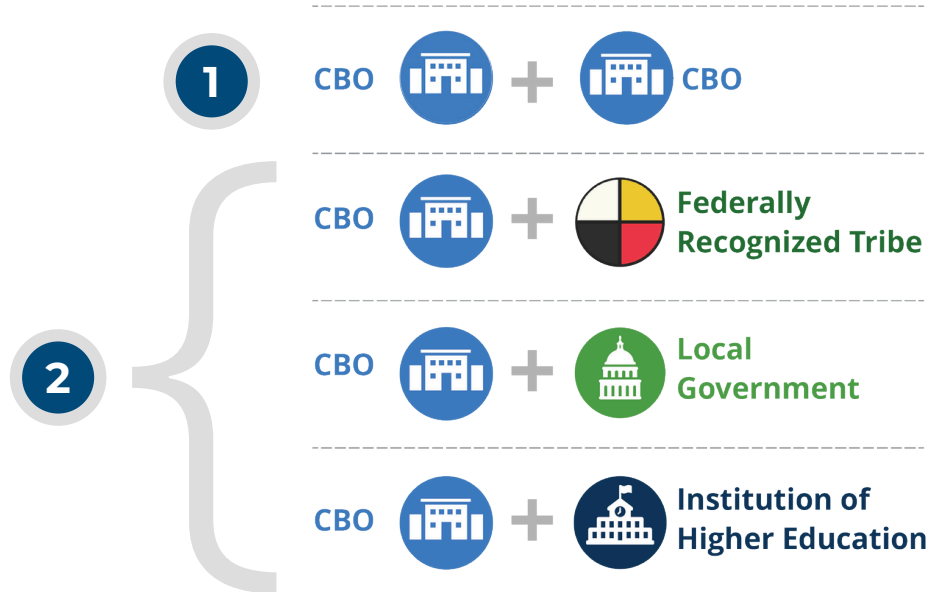




Community Change Grant Applicant Eligibility

Applicants eligible to apply and receive grants under the Community Change Grants must enter into one of two types of Statutory Partnerships:

1. A partnership between two community-based nonprofit organizations (CBOs).
2. A partnership between a CBO and one of the following: a federally recognized Tribe, a local government, or an institution of higher education.



Community-Based Non-Profit Organization (CBO)



To qualify as a CBO, an organization must demonstrate that they are a “nonprofit organization” in one of two ways:

1. A written determination by the Internal Revenue Service that they are exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
2. A written determination by the state, territory, commonwealth, Tribe, or other United States governmental entity in which the organization is located.

An organization must also demonstrate that they are a nonprofit organization that supports and/or represents a community or certain populations within a community through engagement, education, and other related services. The CBO must have a geographic presence in, or relationship with, the specified community that the project is intended to benefit.

Other Eligible Organizations

Alternatively, a CBO can partner with one of the following three organization types:



Local Government

A unit of government within a state (county, borough, municipality, city, town, school district, etc.) as defined by the regulations in 2 CFR 200.1, are eligible to enter a Statutory Partnership with a CBO. A local public authority, such as a public housing agency, is also eligible.



Federally Recognized Tribe

EPA uses the definition of "Indian Tribe" in §3021 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) which provides that the term "...means any Indian Tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community, including any Alaska Native village, which is Federally recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians." Note that this definition does not include Alaskan Native Corporations or State-recognized Tribes, but these groups may be able to qualify as CBOs.



Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs)

Institutes of higher learning, as defined by 2 CFR 200.1, are eligible to apply for a CCG as a statutory partner. This includes institutes of higher learning which are legally authorized by the state, accredited or pre-accredited, and award degrees. EPA encourages Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) to participate in the grants, including by partnering with a CBO.

See Section III.A of the NOFO for more detailed information.

Statutory Partnerships

All applicants for the Community Change Grants must enter into a partnership with another organization, known as a Statutory Partnership.

- ✓ Must have 2, and only 2, members
- ✓ Both members must come from the eligible entities list
- ✓ A CBO must be one of the members in the partnership
- ✓ Either entity may be the Lead Applicant or Statutory Partner
- ✓ Must have a legally binding partnership agreement between both members (see Appendix B of the NOFO for detailed guidance)

The Lead Applicant is responsible for the overall management, performance, oversight, and reporting responsibilities under the grant, and for making subawards to Collaborating Entities. Additionally, the Lead Applicant will be responsible for the receipt of federal funds from EPA, and the proper expenditure of these funds, and will bear liability for unallowable costs.



For further questions regarding grant eligibility, please contact EJ_TechAssist@epa.gov or call 1(800) 540-8123.



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