

Climate United's Strategy: Justice40 Communities

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BACKGROUND

The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund passed through the Inflation Reduction Act presents a once in a lifetime opportunity to tackle the climate crisis while building a stronger economy for all Americans. With extensive experience, durable infrastructure, and deep roots in communities across the country, Climate United has a robust and actionable strategy to leverage the National Clean Investment Fund (NCIF) and drive investments that will make the benefits of the clean energy transition clear to millions of people by creating jobs, lowering energy bills, and cleaning up dangerous pollution.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TARGETS

AT LEAST 60% OF INVESTMENTS WILL BENEFIT LOW-INCOME AND DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES (LIDACS) – EXCEEDING THE 40% JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE REQUIREMENT.

We are cognizant of how deeply interwoven environmental, economic, and racial justice are in our country, and how essential centering the voices and experiences of those most impacted by injustice are in our collective pursuit of progress.

Our target LIDAC investments will be driven by our partnership approach with entities whose mission it is to serve LIDAC, such as Environmental Justice organizations, advocates, and community based groups who have the trust and expertise required to distribute NCIF capital from Climate United and best serve their communities.

We will be utilizing the White House Council on Environmental Quality's **Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool** and the EPA's **Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool** to determine the eligibility of program participants. By providing data on location and income, these resources will help us accurately ensure that our investments are truly going to those in LIDACs.

COMMUNITY & PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Climate United's three pillars of engagement are listening, trying, and learning. These pillars will steer efforts to center beneficiaries in program and product design, leverage trusted community infrastructure for capital deployment, and iterate based on direct feedback.



We understand that it takes an ecosystem of support to do this work, and we look forward to supporting everything from predevelopment to project financing to ensure a holistic approach in historically disinvested communities. By upholding our pillars to maintain a community centered engagement approach, we will stay informed about the needs of LIDACs and therefore provide adequate funding and services throughout the entire investment process.

NEXT STEPS

If awarded, we will hire committed staff members focused on building out our outreach and deployment strategy with experience working in low-income and disadvantaged communities. Please don't hesitate to reach out using the information below to share your thoughts on how Climate United can best serve your community.

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