

GRANT RESOURCE GUIDE

FOR NON-PROFITS , COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, AND TRIBES

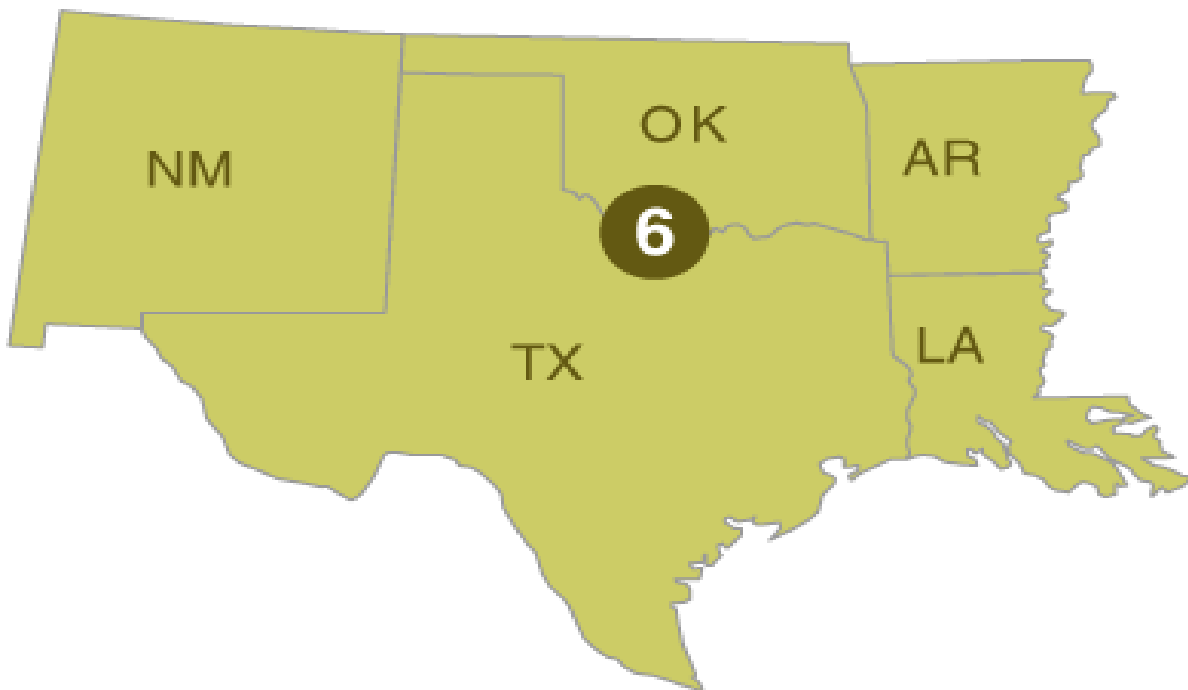
GRANT PROGRAMS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TOOLS FOR COMMUNITIES



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GRANT PROGRAMS, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TOOLS FOR COMMUNITIES

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 supports communities in the states of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and 66 tribal nations. The purpose of this guide is to assist community leaders, non-profits and Tribes in identifying EPA resources that can support community efforts to protect and renew the environment and create a healthier and more sustainable future for their citizens. This guide can also be used by states, local governments and businesses to reach out to their communities and share information about EPA resources.

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GRANT PROGRAMS

The following is a summary of some of the grant programs offered by EPA Region 6 that are applicable to community leaders, non-profits and Tribes. While this list is focused on grant programs relevant to communities, the information does not represent all of EPA's available grant programs. For comprehensive information about EPA's grant programs, visit our regional website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region6>.

Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program

Brownfields and Land Revitalization Programs provide funding and/or direct assistance to communities to help remove barriers to sustainable development, especially at properties where hazardous substances may be present.

- **Cleanup Grants**— Recipients carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites.
- **Job Training Grants** — Eligible entities recruit unemployed and under-employed residents, provide skills training for an environmental field, and place graduates in full-time, sustainable employment, possibly in brownfield and assessment work of community.
- **Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)** — Free assessments to cleanup planning sites.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/index.html>

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Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Programs

The Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program can be an integral component of a city or regional sustainability strategy by providing loans and grants on a regular basis to fund water quality protection projects for wastewater treatment, nonpoint source pollution control, and watershed and estuary management. State water pollution control programs receive grant funds and, in return, loan monies to communities in need at low rates.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/6en/xp/enxp2c4.htm>

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Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs

The Capitalization Grants for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program places an emphasis on small and disadvantaged communities, and on programs that encourage pollution prevention as a tool for ensuring safe drinking water. The program's goal is to provide states with a financing mechanism for ensuring safe drinking water to the public. Community water systems, both publicly and privately owned, and non-profit non-community water systems are eligible for funding under this program.

Website: http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/dwsrf/index.cfm

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Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program

The overall goal of the Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program is to create replicable models of sustainable community action that generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions while improving the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community.

Website: www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/showcase

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Community Action for a Renewed Environment

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) grants provide communities access to EPA staff and technical resources so they can better understand their environmental issues, build local capacities, and address environmental and human health risks, building sustainable efforts in those communities for years to come.

Website: www.epa.gov/care

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Community-Based Lead Program

The Community-Based Lead Grant program provides potential grant activities that include outreach, training, ordinance development, and other activities that result in reduction of childhood lead poisoning.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/grantmap.htm>

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Environmental Education

The Environmental Education Program supports environmental education projects that enhance the public's awareness, knowledge, and skills to help people make informed decisions that affect environmental quality.

Website: www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html

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Environmental Justice Small Grants

The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program provides financial assistance to eligible community groups and nonprofit tribal organizations to assist recipients in building collaborative partnerships in order to help them understand and address environmental and public health issues in their communities.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/index.html>

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Indian Environmental General Assistance Program

The General Assistance Program is for federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia to plan, develop, and establish environmental protection programs in Indian country as well as to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste programs on tribal lands.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/aieo/gap.htm>

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Indoor Environments Program

The goal of EPA Region 6's Indoor Environments Program is to reduce the environmental health risks posed by contaminants in new and existing homes, schools, offices, and other buildings. Common indoor air contaminants include radon, secondhand tobacco smoke, mold, irritant and allergenic asthma triggers, combustion by-products, and volatile organic compounds. Region 6 carries out and supports effective environmental risk reduction activities through voluntary actions by the general public and partnerships with public and private sector entities.

Website: <http://region6.epa.gov/websave/earth1r6/6pd/iaq>

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Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Control Program

The Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program works cooperatively with states, tribes, and communities to ensure nonpoint source water quality problems are well-defined, solutions are well-defined and planned in detail on a watershed basis, and funding and technical assistance resources are available to assist in solution implementation. Under the NPS program, states, territories, and tribes receive grant money that supports a wide variety of activities including technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, demonstration projects, and monitoring to assess the success of specific nonpoint source implementation projects.

Website: www.epa.gov/owow/nps/cwact.html

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Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program

Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) Awards are issued annually and support environmental projects that reduce or eliminate pollution at the source. SRA grants support the adoption of pollution prevention practices by businesses, government, universities, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, and intertribal consortia and other organizational entities. These grants produce annual environmental results in pounds of hazardous materials reduced, energy and water saved or conserved and dollars saved.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/p2home/pubs/grants/index.htm>

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Superfund Technical Assistance Grants

A Technical Assistance Grant provides money for activities that help communities participate in decision making at eligible Superfund sites. An initial grant up to \$50,000 is available to qualified community groups so they can contract with independent technical advisors that interpret and help the community understand technical information about their site.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/tag/index.htm>

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

In addition to grants, EPA also provides technical assistance to communities to support their efforts to build healthy places to live, work and play. These resources come in a variety of forms such as on-site technical assistance, training, education, environmental management assistance, and planning support.

Children's Health Protection Program

The Children's Health Protection Program supports and facilitates efforts to protect children's health from environmental threats. It is essential that children have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, safe food to eat, and a healthy environment in which to learn, grow and thrive.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/region6/children>

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Community-Based Childhood Asthma Program

The Community-Based Childhood Asthma Program is a voluntary public health outreach program designed to reduce adverse health outcomes and economic burdens due to asthma by promoting best practices that integrate control of environmental triggers as a component of comprehensive asthma management.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/asthma/community.html>

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Energy Star

A joint program of EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Star helps American businesses and consumers save money and protect the environment by investing in energy-efficient products and practices. EPA Region 6 provides support of this national initiative in homes, buildings, products, outreach technical assistance, and partner support throughout the region.

Website: <http://www.energystar.gov>

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Environmental Finance Center

EPA has designated New Mexico Environmental Finance Center (EFC) to promote the development of environmentally and financially sustainable communities. Working to connect government entities with outside organizations, the EFC facilitates the sharing of tools, technologies, and resources offered by a network of collaborators. The center helps communities, tribes and private entities comply with environmental and public health protection requirements and provides multi-media environmental finance expertise and outreach to a variety of areas including water resources and infrastructure, solid waste management, air quality, renewable energy, green building, and land conservation.

Website: <http://nmefc.nmt.edu/home.php>

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Healthy School Environments

More than 53 million children and about 6 million adults spend a significant portion of their days in more than 120,000 public and private school buildings. Many of these buildings are old and in poor condition, and may contain environmental conditions that inhibit learning and pose increased risks to the health of children and staff. EPA offers many programs and resources to help prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools.

Website: www.epa.gov/schools

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Integrated Pest Management

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. IPM programs use current, comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interaction with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods, is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means, and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/peps>

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Radon Program and Radiation

The Radon Program emphasizes reducing radon risks in homes located in identified high radon areas through focusing on key targets of opportunity, such as real estate transactions and new home construction. The program attempts to maximize the number of homes with radon-reducing features, thus minimizing the second leading cause of lung cancer.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/radon>

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Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Community Involvement

Members of communities and owners/operators of hazardous waste management facilities play an integral role in the hazardous waste permitting process. EPA provides assistance to communities through a variety of technical assistance and training resources to help them participate in RCRA decisions at facilities in their communities.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/hazard/tsd/permit/pubpart/index.htm>

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Superfund Community Involvement

EPA provides assistance to communities through a variety of technical assistance and training resources to help them participate in decisions related to Superfund sites in their community.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/community/cag/regions/region6.htm>

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Sustainable Skylines

Sustainable Skylines is a voluntary initiative that works through public and private partners to reduce air emissions and assist cities in becoming more sustainable for future generations.

Urban Waters Initiative

The Urban Waters Initiative reconnects urban populations with their water bodies and to encourage public-private partnerships for sustainable restoration and redevelopment of urban water bodies and surrounding lands. The initiative has a strong environmental justice thread, focused on including frequently excluded communities and community members in conversations and decision-making about water issues.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters>

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Water Sense

WaterSense is a partnership program that seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by: promoting water efficiency; enhancing the market for water-efficient products, programs, and practices; and helping consumers identify water-efficient products and programs.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/watersense>

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Waste Wise

Waste Wise is a partnership program that provides technical support and assistance to industry, tribes, and communities interested in reducing waste generation and increasing recycling.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/partnerships/wastewise/index.htm>

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INFORMATION TOOLS

EPA offers a variety of information tools to help community leaders, non-profits, and Tribes learn more about the environmental conditions in their areas and ways to address environmental concerns. These resources come in a variety of forms such as mapping tools, searchable databases, environmental impact calculators, and assessment tools.

The following section highlights some of the useful information tools EPA offers to communities. For more comprehensive information, please visit the EPA for Concerned Citizens website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/citizen.htm>.

Adopt Your Watershed

EPA's Adopt Your Watershed program challenges you to serve your community by taking part in activities to protect and restore your local watershed. The program maintains an on-line Adopt Your Watershed database of more than 2,600 watershed groups that provides information on community-based groups at work in watersheds and opportunities to get involved in activities such as volunteer water monitoring, stream cleanups, and storm drain marking. The program also provides a Watershed Stewardship Toolkit with eight things communities can do to make a difference in their watersheds.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/owow_keep/adopt/index.html#toolkit

Cleanups in My Community

This mapping tool helps users identify properties throughout the U.S. that have been contaminated by hazardous materials and that have been cleaned up under EPA's Superfund, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and/or Brownfields programs.

Website: <http://iaspub.epa.gov/Cleanups>

Community Air Screening How-To Manual

The Community Air Screening How-to Manual makes air quality assessment tools more accessible to communities. The manual presents a step-by-step process that a community can follow to: form partnerships to access technical expertise; identify and inventory local sources of air pollutants; review pollutant sources to identify known hazards that may present a potential health risk to the community; and set priorities and develop plans for improvement.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/cahp/pubs/howto.htm>

EJView

EJView, formerly known as the Environmental Justice Geographic Assessment Tool, is a mapping tool that allows users to create maps and generate detailed reports based on the geographic areas and data sets they choose. EJView includes data from multiple factors that may affect human and environmental health within a community or region, including: demographic, health, environmental, and facility-level data.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/mapping.html>

Green Communities Toolkit

Green Communities is a web-based toolkit and planning guide designed to help communities access the tools and information to help them become greener, more sustainable communities.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/greenkit/index.htm>

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Calculator

This calculator can help communities educate residents about their personal greenhouse gas emissions, providing support to community-wide efforts aimed at reducing climate impacts.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html

Green Infrastructure Models and Calculators

This site offers tools to model stormwater runoff, water quality impacts from land use changes, the benefits of green roofs and urban tree coverage, and pollutant load reductions; and to evaluate the performance of green infrastructure techniques, and help quantify the costs and benefits of stormwater treatment devices and green infrastructure investments.

Website: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/greeninfrastructure/modelsandcalculators.cfm>

Healthy School Resources

There are many steps that parents, schools and communities can take to help promote healthy school environments. EPA has resources in a number of programs that are designed to help schools and communities take action to protect children's health in one of the most important places - where children learn.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/schools/programs.html>

Municipal Government Recycling Toolkit

This resource guide helps local governments create successful recycling programs. Topics covered include starting and improving recycling programs, and the benefits recycling programs can create for the economy, climate change, and community development.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/waste/rcra/mgtoolkit/index.html>

My Environment

The My Environment search application is designed to provide a cross-section of environmental information based on the user's location.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/myenvironment>

Smart Growth Community Scorecards

This tool is a collection of scorecards that help communities assess their existing policies, current development patterns, and proposed development projects based on Smart Growth principles.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/dced/scorecards/index.htm>

Sustainable Design and Green Building Toolkit for Local Governments

This toolkit addresses the local code ordinances that affect the design, construction, renovation, operation and maintenance of a building and its immediate site. It contains an assessment tool, resource guide and action plan development guide for implementing changes to the permitting process.

Website: <http://www.epa.gov/region4/recycle/green-building-toolkit.pdf>

Water Quality Scorecard

This tool helps local governments identify opportunities to remove barriers, and revise and create codes, ordinances, and incentives to better protect water quality.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/dced/water_scorecard.htm

