



# Inclusive Energy Economy



Welcome to the first **CEBN Inclusive Energy Economy Update**. In each edition, we will be highlighting news, business opportunities, and events at the nexus of economic opportunity and clean energy. These resources have an intentional focus on reaching businesses and communities that are underrepresented in clean energy in terms of race, gender, geographic location, disability, or other socio-economic demographics.

If you are an entrepreneurial support organization working to build capacity, opportunities, access, and participation in the clean energy economy, these resources may be of interest to you. Also feel free to **forward this email** to others in your network!

## Events

### **February 9: Telkes Fellows Showcase (Virtual)**

The Clean Energy Business Network and Cleantech Leaders Roundtable are proud to present the first public showcase of the *Mária Telkes Fellows*. [Join us on February 9th](#) to connect with two cohorts of fellows, accomplished mid-level professionals from underrepresented demographics working in clean energy.

[Register Here](#)

### **February 23: Minority Business Enterprise DOE Connect Summit (Washington, DC)**

Join the Department of Energy's Office of Economic Impact and Diversity as they host Minority Business Enterprises, Community Development Financial Institutions, Green Banks, and higher educational institutions to learn more about DOE Program offices, funding opportunities, and opportunities to collaborate. It is free to attend – [register here!](#)

## Funding Opportunities for Environmental Justice

On January 10, the [Biden Administration announced](#) \$100 million in grant funding for environmental justice.

This is the largest amount of environmental justice grant funding ever offered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Much of the funding is from the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The IRA contained \$3 billion for environmental and climate justice block grants, which is expected to be rolled out over 10 years.

Applications are due April 10 for the two newly-announced programs. See details below.

### **Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program**

*Total funding:* \$70 million

*Award amounts:* Up to \$1 million for three-year projects

*Eligible applicants:*

- A partnership between a state and a community-based nonprofit organization (CBOs)
- A partnership between a tribe and a CBO
- A partnership between a local government and a CBO
- US Territories, Freely Associated States, and tribal governments in remote areas

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### **Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program**

*Total funding:* \$30 million

*Award amounts:* \$500,000 for CBOs and \$150,000 for smaller organizations (<5 FTEs)

*Eligible applicants:*

- Community-based nonprofit organizations
- Partnership of CBOs

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## **Featured Resource**

### **GreenLatinos**

- GreenLatinos is a national non-profit that convenes a broad coalition of Latino leaders committed to addressing national, regional and local environmental, natural resources and conservation issues that significantly affect the health and welfare of the U.S. Latino community