

# EPA's Office of Environmental Justice & External Civil Rights

## EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples:

### *Upending Narratives: Using Storytelling to Advance Environmental Justice*

November 20, 2024



Lauren Good Day (Arikara/Hidatsa/Blackfeet/Plains Cree, b. 1987). A Warrior's Story, Honoring Grandpa Blue Bird, 2012. From NMAI's exhibit, Unbound: Narrative Art of the Plains



# Webinar Agenda

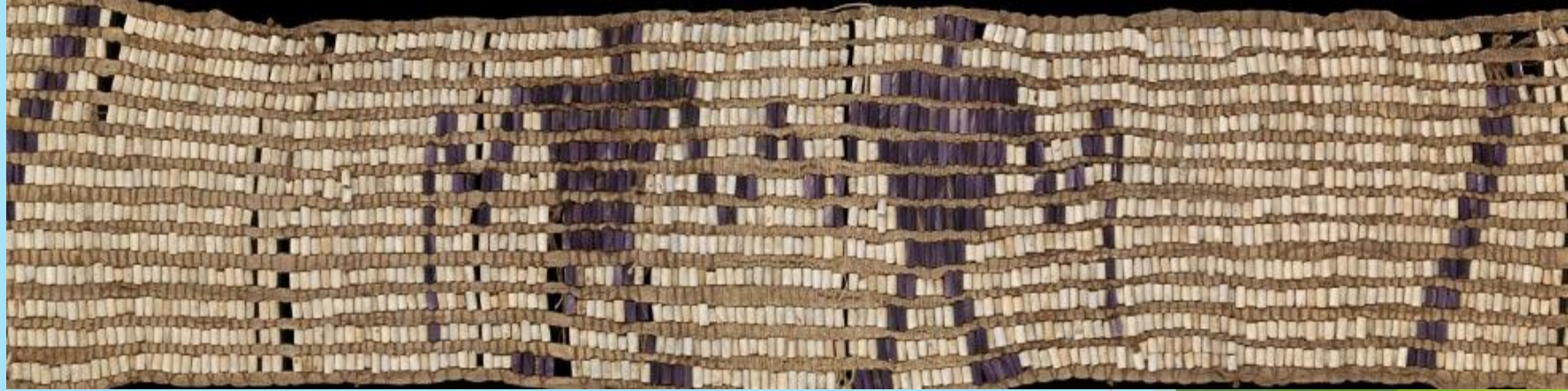
- **Mindful Moment:**
  - **Lena Kim, Founder, Mindful EPA**
- **OEJECR Updates:**
  - **Andy Bessler, OEJECR**
- **Webinar Panelists:**
  - **Jeff Spitz, Filmmaker of "The Return of Navajo Boy."**
  - **Dr. Tommy Rock, Assistant Research Professor, Northern Arizona University**
  - **Cy Wagoner, Creative Resistance Director, NDN Collective**
- **Questions and Discussion with Panelists**



# EPA's Mindful Moment



# EPA OEJECR Updates



- **Native American Heritage Month!**
- **Be sure to visit the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI)'s website**  
Check out the exhibits online including *Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the US and American Indian Nations* that runs until January 17, 2028
- **National Museum of the American Indian Events**
  - Nov. 22-29: Native Cinema Showcase 2024 (DC)
  - Nov. 29: Native American Heritage Day—Honoring Zitkala-Ša with Hoop Dancer Starr Chief Eagle (DC)
  - Nov. 29: Native American Heritage Day – Stomp Dancing with Hithla (NY)
  - Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces (Online Exhibit)

Wendat (Huron) wampum belt, 1600-50. Indian Territory (Kansas). Whelk shell, quahog shell, hide, bast fiber yarn, cordage. Photo by Ernest Amoroso, NMAI. (1/2132)



# ➤ **EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples Returns in 2025!**

**Features OEJECR Updates, Best EJ Practices, and Tribal Presenters**

**See past recordings/register for future events on [OEJECR's website!](#)**

**[Check out last month's webinar on Cumulative Impacts!](#)**

**What topics would you like EPA to consider for webinars in 2025?**



# EPA's EJ Web Resources

- **EPA Finalizes Policy for Meaningful Engagement and Public Participation**
- **Environmental Justice Clearinghouse**
- **EJSCREEN**
- **EPA External Civil Rights Docket**
- **Environmental Justice Scorecard**
- **Resources to Help Communities page**





# EPA's Climate Web Resources

- **EPA National Climate Resources for Tribes**
- **EPA's Revamped AirNow Map**
- **NEW ! EPA's Climate Resilience and Adaptation Funding Toolbox (CRAFT)**
- **NEW ! Environmental Justice Climate Corps**
- **NEW ! Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Training, Tools and Technical Assistance**



# IRA FUNDED GRANTMAKERS

*CHECK OUT THE [GRANTMAKERS FAQ PAGE](#)  
THAT IS UPDATED REGULARLY!*



**Environmental  
Justice Thriving  
Communities  
Grantmaking  
Program (EJ TCGM)**

Regional & National  
Grantmakers

**GRANTS FOR TRIBES AND  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**



# 11 EJ GRANTMAKERS



- \$600 M Awarded with 80% of each \$50 million award provided as sub-awards via Tier 1-3 Competitive subgrants available for Assessment, Planning, and Project Development activities ranging from \$150,000 to \$350,000

- Non-competitive awards of \$75,000 provided to severely capacity-constrained CBO.

- Project Period is 3 years. Funds available until 2027 depending on award date.

Proposed Geographic Area	Legal Business Name	Submitter's State	Grant Office
Region 1	Health Resources in Action	MA	Region 1
Region 2	Fordham University	NY	Region 2
Region 3	Green & Healthy Homes Initiative Inc.	MD	Region 3
Region 4	**Research Triangle Institute	NC	Headquarters
Region 5	The Minneapolis Foundation	MN	Region 5
Region 6	*Texas Southern University	TX	Region 6
Region 7	Reference Central National GM		NA
Region 8	JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.	CO	Region 8
Region 9	Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs (SEE), Inc.	CA	Region 9
<b>Region 10</b>	<b>Philanthropy Northwest</b>	<b>WA</b>	<b>Region 10</b>
National GM East [Regions 1-3]	*Institute for Sustainable Communities	VT	Headquarters
<b>National GM West [Region 8-10]</b>	<b>Climate Justice Alliance</b>	<b>CA</b>	<b>Headquarters</b>
National GM Central [Region 4-7]	**Research Triangle Institute	NC	Headquarters

\*RTI will serve as both the Region 4 Grantmaker as well as one of three National Grantmakers

\*TCTAC or TCTAC partner

# Active EJTC Grantmakers in Regions 2,3,8,10

- **Region 2: Fordham University's Flourishing in Community initiative Request for Applications** [Accepting Applications!]
  - **Application Deadlines:** Applications will be accepted on a **rolling basis**, and the Grantmaker will operate for a **three-year duration**. First awards are expected to be made in **late winter 2024-2025**. **Contact Information:** To access the application or more information, including details on the application process, please visit [FORDHAM.EDU/FIC](http://FORDHAM.EDU/FIC) or email [InfoFIC@fordham.edu](mailto:InfoFIC@fordham.edu). workshop hosted by you! To request an info session or an application workshop, please complete the following [form](#).
- **Region 3: Green and Healthy Homes Initiative's (GHHI) Request for Applications** [Accepting Applications!]
  - **Tier 1: OPEN (accepting applications until April 30, 2025)**
  - **Tier 2: OPEN (2-year grants: no later than November 30, 2024; 1-year grants: no later than April 30, 2025)**
  - **Tier 3: OPEN (accepting applications until November 30, 2024)**
  - **Contact Information:** [ThrivingCommunities@ghhi.org](mailto:ThrivingCommunities@ghhi.org) or call 443-687-7343. You can also **subscribe** to their TCGM email list.
- **Region 8: Mountains and Plains Environmental Justice Grants Hub (MAP EJ)**

**Application Deadlines: December 12** **Contact Information:** Email [mapejgrants@jsi.com](mailto:mapejgrants@jsi.com) with any questions or to schedule a spot in our regular office hours and sign up [here](#) for our newsletter. You can also access Frequently Asked Questions [here](#).
- **Region 10: Philanthropy Northwest Type 3 Grant Request for Applications,**
  - Online portal to the **Request for Application** [Accepting Applications!]
  - **Application Deadlines:** Applications are accepted on a **rolling basis** for the window in which that grant type is open. Refer to **this page** for more information. **Contact Information:** Email [thrivingcommunities@philanthropynw.org](mailto:thrivingcommunities@philanthropynw.org) with any questions, **sign up here** for updates, and **sign up to join office hours here**. You can also access **Frequently Asked Questions here**.



# Historic Funding for Tribes

## Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund:

- **\$27 b. for clean energy project funding and grants for low-income communities**
- **Solar for All provided \$7 b. to 60 awardees, including 6 Tribal awardees**
- **National Clean Investment Fund awarded \$14 b. to 3 entities to create clean financing institutions**
- **\$6 b. for a Clean Communities Investment Accelerator for 5 awardees, including the Native CDFI Network (\$400 million award), a nonprofit that serves 60+ U.S. Treasury-certified Native CDFIs.**
- **Native CDFIs have a presence in 27 states across rural reservation and urban communities. They strive to combat capital access barriers in Native communities.**



# Historic Funding for Tribes

- **\$20 million Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grants for Tribes and Inter-Tribal Consortia**
- **Tribal & Territory Grants: Diesel Emissions Reduction Act**
- **White House's Access to Capital Clearinghouse for Tribes**
- **Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program (EJ CCG)**
  - **⚠ Application period closes at**
  - **11:59pmET TOMORROW 11/21/24 ⚠**
  - **First EJ CCG Award announced for MTERA/GRID Alternatives to receive nearly \$20 million**
  - **More CCG awards announced soon!**



# Thriving Communities

- **Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (EJ TCTAC) Program** available over the next 5 years from 3 national and 15 regional TCTAC's.
- **EPA's EJ TCTAC Program** is part of the **Federal Thriving Communities Network Initiative** that is working towards a holistic government-wide framework for providing technical assistance.



## Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs)

In partnership with the U.S. Department of Energy, EPA's TCTAC program is a network of technical assistance centers designed to remove barriers and improve accessibility to environmental and energy justice grant opportunities for communities that are underserved and overburdened.



TCTACs will help communities that are underserved and overburdened to:

- Identify** grant opportunities. 
- Prepare** grant applications and **manage** grant funding. 
- Build capacity** to effectively engage with decisionmakers. 
- Develop** collaborative community-based partnerships. 

For more information, please visit [The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program | US EPA](#)





# How do TCTACs work?

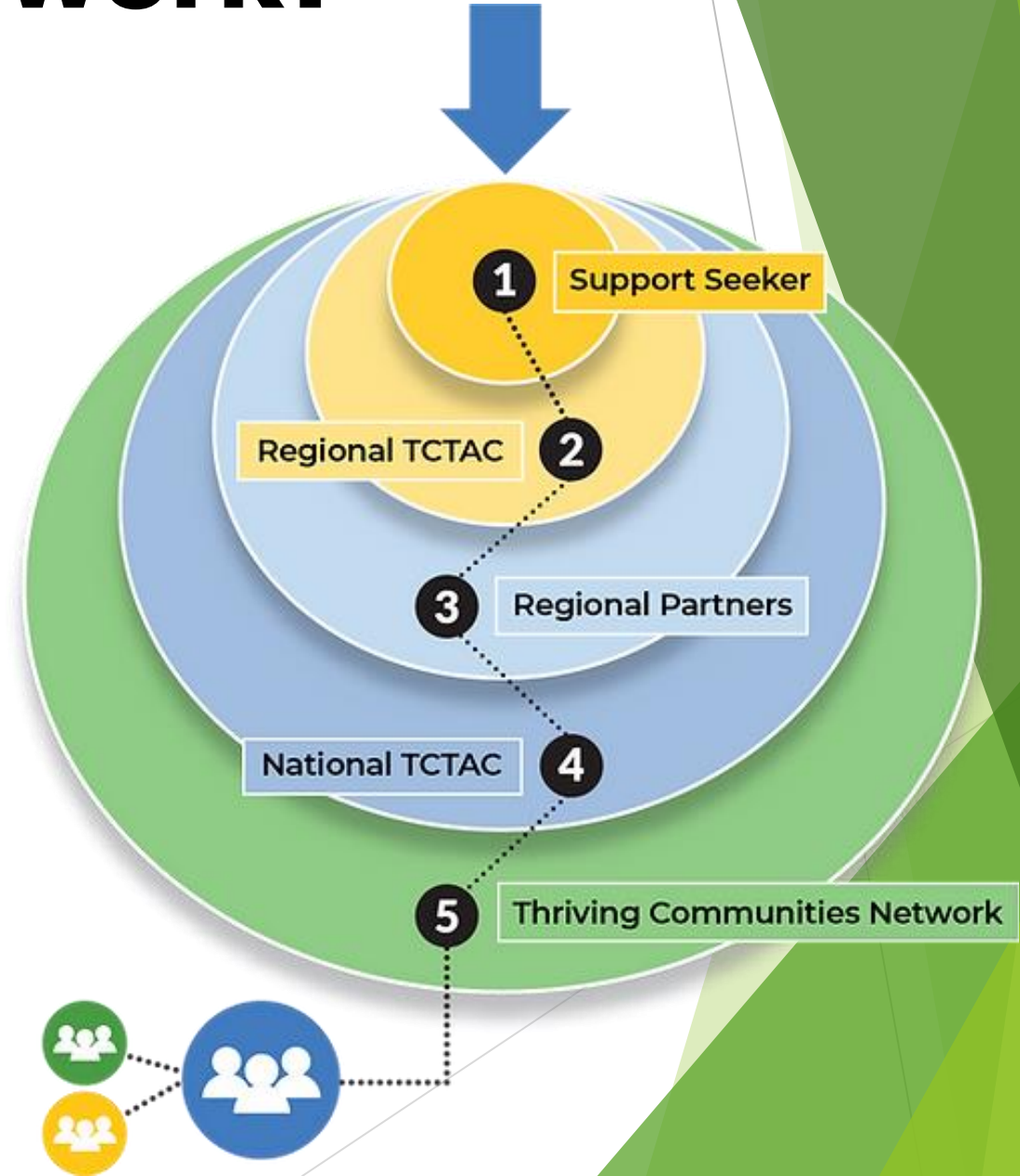
**Support seeker** from an eligible CBO, tribal government, or state/local government requesting expertise in federal grant applications, proposal writing, and grant management for environmental justice projects

**Regional TCTAC** prepared to provide technical assistance in collaboration with an extensive regional network of partners

**Regional Partnerships** with over 160 organizations nationwide ready to support regional efforts in building capacity on the ground

**National TCTAC** coordinating with regional centers and partners through resource-sharing and networking opportunities

**Thriving Communities** Network expanding our program's access to a range of technical assistance providers

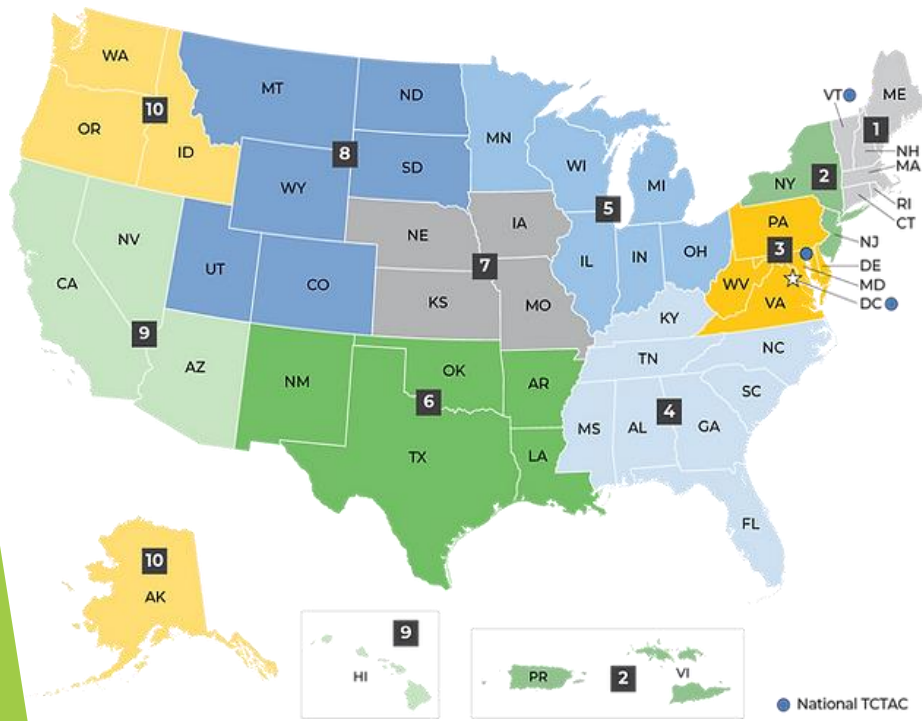




# Regional & National TCTAC Map and Contacts

[www.ejtctac.org](http://www.ejtctac.org)

Region	Name	Email or Phone	Request TA
<b>National Tribal Lead TCTAC</b>	<b><u>NIHB: National Indian Health Board</u></b>	<b><u>environmentalhealth@nihb.org</u></b> <b>(202) 996-4717</b>	<b><u>Form</u></b>
National	<u>ISC: Institute for Sustainable Communities</u>	<u>ejtctac@sustain.org</u>	<u>Email</u>
National	<u>ICMA: International City/County Management Association</u>	<u>tctac@icma.org</u> (800) 745-8780	<u>Form</u>



Region	Name	Email or Phone	Request TA
1	<u>Institute for Sustainable Communities</u>	<u>rsanderson@sustain.org</u>	<u>Email</u>
2	<u>WE ACT for Environmental Justice</u>	<u>sarah.salem@weact.org</u>	<u>Form</u>
2	<u>Engage &amp; Assist Grassroots organization for Environment/Energy Justice and Leadership capacity building (EAGLE) at the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico- Metropolitan Campus</u>	<u>ygovender@metro.inter.edu</u> (787) 250-1912	<u>Form</u>
3	<u>National Wildlife Federation's Mid-Atlantic Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center</u>	(202) 792-5350	<u>Form</u>
4	<u>REACT4EJ at RTI International</u>	<u>jarmstrongbrown@rti.org</u> (866) 309-4559	<u>Form</u>
4, 6	<u>Deep South Center for Environmental Justice (DSCEJ) Community Investment Recovery Center (CIRC)</u>	<u>circ@dscej.org</u>	<u>Form</u>
5	<u>Blacks in Green (BIG)</u>	<u>bigejtctac@blacksingreen.org</u> (833) 828-2269	<u>Form</u>
5	<u>Great Lakes Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Center (Great Lakes EJ TCTAC) at the University of Minnesota</u>	<u>tctac@umn.edu</u> (800) 525-8636	<u>Email</u>
6	<u>South Central TCTAC at New Mexico State University (NMSU)</u>	<u>patsulli@nmsu.edu</u> (575) 646-2913	<u>Email</u>
7	<u>Heartland Environmental Justice Center</u>	<u>heartlandej@wichita.edu</u> (316) 945-6615	<u>Form</u>
8	<u>Mountains and Plains Thriving Communities Collaborative at Montana State University</u>	<u>R8TCTAC@montana.edu</u> (406) 994-6904	<u>Form</u>
9	<u>The Center for Community Energy and Environmental Justice (CCEEJ) at San Diego State University (SDSU)</u>	<u>cceej@sdsu.edu</u> (619) 594-8287	<u>Form</u>
9	<u>Western Environmental Science Technical Assistance Center for Environmental Justice (WEST EJ Center) at the University of Arizona</u>	<u>lothrop@arizona.edu</u> (520) 314-7971	<u>Form</u>
10	<u>University of Washington Center for Environmental Health Equity (CEHE)</u>	<u>cehe@uw.edu</u> (206) 543-0608	<u>Form</u>
10	<u>Northwest Environmental Justice Center (NW EJ Center) at Willamette Partnership</u>	<u>connect@nwejc.org</u>	<u>Form</u>

**Time to Discuss!**

**Questions?**

**Comments?**



# Thank you for attending!

- **To sign up for more OEJECR updates send a blank email to: [join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov)**
- **For any questions/concerns, please contact Andy Bessler, OEJECR Tribal Stakeholder Coalition Coordination, at [bessler.andy@epa.gov](mailto:bessler.andy@epa.gov)**
- **To learn more about EPA's EJ work with Tribes and Indigenous Peoples, visit [this page!](#)**

