

Just Transition Fund's Federal Access Center

Grants and Technical Assistance Available for Organizations in Coal-Impacted Communities Applying for Federal Funds

Available Support

With historic levels of funding for local economic development available through a range of federal agencies, the Just Transition Fund (JTF) is committed to helping the most economically distressed coal communities overcome barriers to accessing public investment. That's why we created the Federal Access Center, a resource hub that will build on our track record of helping coal communities secure public funding and scale local economic solutions.

Through grants and technical assistance offered on a rolling basis, we can help communities identify, prepare, and apply for federal funding opportunities. We currently offer two different levels of support:

Application-Ready

Do you already have an economic development project developed and are ready to apply for federal funding?

We offer grants up to \$25,000 and technical assistance to help organizations identify which government grant program would be a good fit for their project and/or put together successful applications. Grants can be used for a variety of purposes, such as hiring a grant writer or to qualify as private matching funds.

Early-Stage Capacity-Building

Are you still working to define and develop an economic development project and need more support before you're ready to apply for federal funding?

We're currently offering a limited number of grants and technical assistance to help organizations conduct community-driven, inclusive project planning processes and consultation to assess and increase readiness to apply for federal funds.

Eligibility

501(c)(3) non-profit organizations are eligible for grants and technical assistance through the Federal Access Center. Local public-sector entities (e.g., local governments, tourism authorities) are eligible for technical assistance only. Coalitions developing a joint application for federal funds should also apply jointly. We prioritize proposals from coal mining and power plant communities in the following states: KY, VA, WV, NC, PA, OH, IL, IN, MO, MN, WY, AZ, CO, MT, NM, and TX. If you work in a coal community outside one of these priority states, we still want to hear from you!

Apply

If you're interested in support to identify, prepare, or apply for federal funds, please complete our [interest form](#). After we receive your response, you can expect to hear from us shortly to schedule time to talk about next steps depending on the status of your project.

About the Just Transition Fund

The Just Transition Fund was established in 2015 to help communities secure funding through the Obama administration's POWER Initiative, the first federal program aimed at helping communities impacted by the changing coal economy. We have since evolved our approach to catalyze and support the economic transition movement more broadly, while helping more communities tap into an expanding number of federal funding opportunities.

Since our inception, the JTF has helped our community partners leverage nearly \$350 million in public and private funding. We have developed a proven approach utilizing complementary grantmaking, technical assistance, and field-strengthening strategies, all of which are informed by our belief that the most sustainable solutions come from local leaders and are built from the ground up.

Further Information

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