



Supporting local environmental and public health priorities

Cultivating Healthy Environments is a federally funded program that makes it easier for more community-based organizations to apply for federal funds to address environmental and public health issues. Grants are available for community-based organizations in EPA Region 7, which includes: Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and nine Tribal Nations.

Who is eligible to apply?

- ✓ **Community-based and grassroots nonprofit organizations;** philanthropic and civic organizations with nonprofit status
- ✓ **Native American organizations,** including groups, cooperatives, nonprofit corporations, partnerships, and associations that have the authority to enter into legally binding agreements; federally and state-recognized tribal governments, and intertribal consortia
- ✓ **Local governments** (as defined by 2 CFR 200.1), including cities, towns, municipalities, counties, public housing authorities, and councils of government)

Types of Funding Opportunities

Tier 1: Assessment	Tier 2: Planning	Tier 3: Development and Implementation	Non-Competitive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 year timeframe • up to \$150,000 for organizations starting to assess the environmental issue(s) in their community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1-2 year timeframe • up to \$250,000, for organizations that have assessed the environmental issue(s) in their community and are ready to make a plan to address the issue(s). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 year timeframe • up to \$350,000 for organizations that have assessed the issue(s), made a plan, and are ready to implement their program. 	<p>Additional, non-competitive funding of \$75,000 will be awarded to community-based nonprofit organizations with limited capacity to carry out federally funded projects.</p>

Engagement of Communities

We use a participatory approach to make sure that communities are involved in important decisions. Community Advisory Boards (CABs) help guide and oversee decisions about funding grants that focus on community concerns. CABs are made up of people from communities most impacted by environmental issues.

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What can I do now to prepare?

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through Spring 2027.
- Go to SAM.gov and apply for a Unique Entity ID (UEI), which you need to apply for grants.
- Reach out to one of your regional EPA Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs) if you think you may need technical assistance. These centers can provide free training and other services to help with navigating federal grant application systems. The TCTAC for region 7 is heartlandej.org.
- Send an email to info@thrivingenvironments.org or call or text (424) 855-0862.