



# Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program Overview

## EPA Region 10

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# Agenda

What we'll cover today

- 01** About Philanthropy Northwest
- 02** Overview of Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program
- 03** Our Approach & Guiding Principles
- 04** Program Details
- 05** Announcements & Support

*What's **not** covered today (but on future webinars):*

- Grantmaking portal*
- Mapping tools*
- Recommended workplan and budget templates*

# Vision & Mission

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Equity and racial justice for all communities.

We grow philanthropy's capacity to do transformative work toward redistributing resources and power to underinvested communities in the Northwest.

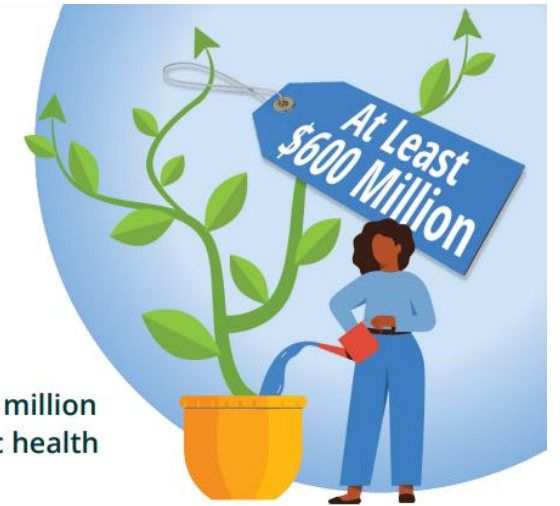
# Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (TCGM) Program

- Funds from the Inflation Reduction Act
- Represents a significant investment in climate action and environmental justice
- **\$600** million distributed from EPA to 11 intermediary orgs to provide subgrants for environmental justice, focus on historically underinvested communities
- PNW is the **Region 10 Grantmaker selectee** (AK, ID, OR, WA, and tribal nations in these states)
- Awarded over 3 years



## Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (TCGM) Program

EPA's TCGM program provides at least \$600 million to address environmental justice and public health issues in underserved communities.



**TCGM cooperative agreements are collaborations** between EPA and 11 grantmakers around the nation to reduce the burden of the federal grants application process and distribute federal funds to potential applicants working to address environmental justice issues.

## Justice40

The Justice40 Initiative mandates that at least 40% of the benefits of certain federal investments must flow to disadvantaged communities.

## Environmental Justice

Environmental justice, as defined by the EPA, is the **fair treatment** and **meaningful involvement** of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.



# Thriving Communities Team



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# Philanthropy Northwest Thriving Communities

## Grant Program Overview





# PNW's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program

- Philanthropy Northwest will be distributing \$40 million in grants over the next 3 years
- Focus on: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and tribal nations in these four states.
- Priorities:
  - Chronically underinvested communities
  - Environmental justice



Source: EPA Region 10 website

# Our Approach & Guiding Principles

- Leverage network of partnerships
- Implement a participatory grantmaking model

**Simplicity**

**Inclusivity**

**Effectiveness**

**Accessibility**

# Participatory Grantmaking: Roles

## Advisory Group

- Ensures the grant strategy, approach, application and scoring rubrics adhere to principles of simplicity, inclusivity, effectiveness and accessibility
- Includes seven named in-kind philanthropic partners, our collaborative pass-through partners and Region 10 EPA project officer

## Task Force

- Develops scoring rubrics for each grantmaking phase with evaluation criteria, designing applicant workplan templates and establishing metrics for intended project outcomes
- Includes environmental justice leaders from Region 10, Justice40 community members and a subset of Advisory Group members

## Peer Review Group

- Will evaluate applications to the grantmaking program
- Applications to join the Peer Review Group are currently open, which includes a conflict of interest verification process

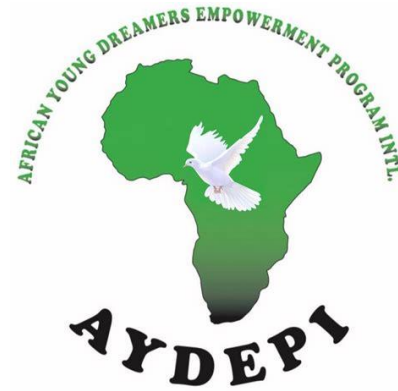
# Key Partners – Advisory Group



NATIVE AMERICANS  
IN PHILANTHROPY



# Key Partners – Task Force



# Eligibility



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- Nonprofit organizations
- Community-based and grassroots nonprofit organizations
- Philanthropic and civic organizations with nonprofit status
- Tribal governments (both federally recognized and state-recognized) and intertribal consortia (i.e., a partnership between two or more tribes that work together to achieve a common objective)
- Native American organizations (includes Indian groups, cooperatives, nonprofit corporations, partnerships and associations that have the authority to enter into legally binding agreements)
- Local governments: counties, boroughs, municipalities, cities
- Institutions of higher education

*\*Please visit our website for ineligible applicant types.*

# Types of Grants





# Types of Available Grants

## **Type 1 Assessment Grants (\$150k)**

(1-year project period): funding is focused on gathering information, assessing and understanding the problem(s) before developing a plan.

## **Type 2 Planning Grants (\$250k)**

(1- to 2-year project period): grants for those who already have a strong understanding of the local environmental and/or public health issues and are ready to formulate a community-wide plan to address those issues.

## **Type 3 Development Grants (\$350k)**

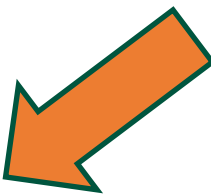
(2-year project period): grants for those who already have a strong understanding of the local environmental and/or public health issues, have already formulated a community-wide plan addressing those issues, and/or are now ready to develop the technical aspects of the project (i.e., implement the project on the ground).

# Grantmaking Focus: Types of Possible Environmental Justice Projects\*

- Air quality & asthma
- Fence line air quality monitoring
- Monitoring of effluent discharges from industrial facilities
- Water quality and sampling
- Small cleanup projects
- Improving food access to reduce vehicle miles traveled
- Stormwater issues and green infrastructure
- Lead and asbestos contamination
- Pesticides and other toxic substances
- Healthy homes that are energy/water use efficient and not subject to indoor air pollution
- Illegal dumping activities, such as education, outreach, and small-scale clean-ups
- Emergency preparedness and disaster resiliency
- Environmental job training for occupations that reduce greenhouse gases and other air pollutants
- Environmental justice training for youth

*\*This is not a complete list of projects*

# Examples of Projects\* by Type of Activity



**Type 1  
Assessment Grant**

- Research, qualitative and/or quantitative+
- Sampling+
- Testing+
- Monitoring+
- Investigations+
- Surveys and studies+
- Public education

**Type 2  
Planning Grant**

- Planning
- Partnership building
- Public outreach and education
- Coordination with community members to address environmental issues
- Training activities for community organizations and community members
- Projects and activities to spur community involvement, like cleanup of vacant lots

**Type 3  
Development Grant**

- Blueprints for construction or cleanup projects, schematics+, and technical development+
- Work to get permits in place for an environmental project
- Implementation of project plans
- Public outreach and education on your community's environmental justice issue
- Clean up and restoration work

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+ May require a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)*

# Timelines & Summary



# Grantmaking Timeline



Round	Application Opens	Application Due Date *	Type 1	Type 2	Type 3	Notice of Selection
1	October 10, 2024	December 15, 2024			X	March 2025
2	January 2025	April 2025	X	X	X	June 2025
3	March 2025	May 2025	X	X	X	July 2025
4	May 2025	July 2025	X	X		September 2025
5	August 2025	October 2025	X	X		December 2025
6	November 2025	February 2026	X	X		April 2026
7	February 2026	April 2026	X			June 2026

# Anticipated Award Distribution Summary

Type	Focus	Estimated Number	Grant Amount	Award Duration
1	Assessment	46	Up to \$150,000	1 year
2	Planning	64	Up to \$250,000	1-2 years
3	Development	36	Up to \$350,000	2 years
N/A	Non-competitive capacity building	60	\$75,000	1 year

*\*Distribution figures may change over time*

# Scoring & Review



# Scoring Criteria

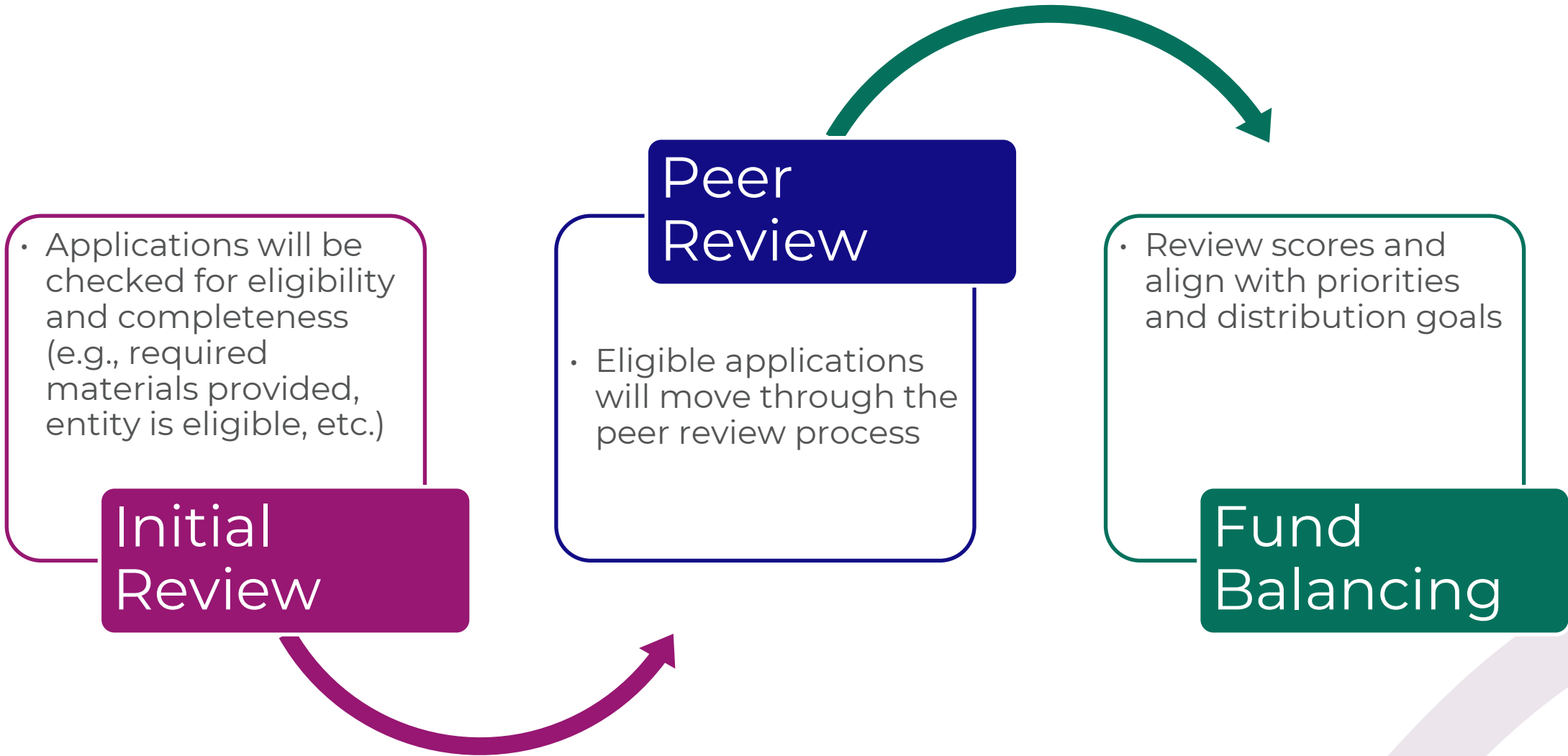


Funding Priorities	Points	Criteria
<b>Community Benefit, Community Involvement, and Community Representation</b>	60	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program supports Justice40 defined communities</li><li>• Program engages community members in planning and goal setting</li></ul>
<b>Environmental Justice Result</b>	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program address environmental justice: communities who bear a disproportionate share of negative environmental consequences resulting from commercial operations or execution of public programs/policies</li><li>• Program establishes clearly defined goals and uses a system to track results.</li></ul>
<b>Budget</b>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposed budget expenses appear reasonable (allowable) and justified given program scope and duration</li></ul>





# Review and Selection



*\*Notification of decision estimated 60-90 days after funding deadline for that round.*

# Accepted Applications



# Selected Applications



**Project Review:** Detailed review of grant and compliance guidelines.

**Capacity Review:** Assess current capacity and provide recommendations for effective grant management.

**Budget Review & Revisions:** Ensure alignment with EPA subaward requirements and confirm allowable costs.

**Grant Agreement:** Review and sign grant agreement.

# Post-Award



**Grant Management Training:** Customized training to support your team's grant management

**Ongoing Support:** Access to Program Officers and Grant Administrators for assistance and troubleshooting

**Payment Structure:** Upfront payment followed by bi-weekly payments, as needed

**Quarterly Reporting:** Submission of narrative progress reports quarterly

**Support**



# Accessing the Application

- Online platform for submission
- Translated copies of Request for Applications (RFA) and Application questions available
  - Cambodian Khmer
  - Chinese
  - Korean
  - Lao
  - Russian
  - Somali
  - Spanish
  - Vietnamese
- Optional workplan and budget templates (Type 3 only)

# Application Announcements and Support

Philanthropy Northwest's Thriving Community Website:

- Sign up for updates/newsletter
- Frequently asked questions
- Request for Applications (contains link to application questions)
- Upcoming Webinars
- Available Office Hours (post-webinars) and 1:1 with Program Officers
- Send any questions to [thrivingcommunities@philanthropynw.org](mailto:thrivingcommunities@philanthropynw.org)

# Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs) for Region 10



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## Can help with:

- Planning support
- Project development
- Collaboration support
- Literature review and data synthesis
- Funding and proposal development
- Administrative and finance support
- Facilitation
- Content expertise



**QUESTIONS?**





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# Thank you!

