



## Partners for Places Federal Funding Assistance Grantees

In July 2023, Partners for Places issued a targeted invitation to apply to twenty-three grantee partnerships that had been funded through grant rounds 17-19 over the past three years, later extended to current grantees as well. The Invitation aims to support prior grantees to connect and align around an application for federal infrastructure funding that advances equitable climate action and/or green stormwater infrastructure projects. The P4P support (of up to \$30,000) will help strengthen the relationships between applying collaborative partners and provide direct assistance as they coalesce around and develop a federal funding proposal together. The nine grants awarded to date totaling \$267,700 in awards are listed below. These grants are intended to provide rapid assistance and do not require a local match.

1. **Benton Harbor, MI.** (\$28,700): To support planning among City of Benton Harbor, the regional materials management planning agency and frontline organizations to develop a project to be submitted for funding in June 2024 to USDA's Composting and Food Waste Reduction Cooperative Agreements grant.

*Frontline community partner: Let us R.E.S.T. (Respect Each Other and Stand Together)*

2. **Boulder County, CO.** (\$30,000): To strengthen the existing Climate Justice Collaborative of Boulder County by convening a dynamic, community-based series that will build collective knowledge on the federal grant writing process for IRA climate action funds and to prepare an application for the EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Program.

*Frontline community group: Brújula Comunitaria ("Community Compass") Funder Partner: Philanthropiece Foundation*

3. **Cook County, IL.** (\$29,000): To support the Cross Community Climate Collaborative to develop a project to be submitted for funding from the USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction Cooperative Agreement to establish new municipal food scrap collection programs for residents of BIPOC/LMI South Suburban Cook County communities and implement a Zero Waste Programs in K-12 schools.

*Frontline community group: Urban Efficiency Group.*

4. **County of San Diego, CA.** (\$30,000): To build connective tissue between the County and frontline community groups to identify fundable projects that can be submitted for the EPA's Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program.

*Frontline community partners: Global ARC, PANA, Majdal Center, and Youth Will.*

5. **Harris County, TX.** (\$30,000): To convene local government and community partners to develop a proposal to be submitted for funding from the Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants

administered by US EPA. Funds will support staff time at the environmental justice lead organization, grant writing, and stipends for community groups.

Frontline community partner: the Coalition for Environment, Equity, and Resilience.

6. **Kauai County, HI.** (\$30,000): To apply for federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding which will be administered by Hawai'i's Urban and Community Forestry Program ("Kaulunani"). IRA funding will enhance the ongoing Lihu'e Community Placemaking, Forestry & Gardens Initiative by expanding the installation and maintenance of street trees in downtown Lihu'e.

*Frontline community groups: Better Block Hawai'i and Rice Street Business Association.*

7. **Louisville, KY.** (\$30,000): To hire a local grant writer to assist in applying for federal funding opportunities involving Youth Engagement, Education and Employment and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities. We will be offering summer jobs to assist with our work of improving tree canopy in historically marginalized communities.

*Frontline community group: TreesLouisville.*

8. **Multnomah County, OR.** (\$30,000): To ensure that frontline voices are represented in and shaping the planning process for a project to be submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program. This \$5 billion grant program will support states and regions to plan and implement ambitious greenhouse gas reduction projects.

*Frontline community group: Neighbors for Clean Air.*

9. **Pittsburgh, PA.** (\$30,000): For the West End Partners, in collaboration with Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation (PennDOT), to apply to the Federal Highway Administration's Bridge Improvement Program, combining a needed restoration of the historic West End Bridge with a series of new multimodal structures to connect communities on both sides of the Ohio River.

*Frontline community groups: H.O.P.E. for Tomorrow, Inc., Manchester Citizens Corporation, West End Community Group, and Riverlife.*