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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** |
| **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 TableCumulative 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 WorksMPRBGreat 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 CommerceIRA Tax Credits |  |  |
| **HEH.1.3** Pilot: Begin whole home weatherization and electrification retrofit pilot  | SHHE, CPEDCEE, SRCCommunity 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 FarmSweetie Pie, etc. YFP, etc. |  |  |  |
| **Zero Waste** Mpls & Hennepin Co and Metro-wide Zero Waste PlansOrganics, Plastics, etc. | Minneapolis Public WorksHennepin 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  |