

# Thriving Communities Grants

A Lifeline for Economic Impact and Resilience in Region 8

The Environmental Protection Agency's Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program is one of the most effective tools the federal government has deployed to get environmental and health-related funding directly into the hands of local and underresourced communities that are facing outsized need to address environmental issues.

Designed for efficiency, the program uses qualified regional grantmakers to issue subgrant awards to small community-based organizations that work to address a range of environmental issues in their communities. Each region will distribute nearly \$50 million in subgrants.

## Why This Program Matters

Grantmakers like the Mountains and Plains Environmental Grants Hub, collaborate with local partners, providing training and support as they implement projects in their communities in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming, and 28 Tribal nations. And because these subgrants reach communities that traditionally lack the capacity to access federal funds, demand has been overwhelming.

## Demand Far Exceeds the \$48 Million in Available Funds

Nearly 550 Applications

2024



**311**  
Applications  
Received



**\$70,862,668**  
Requested

2025



**237**  
Applications  
Received



**\$66,538,307**  
Requested



*This is one of the most community-focused, accessible federal programs we've ever applied to. It finally feels like we're being seen."*

— 2024 subgrantee

*"This is truly one of the most responsive and supportive grant application processes I've encountered in my nearly 20 years writing grants."*

— 2025 applicant

# Projects Selected for Funding from 2024 Grant Applications

## Addressing Community Environmental and Economic Challenges



**\$22.8 million**  
for community projects



**96 subgrants**  
selected across six states

## Advancing Projects from Planning to Startup to Evaluation



**\$13.8 million**  
Development and  
Implementation  
Projects



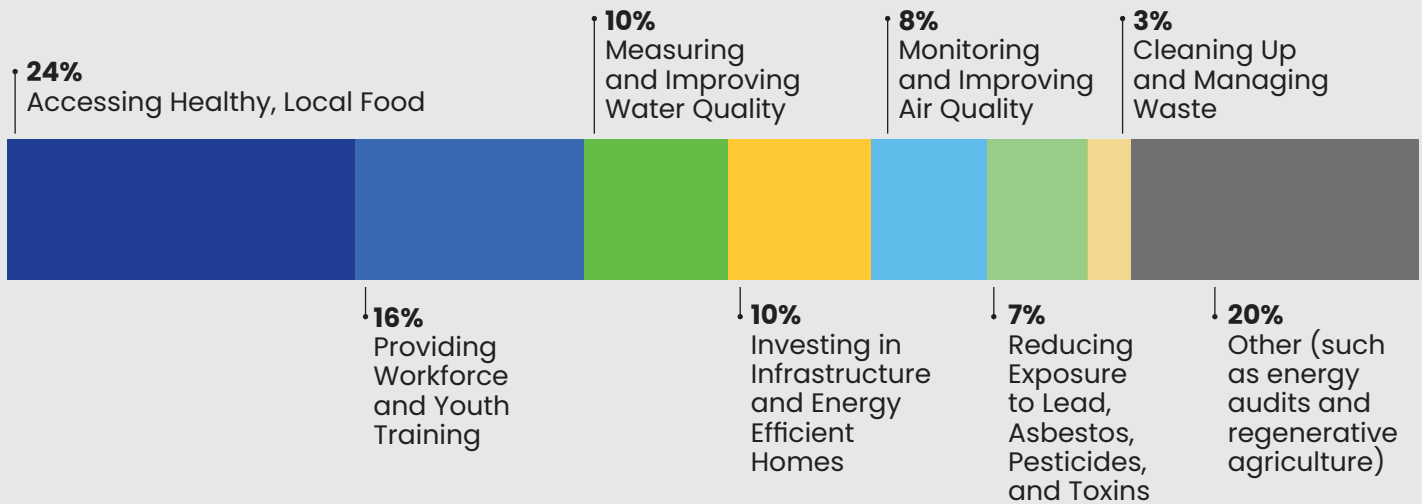
**\$7.3 million**  
Planning



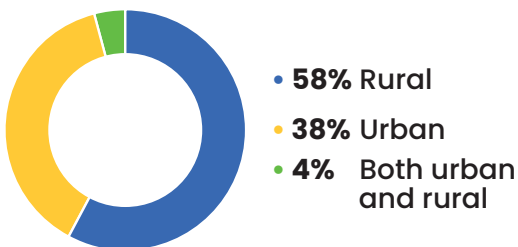
**\$2.4 million**  
Evaluation and  
Assessment

Plus funding to build organizational capacity — A pilot noncompetitive program selected 10 organizations in five states to receive up to \$75,000 each

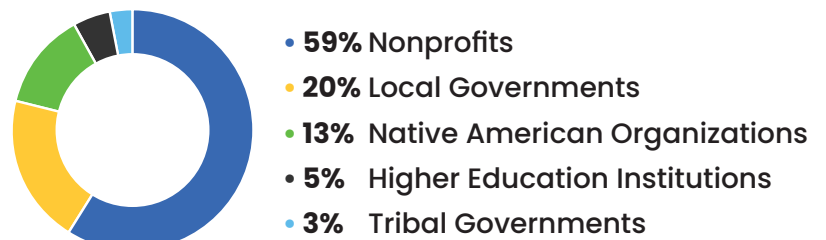
## Tackling Urgent Environmental and Economic Challenges



## Three in Five Projects Support Rural Communities



## Led by Locals



**27%** of Projects Strengthen Tribal Communities in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

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