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| A group of women posing for a photo  Description automatically generated  **A close-up of a logo  Description automatically generated**  **A green and white text on a black background  Description automatically generated** | **Collaborative Federal Grants Workshop**  At the **Green Zones Summit, Sat Feb 17** 2024 **1:30 to 3:30pm** the [Mpls Community Connections Conference](https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/ncr/inclusive-community-engagement/connections-conference/) at the Minneapolis Convention Center  Please RSVP [Please RSVP](https://forms.gle/BcnJEsspqCh8rDSY6)and Fill out our Asset Survey  Overview [**https://rccmn.co/feb-17-collaborative-federal-grants/**](https://rccmn.co/feb-17-collaborative-federal-grants/)   * **What – 2-hour Workshop with Topic Break Outs with 100+ participants** * **Goal** – Get ready to **collaboratively apply for** & secure major Federal EPA Climate Grants to fund neighborhood & community-based organizations to do outreach to co-implement our Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan * **Audience** – staff & volunteers from 50 Minneapolis community-based, EJ and neighborhood nonprofits and relevant City Department Staff * **Topic Break Outs – Co-facilitated by nonprofit & city staff** (Air Quality, Efficient Buildings + Solar, Local Food, Resilient Hubs, Tree planting, Transportation, Workforce/Green Jobs, Zero Waste) 1 hour work sessions to connect community, cultural & neighborhood-based organizations working on same topics to send in collaborative proposals with **Technical Assistance** from (invited) [Great Lakes Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center](https://greatlakestctac.umn.edu/) [Blacks in Green](https://www.blacksingreen.org/team) |
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| **Workshop Co- hosts** South & Northside Green Zones,Minneapolis Green Teams, Minneapolis Climate Action, Resilient Cities and Communities, FRAEYO, City of Minneapolis Health, Sustainability & NCR staff. We’ll invite groups from last year’s workshop, Project Sweetie Pie, Rusty & the Crew (more groups are welcome!) | |
| **Draft Agenda - Welcome, introductions**   * **Overview of Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan goals & strategies and relevant MN & Federal funding** the City has received and plans to apply for. How the city plans to staff grant implementation (including subcontracts.) * **Overview of upcoming Federal grants & how community groups can apply for** **them** with the Great Lakes TcTAC and a panel of community groups that have successfully secured federal or state funding, **Example** - [EPA Community Change Grants](https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program) **$2 billion** for 150 projects for $10-20 million each Apply between March & Nov 2024 * **Topic/Goal/Strategy Break Outs** – (1) review relevant MPLS CEP Goal/Strategy (2)community groups and city/county staff to share what they are working on & hope to work on (3) review upcoming state and federal funding opportunities (4) participants mingle and self-organize and decide to apply individually or together. * **Efficient Buildings** – Healthy homes and block wide retrofits, Mpls, Community Power, Unidos, CEE, SRC, * **Air Quality/Health/** Air monitoring volunteers, Front Line Communities, EJ Table * **Local Food Systems** –   Project Sweetie Pie, EPNI Little Earth Farm, Frogtown Farm, YFP, Home Grown, etc. * **Zero Waste** – Kelly Kish, City of Minneapolis, Joe Vital, Hennepin Co., Nazir Kahn, MN Zero Waste Coalition * **Resilience Hubs, Tree Planting, Transportation, Job Training/Small Business Development** | |
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| **Timeline and tasks to co-organize the workshop** | | | |
| **December**  **Mon Dec 11** 3pm **GZ Summit Planning Team** - share workshop idea  **Week of Dec 18** – meet with partners to plan workshop | **January**  **Topic Session Co-Hosts**  (relevant NGO & City staff)  Invite groups they work and use their channels to invite interested NGOs to participate in their 2/17 breakout session | **February**  **Topic Session Co-Hosts**  Meet 1 on 1 with groups to explore which Mpls CEP goals & strategies they want to work on and research relevant state & federal funding RFPs | **March** Nonprofits meet by topic, pick a lead group to apply & begin to co-write proposals.  City of Minneapolis – includes community outreach in new federal grant proposals |

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| **Funding Opportunities EPA Carbon Pollution Reduction Implementation Grants** (Due April 1) Local Governments apply with the MPCA &/ or Met Council, Cities apply ($200 to $500 million) <https://engage.eqb.state.mn.us/climate-priorities> |
| **EPA** **Community Change Grant Applications, Rolling Basis March 2024 until Nov 2024**  [www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program](http://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/inflation-reduction-act-community-change-grants-program)   * **Two-track Submission Processes:** Applications can be submitted under two separate tracks depending on the project scope and funding requested.   + Track I, Community-Driven Investments for Change, is expected to award approximately $1.96 billion for 150 projects for $10-20 million each.   + Track II, Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance, is expected to award approximately $40 million for 20 projects for $1-3 million each. * **Technical Assistance:**  Applicants can request, [EPA’s Community Change Grants Technical Assistance webpage](https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/community-change-grants-technical-assistance). |

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| **[Metro Cities & Communities Federal Climate Grants Tracker,](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/14z-cRzyY4CjTHy8WOr2yqziGANGewl4Pe8fVplZCtW4/edit?usp=sharing) Please Keep our Shared Google Sheet Current THANKS** [**kara@rccmn.co**](mailto:kara@rccmn.co) | | | | |
| **Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan Implementation Strategies** | **Lead Contacts - City staff and nonprofit & partners** | **Current City funding**  Franchise fee & grants | **New Grants**  **City applies** | **New Grants**  **Nonprofits apply** |
| **AIR.2.4** **Pilot:** residential programs to **monitor & improve indoor and outdoor air quality** | SHHE, MPCA, SRC,  Clean Air MN, EJ Table  Cumulative Impacts | City of Mpls EPA Air Monitoring grant |  |  |
| **AIR.2.6** Program: **Increase neighborhood tree planting** on blocks experiencing high levels of outdoor air pollution | Public Works  MPRB  Great River Greening | Mpls $8 million forestry (over 5 years)  [EPA $10 million 5-yr to](https://www.greatrivergreening.org/blog/exciting-news-great-river-greening-awarded-10-million)  [Great River Greening](https://www.greatrivergreening.org/blog/exciting-news-great-river-greening-awarded-10-million) | New MN DNR Forestry Grants |  |
| **HEH.3.2** TISH Energy Reports  **HEH.3.4** home electrification | SHHE, CPED, CEE, CERTS,  [Electrify Everything MN](https://www.mncee.org/electrifyeverythingmn) | MN Dept of Commerce  IRA Tax Credits |  |  |
| **HEH.1.3** Pilot: Begin whole home weatherization and electrification retrofit pilot | SHHE, CPED  CEE, SRC  Community Power, | $1.4 million in ARPA and EECDBG funding.  IIJA LIHEAP Funds | **Energy Efficiency Navigators** Feds Awarded $400k [(TCEEC) MN CUB](https://cubminnesota.org/energy-efficiency-peer-learning-cohort-update-2/)  CEF [Community Power](https://www.communitypowermn.org/blog) | |
| **Healthy Food Access/ Resilience**  Home Grown Food Council | EPIC Indoor Farm  Sweetie Pie, etc. YFP, etc. |  |  |  |
| **Zero Waste** Mpls & Hennepin Co and Metro-wide Zero Waste Plans  Organics, Plastics, etc. | Minneapolis Public Works  Hennepin Co/ Tri County  Eureka, EJ Table, Legislators | EPA City of Minneapolis  [$4 million SWIFR grant,](https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-09/City_of_Minneapolis_SWIFR.pdf) | EPA turned down Hen Co $20 million REO (can re-apply)  [ILSR was approved for REO.](https://www.epa.gov/infrastructure/recycling-grant-selectees-and-recipients) | |
| **Bike Ped Safety, Traffic Calming, vision Zero** installing traffic safety | Minneapolis Public Works,  Our Streets, Sierra Club | [Biden $20 million for Mpls](https://www.mprnews.org/story/2023/12/14/minneapolis-awarded-20-million-federal-grant-to-improve-traffic-safety) safety measures at | [Feds Award $ 2 million to ReConnect Rondo,](https://www.stpaul.gov/news/federal-grant-invests-2m-reconnect-rondo-restorative-development-project) City of St. Paul | |