



# Grant Spotlight: Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program (TCGM)

**Region 7 Grantmaker:** Research Triangle Institute with funding through the Environmental Protection Agency. Region 7 serves Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and adjoining Indigenous Nations.

Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program (TCGM, or “Grantmakers”) provides at least \$600 million to address environmental justice and public health issues in underserved communities to support capacity-building through assessment, planning, and project development; increase efficiency and reduce barriers to accessing federal grant funding; and encourage meaningful involvement of community members in decision making that may affect their communities.

## Awards

### Non-competitive:

- Foundation Support Projects: \$75,000 for 1 year

### Competitive:

- Tier 1 - Assessment Projects: Up to \$150,000 for 1 year
- Tier 2 - Planning Projects: Up to \$250,000 for 1-2 years
- Tier 3 - Development Projects: Up to \$350,000 for 2 years

## Eligible Applicants

- Nonprofit organizations, including community-based and grassroots nonprofit organizations
- Institutions of higher education
- Local governments
- Tribal governments (both federally recognized and state-recognized) and intertribal consortia
- Native American organizations
- Puerto Rico and US territories

## Deadline

Application review begins on **January 31, 2025**, and will continue on a rolling basis through **April 30, 2027**.

## Tips

- Request Technical Assistance through the Environmental Protection Agency by visiting [environmentalprotectionnetwork.org](http://environmentalprotectionnetwork.org)
- If you do not already have a Unique Entity ID, start the process now on [SAM.gov](http://SAM.gov)

## Eligible Projects

**Foundational support projects** will help organizations build a foundation for applying for future grant opportunities.

**Assessment projects** will enable community assessments to better understand local environmental and public health concerns and can involve research, sampling, testing, monitoring, investigations, surveys, studies, and public education.

**Planning projects** fund plans that address local environmental and public health issues. Activities include partnership building, public outreach and education, stakeholder coordination, training activities, community clean-ups, and small land purchases and acquisitions.

**Development projects** seek to carry out projects that address local environmental and public health issues. Activities include construction plans, schematics, technical development, permitting activities, small land purchases, and public outreach and education.

## Resources

 [region7.thrivingenvironments.org](http://region7.thrivingenvironments.org)

 [cfra.org/rural-resources](http://cfra.org/rural-resources)

 **For other regions:**

[ntcl.thrivingenvironments.org](http://ntcl.thrivingenvironments.org)

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