

# CCG Federal Grants Compliance and Program Evaluation

*Key requirements and compliance  
considerations for federal awards*

*Community Change Technical Assistance*

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# About This Webinar Series

## CCG Federal Grants Requirements and Program Evaluation

Key requirements and compliance considerations for federal awards

### The CCG Program Offers:

- ✓ Unprecedented Opportunity: Reshape disadvantaged communities into vibrant, resilient, and prosperous areas.
- ✓ Historic Support: Significant funding dedicated to overcoming deep-rooted environmental issues and fostering sustainable solutions for immediate and long-term community benefits.
- ✓ Community Engagement: Grants are designed to foster community engagement





# Today's Program

**Welcome and Speakers**

**Federal Requirements**

**Project Evaluation**

**Resources & References**

**Q & A Session**

**Closing Remarks**





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# Overview of Today's Presentation

## Compliance Requirements



### Application

1. *Registering to Apply*
2. *CCG Application Requirements*



### Grant Administration

1. *Understanding the Grant Award*
2. *Federal Compliance Requirements*
3. *National Policy Requirements*



## Project Evaluation



1. *Understanding the Importance of Evaluation*
2. *Outputs & Outcomes*
3. *Developing a Performance Management Plan*







# Federal Grant Compliance



Compliance is a necessary component to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars.



Staying in compliance with a federal grant is just as important as securing one. Failure to comply may result in funds being forfeited or recouped.



Avoid violations with robust internal controls and careful documentation.



# Registering to Apply





# SAM.gov

- **Register!** Applicants will need to have an active SAM.gov account
  - If you already have an account, register your organization
  - If you do not have an account, **you will need to create one through login.gov**

**AND**

- Obtain a Unique Entity ID (UEI)
  - It is important to make sure that your registration includes a current e-Business (EBiz) point of contact

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 LOGIN.GOV

[What is Login.gov?](#)

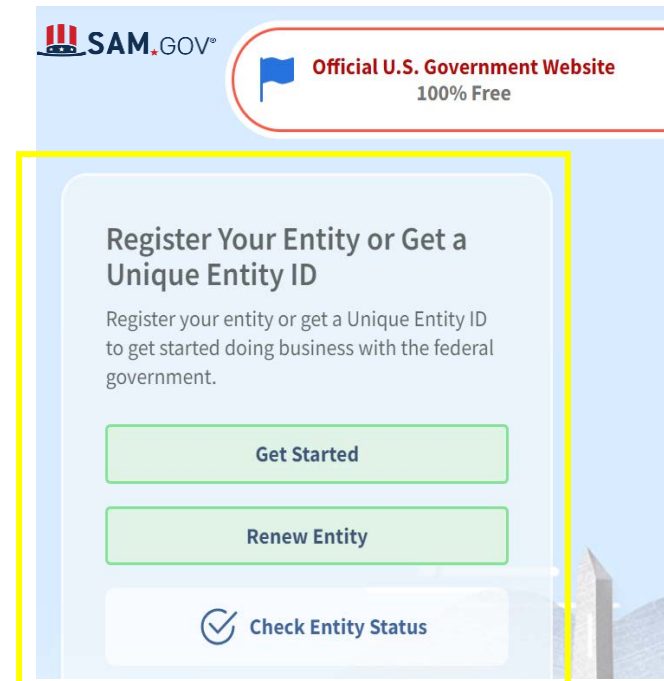
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## Create an account

Join the millions of people who trust Login.gov for safe, secure access to government agencies.



The screenshot shows the SAM.gov homepage. At the top left is the SAM.GOV logo. To its right is a banner that reads "Official U.S. Government Website 100% Free". Below this is a large yellow-bordered box containing the text "Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID" and "Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government." Below the text are three buttons: "Get Started", "Renew Entity", and "Check Entity Status".





# Grants.gov

- Applicants must register in Grants.gov
  - Make sure you have your EBiz point of contact and UEI
- EBiz point of contact is the only one who can assign roles to members of your organization
- One person must be assigned to be an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR)
  - **ONLY** the AOR can submit your application
- Applicants should register now, finalizing registrations could take more than a month.

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**VIEW GRANT OPPORTUNITY**

EPA-R-OEJECR-OCS-23-04  
Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Environmental Protection Agency

**DO NOT WAIT! Apply as soon as possible.**

General Information	
Document Type:	Grants Notice
Funding Opportunity Number:	EPA-R-OEJECR-OCS-23-04
Funding Opportunity Title:	Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program
Opportunity Category:	Discretionary
Opportunity Category Explanation:	
Funding Instrument Type:	Cooperative Agreement
Category of Funding Activity:	Environment
Category Explanation:	
Version:	Synopsis 1
Posted Date:	Nov 21, 2023
Last Updated Date:	Nov 21, 2023
Original Closing Date for Applications:	Nov 21, 2024
Current Closing Date for Applications:	Nov 21, 2024
Archive Date:	Dec 21, 2024
Estimated Total Program Funding:	\$2,000,000,000
Award Ceiling:	\$20,000,000

**Registering with Grants.gov**

One account to manage all your profiles, applications, and subscriptions.

**Applicants**

1. Complete the **required form fields**.
2. **Confirm** your email address.
3. **Add** an organization applicant profile or an individual applicant profile after registering.

Learn more on the [Applicant Registration page](#).

**Grantors**

1. Complete the **required form fields**.
2. **Confirm** your email address.
3. Ask your **agency point of contact** to associate your email address with the agency.

Learn more on the [Grantor Registration page](#).

**Get Registered Now**

**Review Grant.gov's online help section for more guidance.**







# Submission Requirements

- Applications that do not meet all the applicant threshold eligibility criteria **will be deemed ineligible for funding consideration** and WILL NOT be considered further. In some cases, EPA may ask for clarification before deeming an application ineligible.
- Applicants who are deemed ineligible for funding consideration because of the threshold eligibility review will be notified within 15 calendar days of ineligibility determination.

**Reference NOFO Section III.B. for more information**



## Things to consider preparing your application



Register early on **Grant.gov** and **SAM.gov** as the process can take several weeks.



Applications for grant must be submitted **NO LATER** than November 21, 2024, at 11:59 PM EST, which also applies to resubmissions. Applications **MUST** be submitted through Grants.gov.



Early submission is advantageous because if unsuccessful, applicants have additional time to request a debrief and resubmit the application.





# Required Forms & Documents

## Track I & II Applicants:

- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Budget information for Non-construction program (SF-424A)
- EPA Key Contacts form 5700-54
- EPA Preaward Compliance Review Report Form 4700-4
- Project Narrative Attachment Form

NOFO Section IV.A

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

OMB Control No. 2030-0020  
Approval expires 06/30/2024

1. Type of Submission:  Preapplication  Application  Changed/Corrected Application

2. Type of Application:  New  Continuation  Revision

3. Date Received: Completed by Grants.gov submission

4. Applicant Identifier: So. Federal Entity Identifier: **SF - 424**

5. APPLICANT INFORMATION: a. Legal Name: b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EINTN): c. Organizational DUNS:

BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs

OMB Number: 4040-0008  
Expiration Date: 02/28/2025

SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY

Grant Program Function or Activity (SE)	Category of Federal Domestic Assistance Number (SI)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		Total (SE)
		Federal (SI)	Non-Federal (SI)	Federal (SI)	Non-Federal (SI)	
1.						
2.						
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**SF - 424A**

Preaward Compliance Review Report for All Applicants and Recipients Requesting EPA Financial Assistance

Note: Read Instructions before completing form.

This collection of information is approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. (OMB Control No. 2030-0020). Responses to this collection of information are required to obtain an assistance agreement (40 CFR Part 36, 40 CFR Part 31, and 40 CFR Part 33 for awards made prior to December 26, 2014, and 2 CFR 206, 2 CFR 1506, and 40 CFR Part 33 for awards made after December 26, 2014). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 45 hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden to the Regulatory Support Division Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (30217), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed form to this address.

I.A. Applicant/Recipient (Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code)

Name: **4700 - 4**

Address: **4700 - 4**

City: **4700 - 4**

State: **4700 - 4**

B. Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

C. Applicant/Recipient Point of Contact

Name: Phone: Email:

Title:

Is the applicant currently receiving EPA Assistance?  Yes  No

EPA KEY CONTACTS FORM

OMB Control No. 2030-0020  
Approval expires 06/30/2024

Authorized Representative: Original awards and amendments will be sent to this individual for review and acceptance, unless otherwise indicated.

Name: Prefix: First Name: Last Name: **5700 - 54**

Title:

Complete Address: Street: City: State: Zip / Postal Code: Country: Phone Number: Fax Number: E-mail Address:

### Project Narrative File(s)

## Project Narrative

\* Mandatory Project Narrative File Filename: **5700 - 54**

[Add Mandatory Project Narrative File](#) [Delete Mandatory Project Narrative File](#) [View Mandatory Project Narrative File](#)

To add more Project Narrative File attachments, please use the attachment buttons below.

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# Required Forms & Documents (continued)

## Track I & II Applicants:

- **Attachment A:** Program Budget Template
- **Attachment B:** Partnership Agreement
- **Attachment C:** Any other documents or information not listed above, such as an Indirect Cost Rate Agreement.

## Track I Applicants Only:

- **Attachment D:** Project Area Map
- **Attachment E:** Community Engagement & Collaborative Governance Plan
- **Attachment F:** Community Strength Plan
- **Attachment G:** Readiness Approach
- **Attachment H:** Compliance Plan

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## Attachments

**Other Attachment File(s)**

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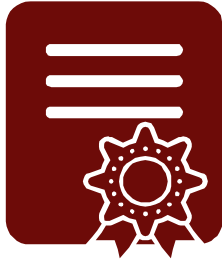
# CCG Compliance Plan







# Compliance Plan – Track 1 Only



- Requirement 6 – Attachment H - Cannot exceed 5 pages
- Demonstrate systems, policies, and procedures in place to ensure compliance with grant terms and conditions
- **NOFO Section I. G.**

## Financial management 2 CFR § 200.302(b)

**Financial management software** to track and report obligations, unobligated balances, assets, outlays, income, and interest, as well as budget/actual

**Written policies and procedures** for payments, records, personnel, procurement, and equipment

## Internal controls 2 CFR § 200.303

**Clear separation of duties** for staff who 1) ensure accountability, 2) perform the accounting function, and 3) are responsible for signing the checks.

**Retention of source documentation** for entries in the financial management system

## Pass-through / subawards CFR § 200.332

Ensure all **subaward agreements** are in writing and contain all of the elements required by 2 CFR 200.331(a)

System in place to **monitor and report** on the performance of subrecipients





# Compliance Plan Evaluation Criteria

<b>Financial management</b> - 2 CFR § 200.302(b)	<b>10 Points (combined)</b>
<b>Internal controls</b> - 2 CFR § 200.303	
<b>Requirements for pass-through entities</b> - 2 CFR § 200.332	
<b>Manage broader legal and compliance risks</b> – Demonstrate expertise, experience, or resources available to identify and manage legal and compliance risks	

*See NOFO Section V.C. for complete guidance*

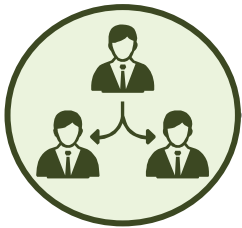




# Compliance Tips



## Things to consider



- Plan for adequate staffing – staff up with people who understand how to manage federal funds
- Prevent fraud and abuse through clear division of responsibilities and accountabilities



- DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT
- If it's not written down, it didn't happen
- “Trust, but verify” – we're going to need records



- Read the EPA and grant-specific Terms and Conditions carefully
- Study the Grant Regulations at 2 CFR 200 and 1500



# Grants Administration







# CCG Awards are Cooperative Agreements



- EPA expects to award cooperative agreements under this notice, anticipating significant federal involvement and oversight by the EPA project officer in grant performance.
- **NOFO Section II.H.**

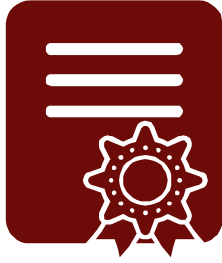
## EPA's involvement may include:

- Closely monitoring grantee performance to verify outcomes
- Evaluating project phase outcomes before authorizing next project phase
- Reviewing terms of contracts, subawards, other financial transactions, and proposed procurement
- Approving qualifications of key personnel
- Providing feedback on reports prepared under the cooperative agreement
- Enforcing compliance with specific regulatory requirements, grant conditions, and federal laws
- Providing technical assistance





# Grant Award



- The Notice of Grant Agreement is an official notification from EPA, which informs the applicant that its application has been selected.
- The Notice of Grant Agreement alone is not an authorization to begin work.
- **NOFO Section VI. A.**

## Grant Award Notification

*Selected applicants will receive a Notice of Grant Agreement, an official notification from EPA.*

## Incorporating your proposal into Grant Award

*Once awarded, the proposal establishes a legally binding scope of work in grant agreement.*

*Applicants must ensure project activities are realistic to meet contractual obligations.*

## Terms and conditions

*Awards will include binding terms and conditions to direct and support successful and timely grant performance.*





# Administrative and National Policy Considerations

## Administrative Requirements



1. Code of Federal Regulations/ Uniform Grant Guidance (2 CFR 200 / 1500)
2. Provisions of Subawards vs Subcontracts
3. Post-award requirements



## National Policy Requirements



1. Construction-related Policies
2. Other Applicable Policies

See NOFO Section VI.B for a complete listing of national policy requirements.





# Administrative requirements: Code of Federal Regulations/Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200) (1 of 3)



## Cost Principles and Audit Requirements 2 CFR Parts 200 and 1500

- **What is it?** These regulations provide standards for federal grants and cooperative agreements. 2 CFR 200 applies across all agencies, and 2 CFR 1500 applies only to EPA grants.
- **Why it matters?** These regulations ensure that federal funds are used appropriately, transparently, and effectively, minimizing the risk of fraud, waste, and abuse.
- **How it applies?** Recipients of federal funds must adhere to these regulations for determining the costs of grants and prepared for audits to ensure compliance.





# Administrative requirements: Provisions of Subawards vs Subcontracts (2 of 4)

## *Subawards*

- Awards provided to a subrecipient for carrying out a part of the federal award. If selected for an award, the Lead Applicant ensures that the subawardee complies with federal award conditions and the subrecipient's performance aligns with the objectives of the grant.
- [EPA Subaward Policy](#) implements the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards regulatory requirements.

## *Subcontracts*

- Goods and services for the grantee's own use through a procurement relationship.
- Subcontracts belong in the “contractual” budget category.
- If selected, subcontracts should comply with competitive procurement standards in accordance with 2 CFR Parts 200 and 1500, EVEN IF the application named certain contractors.

*Reference NOFO Appendix G more information*

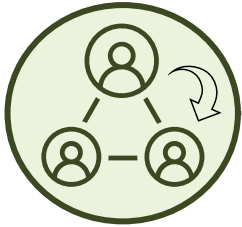




# Administrative requirements: Provisions of Subawards vs Subcontracts (continued)



## Things to consider



- Lead Applicants must ensure that the terms and conditions of the grant agreement “flow down” to all subrecipients in the subawards.



- Recipients must create subaward agreements in writing that contain the elements in [2 CFR 200.332\(a\)](#) and implement systems to monitor and guide subrecipient performance.



- EPA approval is required before recipient issues a subaward if the subrecipient type is not detailed in the workplan.
- Any changes to approved sub-award agreements must be approved by EPA







# Administrative Requirements: Post-Award Requirements (3 of 3)



## Other requirements may include:

- **Post-Award Reporting requirements**
  - Grantees will be subject to program performance, financial, and administrative reporting requirements,
- **Audit Requirements**
  - Grantees expending \$750,000 or more in total Federal funds in a fiscal year will be required to obtain a single audit from an independent auditor.
  - Grantee may charge the cost of the audit to the grant, provided such costs are reasonable.
- **Record Retention**
  - Grant documents pertinent to a Federal award must be retained for a period of 3 years after the grant ends.
- **Quality Management Plan (QMP) and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)**
  - For recipients that are collecting data, QMP and/or QAPP plans may be required and submitted for EPA's approval.

*NOFO Section VI.B,C and G*





# National Policy Requirements (1 of 2)

Projects with a construction or infrastructure component are subject to the following national policy requirements:



## Build America Buy America Act

- **What is it?** Mandates that federal funds used for construction or repair of infrastructure in the U.S. prioritize the use of American-made goods, products, and materials.
- **Why it matters?** Supports domestic industries and ensures that federal investments contribute to American manufacturing and labor resilience.
- **How it applies?** Applicants must ensure that all construction products and materials are produced in the USA and comply with BABA guidelines throughout the procurement process



## Davis-Bacon Related Act

- **What is it?** Requirement that ensures contractors receive no less than locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits compared to similar projects in the area.
- **Why it matters?** Ensures fair compensation for workers and prevents underbidding on federal contracts by reducing wages.
- **How it applies?** For construction exceeding \$2,000, recipients must ensure that their contractors and subcontractors comply with DBRA standards.





# National Policy Requirements (2 of 2)



## Other applicable policies include:

- **Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act (URA)**
  - Grant agreement will include URA compliance requirements.
- **Justice40 Reporting**
  - Grant agreement will include a requirement to report on metrics demonstrating how grant activities advance the 40% goal.
- **Environmental Justice Grant Applicant Database**
  - Applicants who apply under this NOFO will be added to the database.
- **National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA)**
  - Grant agreement will include NHPA compliance requirements.
- **Signage**
  - Award will include appropriate terms and conditions about signage requirements.

*NOFO Section VI.B*



# Project Evaluation

1. Understanding the Importance of Evaluation
2. Outputs & Outcomes
3. Developing a Performance Management Plan





# What is Evaluation?



Evaluation is the process of examining the performance of a project and identifying areas for improvement.



**Evaluation is all about learning.**





# Why is Evaluation Important?



## Things to Consider



Project designers can learn whether their project works as intended.



Project implementers can learn what they can do to make their project work better.



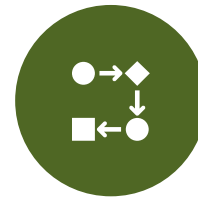
Stakeholders can learn whether they're investing in the right activities.



If projects don't work as intended, evaluation can help us learn how to make them better.



And if projects do work as intended, evaluation can help us to learn how to best to scale them up to new locations.



Evaluation creates a framework that makes it easy to assess the design, implementation, or results of a project.







# Evaluating Project Success



EPA places a strong emphasis on evaluating the success of a project based on **tangible outputs** and **concrete outcomes**.

The benefits delivered to the community as a result of the grant must be clearly measured and diligently tracked through the duration of the project.





# Defining Outputs & Measuring Outcomes

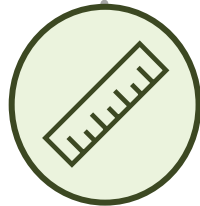


## Things to Consider



Outputs always have a number attached

*What is the actual result of grant funds?*



Measure progress through results

*What measurable short and long-term results will the grant achieve?*



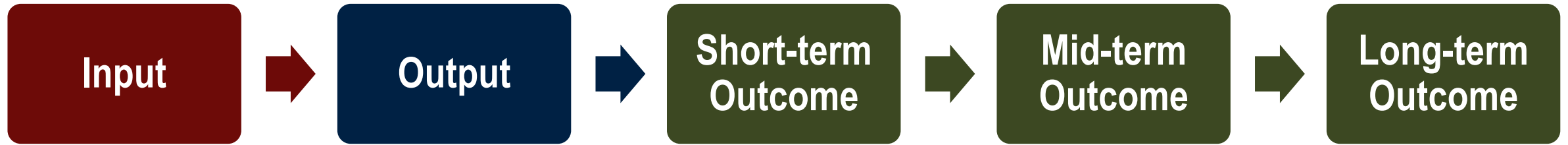
Outcomes are focused on results

*What is the impact of grant funds?*





# What is a Logic Model?



**Appendix F** contains example **outputs** and **outcomes** for:

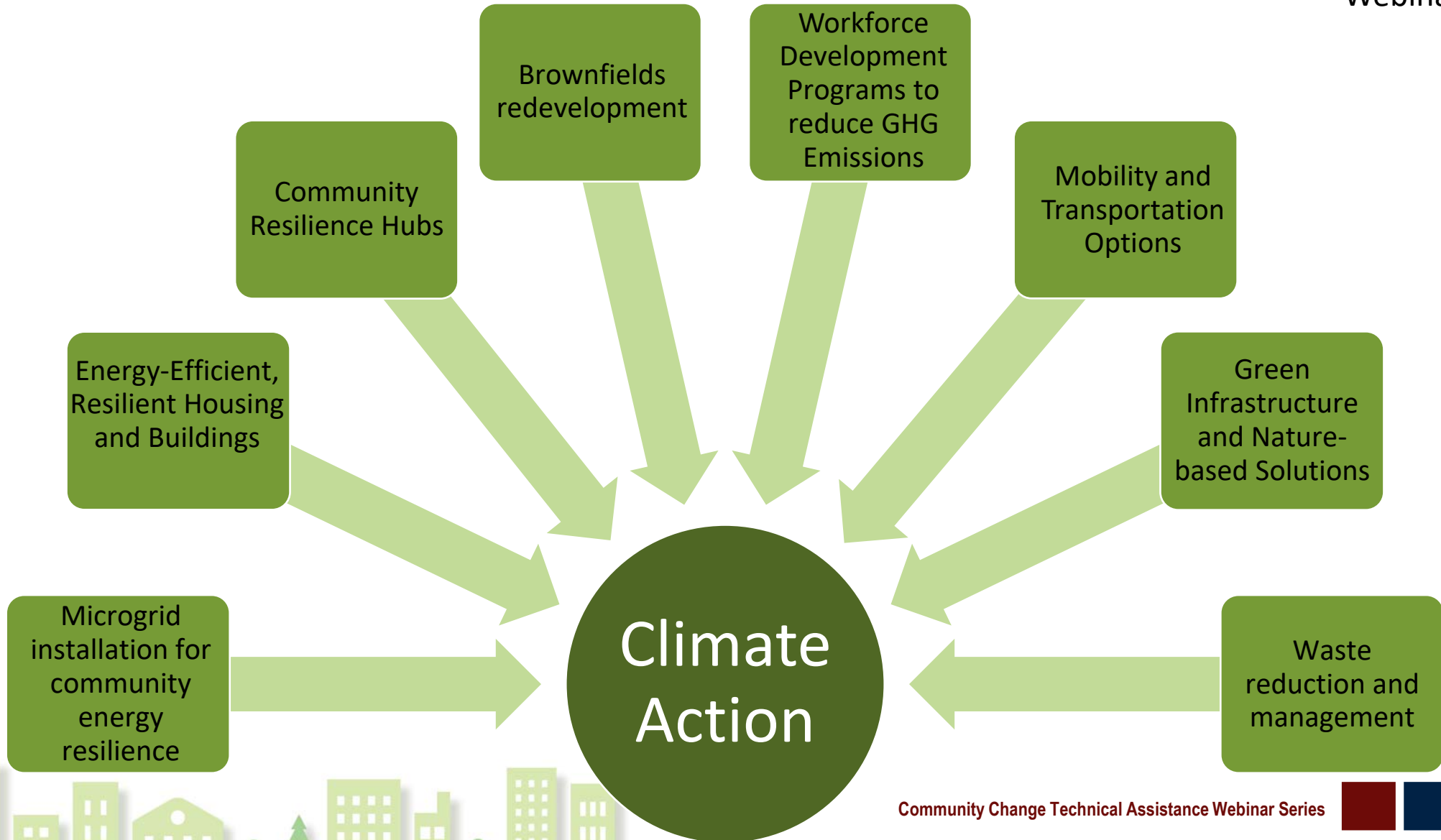
- Track I: Climate Action Strategies
- Track I: Pollution Reduction Strategies
- Track II: Meaningful Engagement for Equitable Governance Examples





# Track I Climate Action Strategies

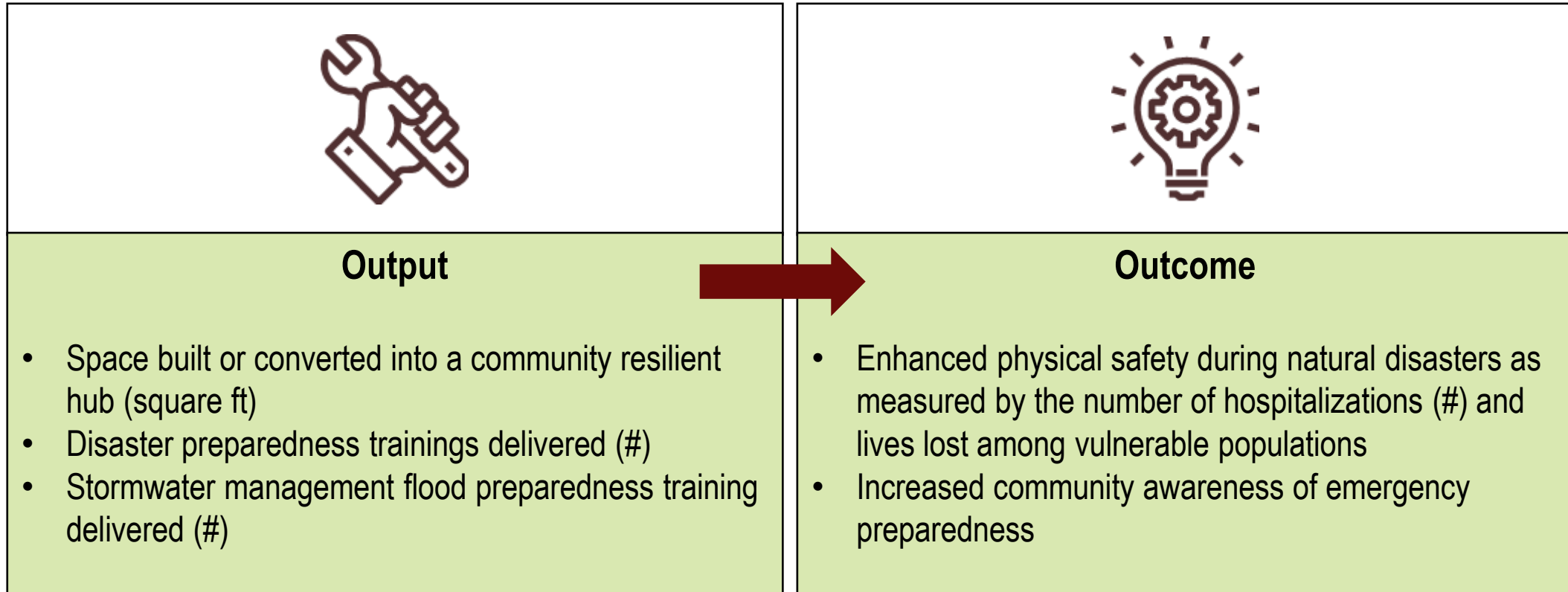
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# Track I Output / Outcome Example: Climate Action Strategy

## Community Resilience Hubs





# Track I Logic Model Example: Climate Action Strategy

## Community Resilience Hubs

### Inputs

- Community recommendations
- Planning expertise
- Emergency response expertise
- Trainings
- Meetings

### Outputs

- Space built or converted into a community resilient hub (square ft)
- Disaster preparedness trainings delivered (#)
- Stormwater management flood preparedness training delivered (#)

### Short Term Outcomes

- Consensus documents
- Contracts
- Permitting
- Staffing plans

### Mid term Outcomes

- Enhanced physical safety during natural disasters as measured by the number of hospitalizations (#) and lives lost among vulnerable populations
- Increased community awareness of emergency preparedness

### Long term Outcomes

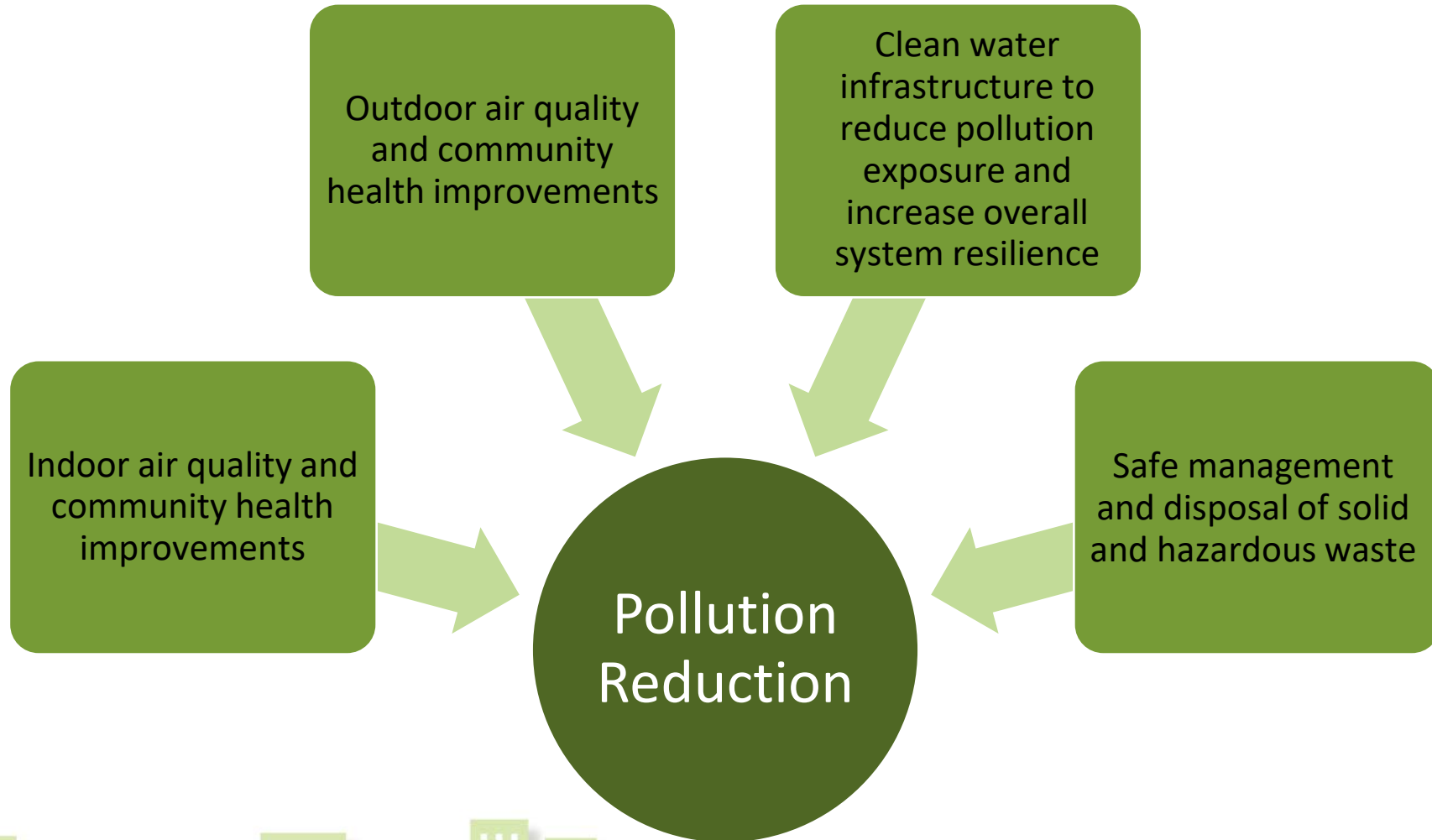
- Mitigated climate and health risks from urban heat islands, extreme heat, wood heater emissions, and wildfire events







# Track I Pollution Reduction Strategies



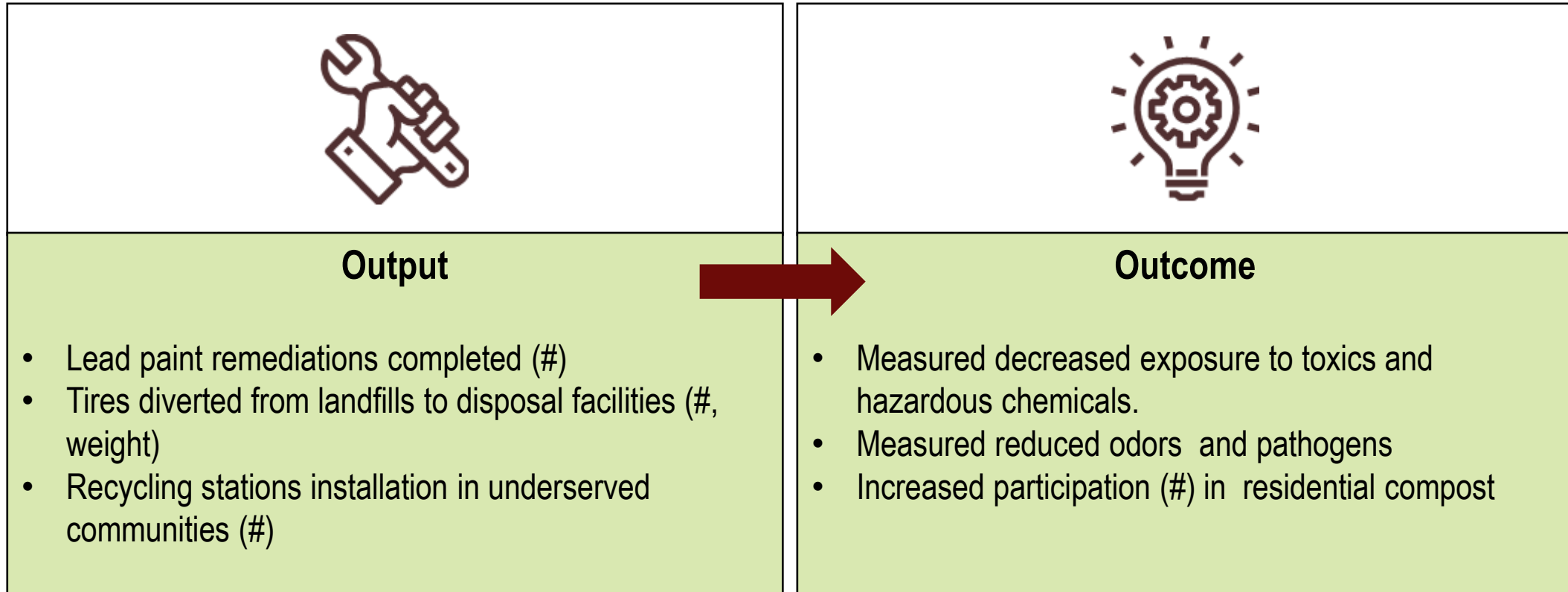
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# Track I Output / Outcome Example: Pollution Reduction Strategy

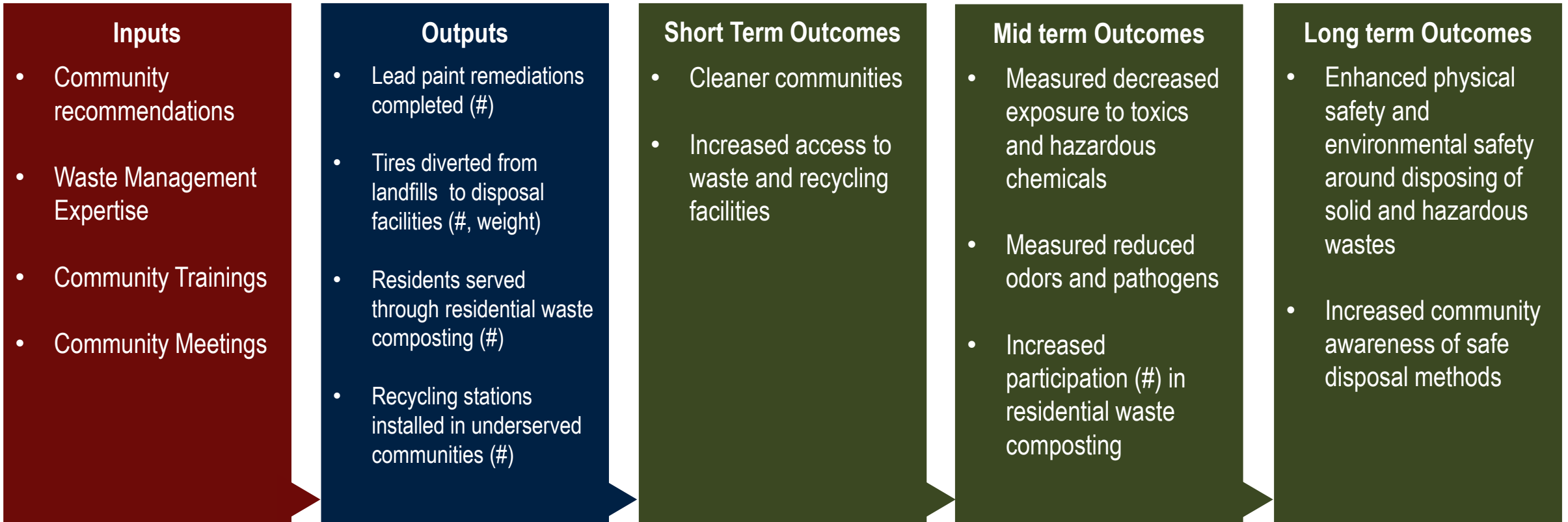
## Safe Management and Disposal of Solid and Hazardous Waste





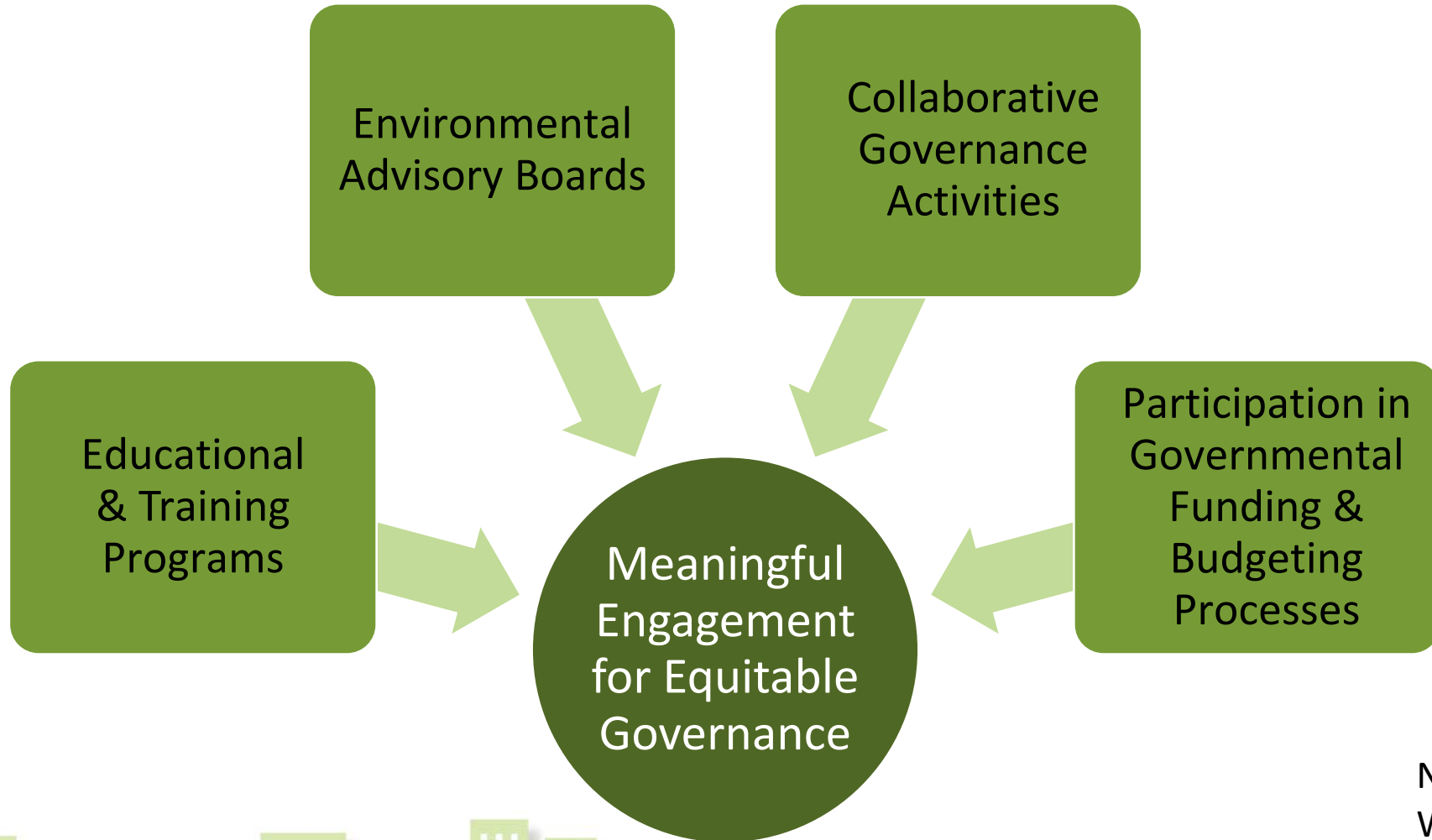
# Track I Logic Model Example: Pollution Reduction Strategy

## Safe Management and Disposal of Solid and Hazardous Waste



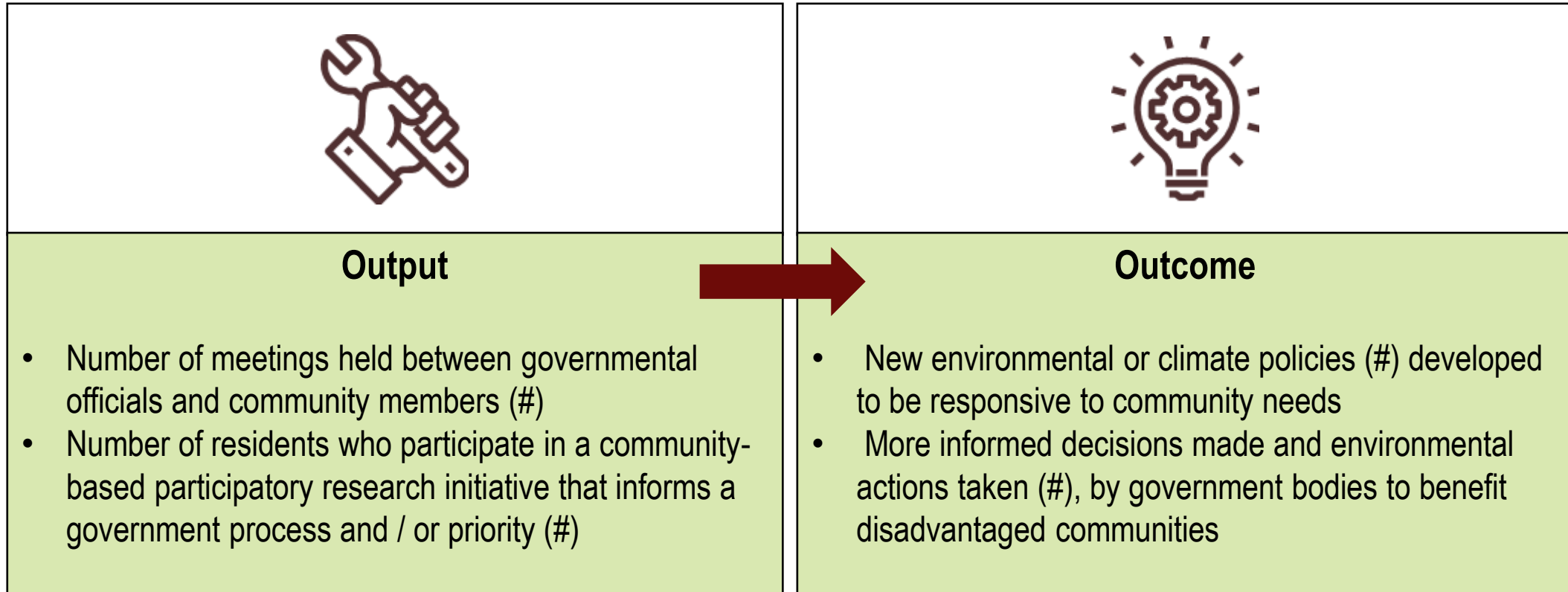


# Track II Project Examples





# Track II Output Outcome Example: Environmental Advisory Board





# Track II Logic Model Example:

## Environmental Advisory Board

### Inputs

- Advertising
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Community Trainings
- Community Meetings

### Outputs

- Number of meetings held between governmental officials and community members (#)
- Number of residents who participate in a community-based participatory research initiative that informs a government process and / or priority (#)

### Short Term Outcomes

- Increased community engagement
- Increased community awareness and involvement on environmental issues

### Mid term Outcomes

- New environmental or climate policies (#) developed to be responsive to community needs
- More informed decisions (#) made, and environmental actions taken (#), by government bodies to benefit disadvantaged communities

### Long term Outcomes

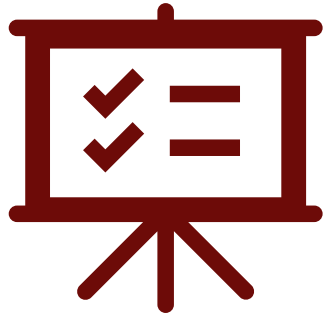
- Stronger relationships and trust between disadvantaged communities and government entities on matters relating to environmental protection policies







# Performance Management Plan



Describe how to plan, track, and measure project performance, towards achieving the expected outputs and outcomes

This helps describe the “what” that is being achieved

NOFO Section I.I,  
Section IV.B





## Things to consider when creating a project management plan:

- Use data to create specific outputs and outcomes
- Create a plan
- Staff your plan - you can use budget to hire evaluation experts (NOFO Section I.I)
- Implement your plan over time
- Use your data to answer questions, discuss interesting findings, make midcourse corrections and report results





# Application Evaluative Criteria

## Track I: Performance Management Plan and Outputs/Outcomes Scoring

<p>Projects need an <b>effective Performance Measurement Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Include <b>timeframes, tracking and measuring progress</b> towards outputs and outcomes</li></ul>	<b>2 Points</b>
<p><b>Outputs and Outcomes</b> should be specific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lead to improvements to the environmental conditions and public health of the disadvantaged communities.</li></ul>	<b>2 Points</b>
<p>Plan for program evaluation activities from <b>project kickoff to completion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Document and measure progress towards goals</li><li>• Describe how the results of the evaluations will meet project goals within the required timeframes.</li></ul>	<b>2 Points</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>See NOFO Section V.C. for complete guidance</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></p>	<b>6 Points</b>

**\*similar requirements for Track II, under Environmental Results**



# Resources & References





# References

Applicants can use following lists for additional guidance and suggestions

Grants.gov	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a> (visit for registration and application submission)
Login.gov	<a href="#">Creating SAM.gov Account</a>
SAM.gov	<a href="#">SAM.gov</a> (visit for registering your entity and obtaining a UEI)
FAQ's on SAM.gov Registration	<a href="#">Registering Entity vs. Getting an UEI</a>
Federal Service Desk	<a href="#">Contact for Help with SAM.gov Account</a>
Intro to Grants.gov	<a href="#">Understanding User Roles Video</a> & <a href="#">Learning Workspace Video</a>
Useful Tips	<a href="#">Tips for Completing EPA Form 4700 - 4</a>
EPA's Terms & Conditions	<a href="#">General Terms and Conditions</a>
FAC.gov	<a href="#">Federal Audit Clearinghouse</a>
2 CFR 200	<a href="#">Code of Federal Regulations</a>
EPA Subaward Policy (GPI 16-01)	<a href="#">EPA Subaward Policy for EPA Assistance Agreement Recipients</a>
EPA's Build and Buy America	<a href="https://epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba">https://epa.gov/cwsrf/build-america-buy-america-baba</a>



# Q & A

- Use Q & A chat feature
- Selection of FAQs





# Questions Submitted During Registration

- *What grants management personnel should we have to effectively comply with the CC grant management?*
- *Are there any good grant software programs you would recommend to gauge grant compliance?*





# Closing Remarks

- Key Messages
- Next Steps



# Key Messages

- Review and strictly follow EPA's guidelines for project success and regulatory compliance
- Remember to ensure compliance with EPA standards throughout all project phases from procurement and implementation to reporting and evaluation.
- Plan Early!
- Utilize program evaluation to guide effective implementation and promote continuous improvement.



# Technical Assistance Update: Status and Expert Matching

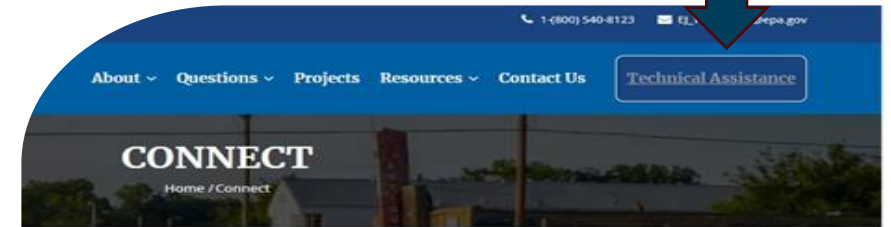


## TA Current Status

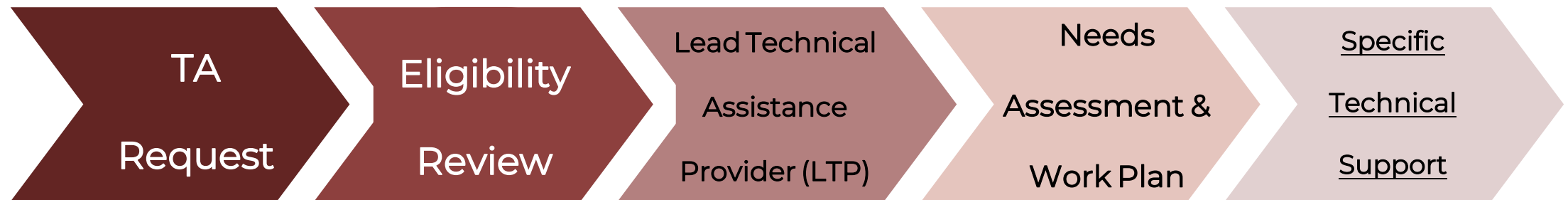
- **Total TA Requests Received: 467**

## Progress in Technical Assistance Phases

- **Phase 1 - Needs Assessments Completed: 240**
- **Lead TA Provider (LTPs) Assigned (Communities Matched): 229**
- **Phase 2 TA Initiated: 16**



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Partnership Dynamics

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**Defining Disadvantaged  
Communities**

Community Mapping, EJ  
Indicators

**20 FEB**

**CCG NOFO Track I Overview**

Project Strategies,  
Community Needs

**27 FEB**

**CCG NOFO Track II Overview**

Policy, Capacity Building

**5 MAR**

**Community Engagement &  
Governance**

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Governance Strategies

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