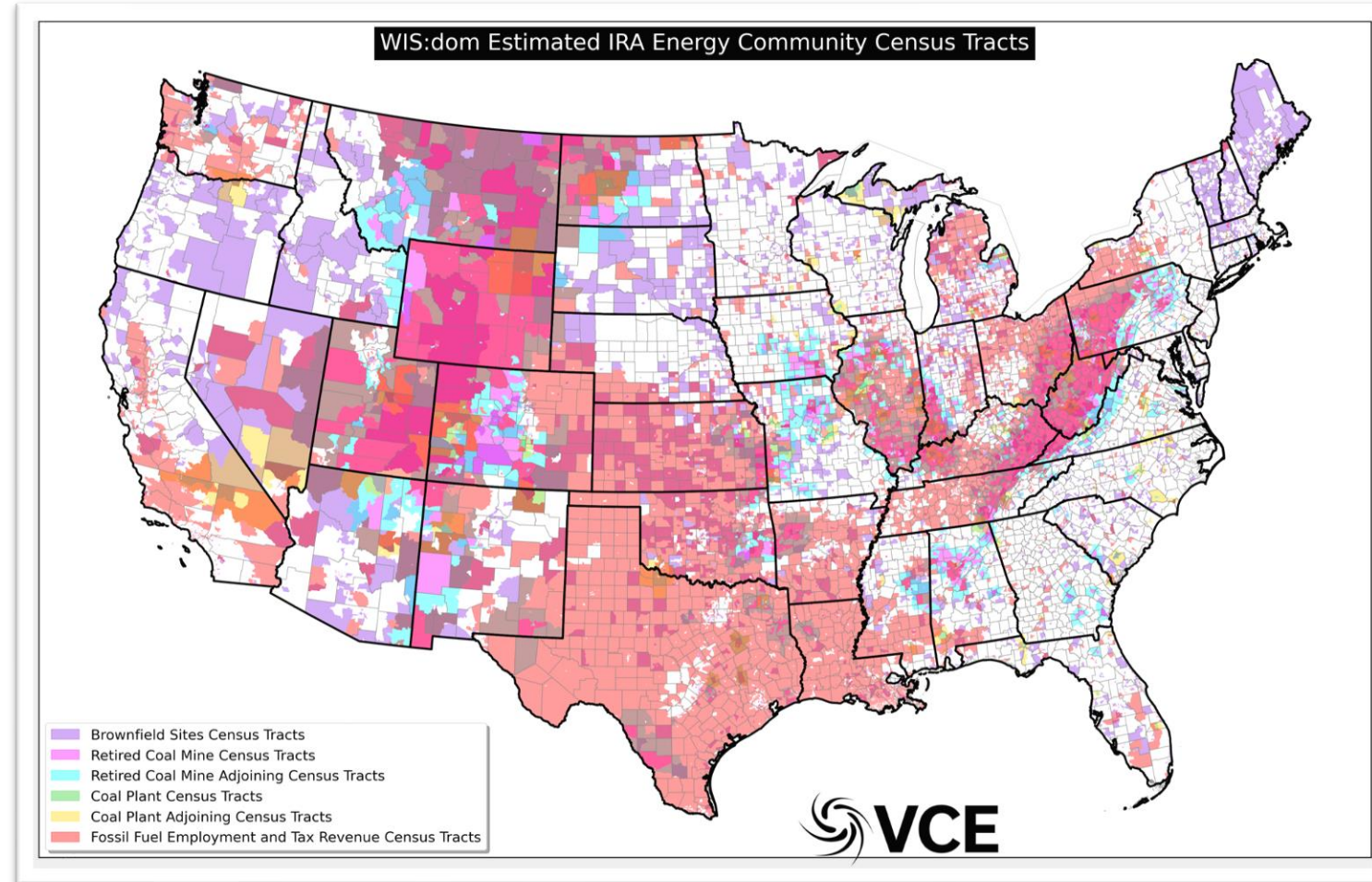
- Environmental Health & Climate Change Interest Group on Sunday, February 11th at 8:00 AM EST. Please [RSVP here](#), and please join us – we'll have breakfast!
- Protecting Our Communities from Climate Change: Federal Updates and Practical Resources to Mitigate Impacts and Build Resilience on Wednesday, February 14th at 9:45 AM EST.

Scan the QR codes to get more information about our sessions and to join our interest group!



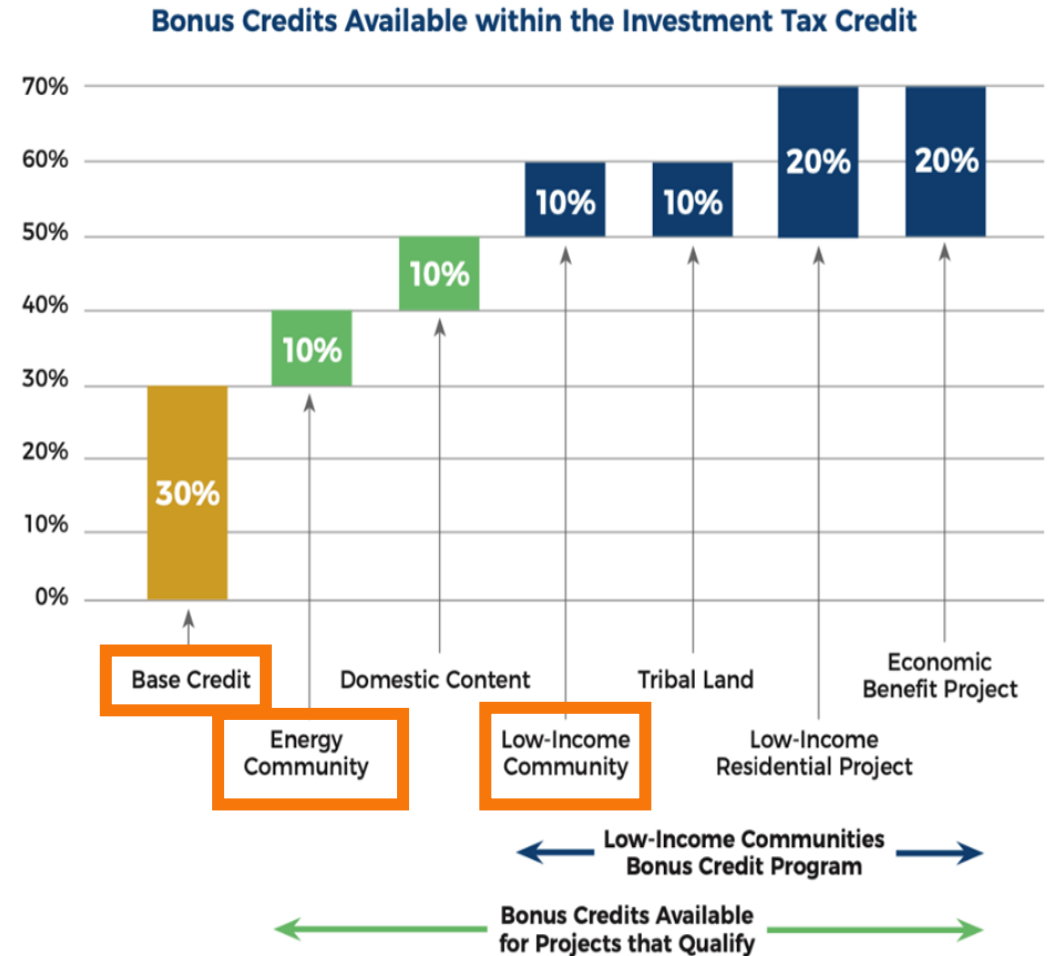
INFLATION REDUCTION ACT OVERVIEW

- The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) was signed into law in August 2022
- 40% of investments will flow to systemically marginalized communities (Justice40 communities)
- Provides tax incentives (for non-profits-elective payments) for clean energy projects, electric vehicles, and others.
- Various grant opportunities for clean energy/lowering emissions, climate resilience
- The IRA extends the clean energy Investment Tax Credit (ITC) to provide up to a 30% credit for investments in solar+storage. There are also various adders (low-income communities, energy communities, etc.)



DIGGING INTO THE INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

- Capital Link *Building Resilient Health Center Facilities*:
<https://caplink.org/building-resilient-fqhcs>
- NACHC and Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health IRA toolkit:
<https://medsocietiesforclimatehealth.org/accessing-federal-funding-for-health-center-and-community-resilience/>
- Clean Energy Group *Investment Tax Credit Fact Sheets*:
<https://www.cleangroup.org/publication/investment-tax-credit-fact-sheets-bonus-credit-program/>



The federal Investment Tax Credit and its six bonus credits authorized through the Inflation Reduction Act could reduce eligible solar+storage project costs by up to 70 percent.

Source: Clean Energy Group

EPA ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY CHANGE GRANT

\$2 billion total dollars to distribute through out this award

GOALS OF FUNDING

- Funding community-driven pollution and climate resiliency solutions
- Investing in cross-sectional collaborations
- Unlocking access to more resources
- Delivering technical assistance and capacity-building support
- Strengthening community decision-making power

FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

- A partnership between at least two community-based non-profit organizations (CBOs)
- 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 will benefit a disadvantaged community

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- The EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis. The deadline to apply is November 21st, 2024
- EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$2 billion in funding for Track I and Track II
- Track I: \$1.96 billion across 150 applicants, with each applicant receiving between \$10-\$20 million each
- Track II: \$40 million across 20 applicants with each applicant receiving \$1-\$3 million each

EPA Environmental Justice Community Change Grants

Track I: Community-Driven Investments for Change

Track I holds the following objectives:

- 1 Climate Action Strategy 
 - 2 Pollution Reduction Strategy
 - 3 Community Engagement and Collaborative Governance Plan
 - 4 Community Strength Plan
 - 5 Readiness Approach
 - 6 Compliance Plan
- Strategy 1: Green Infrastructure & Nature-Based Solutions
 - Strategy 2: Mobility & Transportation Options
 - Strategy 3: Energy Efficient, Healthy & Resilient Housing & Buildings
 - **Strategy 4: Microgrid Installation**
 - **Strategy 5: Community Resilience Hubs**
 - Strategy 6: Brownfield Redevelopment
 - Strategy 7: Waste Reduction & Management
 - Strategy 8: Workforce Development

Microgrid Installation for Community Energy Resilience and Community Resilience Hubs

Strategy 4: Microgrid Installation for Community Energy Resilience

- Many disadvantaged communities suffer from unreliable access to electricity
- The demand for power is increasing as extreme weather events occur more frequently due to climate change
- Strategy 4 supports the installation of microgrids and builds the community's capacity to prepare for and withstand power outages

Strategy 5: Community Resilience Hubs

- Many disadvantaged communities lack the resources to evacuate when natural disasters occur
- Strategy 5 supports the creation or upgrades to community resilience hubs
- These resilience hubs are to serve the public and provide shelter and essential services during extreme weather and other events that contribute to emergency or disaster

CHARGE Community Health Access to Resilient Green Energy

The CHARGE partnership is ready to help PCAs and health centers with Track I submissions related to solar+storage projects. The CHARGE partnership exists to support health centers to learn about options to design, install, and finance cleaner, reliable, and affordable power. This helps health centers build resilience and keep the focus on caring for patients.

Outreach, education,
and federal policy



Raises capital, manages
fund, business and
strategy development



Designs, installs,
oversees permitting,
and owns/monitors
PV/battery systems



<https://chargepartnership.org/>

www.nachc.org

FUNDING RESOURCES

Check out these resources to access different federal funding, toolkits, and mapping tools to enhance your knowledge of different climate threats in your community!



Climate Mapping for Resilience & Adaptation

<https://resilience.climate.gov/>



Climate Program Portal

<https://climateprogramportal.org/>



Advancing Health Center Resilience

<https://medsocietiesforclimatehealth.org/accessing-federal-funding-for-health-center-and-community-resilience/>



Quickfinder for Leveraging the IRA for the Health Sector

<https://www.hhs.gov/climate-change-health-equity-environmental-justice/climate-change-health-equity/quickfinder-ira/index.html>

OCCHE'S CATALYTIC PROGRAM ON UTILIZING THE IRA

- OCCHE's Catalytic Program is to support health care providers and especially safety net organizations in taking advantage of tax credits, grants, and other supports made available by the IRA
- There are opportunities to make investments in clean energy, building efficiency, infrastructure resilience, and more.
- You can sign up for all or some of the national sessions which will go into IRA Tax Credit specifics. Use this link to sign up:
https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_InyZrmlgQlmgCGZqpTecLg#/registration
- There are community health center breakout sessions, which will consider content from the preceding national session through the lens of health centers. Use this link to sign up:
https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSf-CqqDwpGXFdRNtDo3SQ1FS_5KON9Do#/registration



PARTNERSHIP & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AT NACHC

PARTNERS

- Academia
- Accrediting Bodies
- Associations
- Corporate Social Responsibility Offices and Corporate Foundations
- Emergency Management
- Federal Agencies
- National Training and Technical Assistance Partners (NTTAP)
- Private Foundations/Philanthropy



Current Partnerships: Examples

- Henry Schein Cares Foundation
- Sesame Workshop
- CVS Health Foundation
- Johnson & Johnson
- Leon Lowenstein Foundation
- Direct Relief

Example of a current opportunity:

- U.S. Department of Energy – Community Energy Innovation Prize
 - Aims to support local organizations with proven track records of engaging underserved communities and/or promoting environmental, climate, and energy justice as they enact community-led climate and clean energy solutions.
 - **Applications Due:** February 2, 2024

For Additional Information

- NACHC's Partnerships and Funding Website
 - <https://www.nachc.org/about-nachc/partnerships-and-funding/>
- Sign Up for NACHC's Development Newsletter, *The Development Download*
 - <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/zltjChG/DevFund>

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Carolyn Hane at chane@nachc.org or partnership@nachc.org.



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