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Local Infrastructure Hub Cohorts

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Highlight of DOE Building Technologies
- Overview of Local Infrastructure Hub Cohorts
- Highlight of DOE State & Community Energy Programs
- Questions/Discussion
- Next Steps

Last 30 minutes (optional)

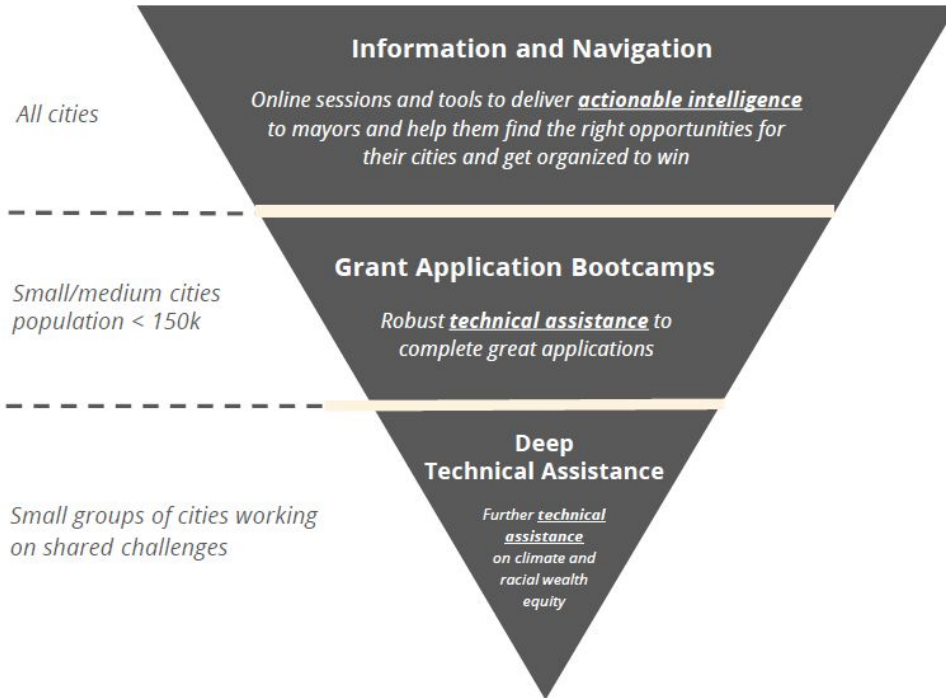
- Opportunity for more in-depth Q&A



Local Infrastructure Hub: Regional Cohorts Initiative

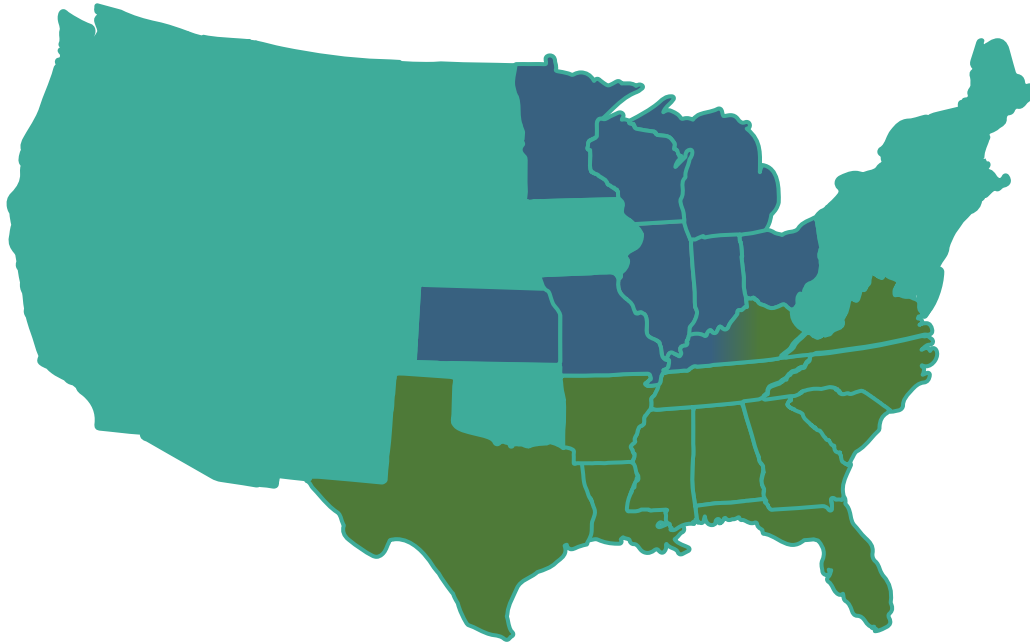
Local Infrastructure Hub is a \$55 million national platform to raise the floor for local governments to drive impact through infrastructure

Three tiers of support for cities



- Special focus on supporting **smaller** and **capacity-constrained communities** that often feel left behind by big federal programs
- Programming focused on **transportation, broadband, climate resilience, energy efficiency, workforce**, and more
- **Innovation track** to help cities responsibly leverage technology in their projects
- **Online hub** with grant search tool, program guides, and application templates
- **Yearlong storytelling campaign** launching this spring highlighting local infrastructure progress in hundreds of communities across the country

Service Areas



Region	Coordinating Organization	States
Midwest	 ELEVATE	IL, IN, KS, KY, MI, MN, OH, WI
Southeast	 SSDN	AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, VA

Local Infrastructure Hub Intent

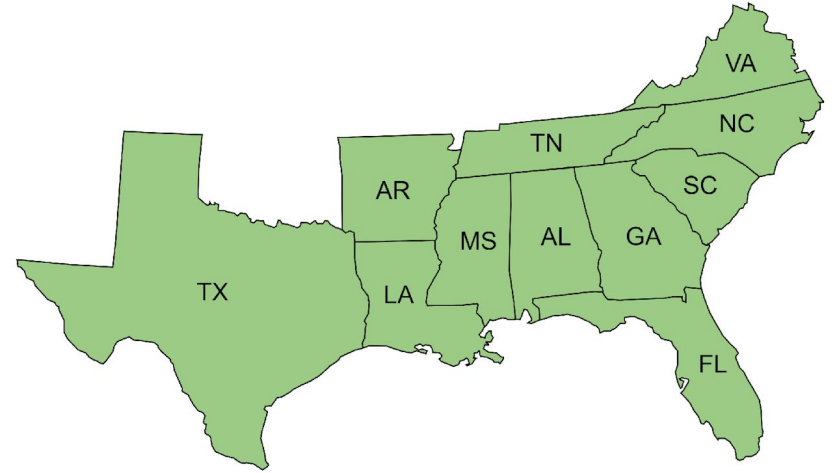
Program Focused On:

- Accelerating climate action through climate goals, equity, and racial wealth equity
- Incorporating the Justice40 Initiative into application packages
- Sharing information for future local governments for projects that are successful
- Create meaningful, observable change for all community residents, especially for communities of color

Local Infrastructure Hub Service Area

Local Communities in the Southeast

- Build local government capacity
- Build local CBO capacity
- Enhance community engagement
- Improve local community competitiveness for federal funding like IIJA, IRA
- Increase long-term capacity of communities to access funding



* This program is open to communities in 12 states. Membership in SSDN is not required.

Types of Technical Assistance Available

Local governments and/or CBOs will be able to choose from three options:

Community and Stakeholder Mngmt

- Multi-local government facilitation
- Local government - neighborhood facilitation
- Local government - CBO facilitation
- Listening Sessions
- Community Benefits Agreements
- Support community planning processes

Project Development

- Soliciting criteria and developing menus of options
- Bridging city priorities with community priorities

Grant Proposal Support

- Predevelopment Work
- Narrative Writing
- Completing federal forms
- Navigating federal processes
- Data analysis
- Technical Support
- Reviewing applications before submission

Technical Assistance Packages

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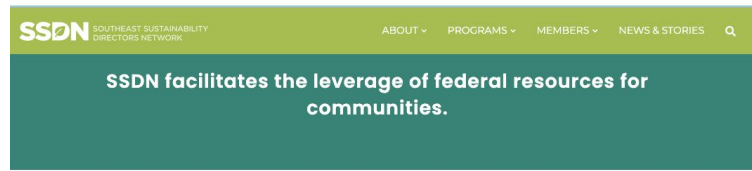
Option 1 Access to 1:1 help from SSDN's bench of experts.	Option 2 Combination of access to 1:1 assistance from SSDN's bench of experts and a small grant award to local CBOs.	Option 3 A small grant award for local community based organizations for capacity building to support a federal grant application.
Technical assistance is matched to needs like grant writing, sustainability / resilience expertise, and more	Grant awards would go to community based organizations, no more than \$20,000 in value.	Up to \$30,000 award to build local capacity to go after federal funding opportunities right now and into the future

Technical Assistance Partners

<p>Southeast Regional Partners</p>	<p>AMCorps International: Communications Impact Energy: Equity and community based organization support Southface Institute: Technical guidance and workforce training Sutherland & Associates: Program coordination Thomas Consulting Group: Grant writing support Trident Maple: Grant writing support Watershed Consulting Group: Grant writing support Sustainable Strategies, Inc: Grant writing support And others...</p>
<p>National Partners</p>	<p>ACEEE, African American Mayors Association (AAMA), Building Electrification Institute, C40, Center for Neighborhood Technology, Climate Mayors, Electrification Coalition, Elevate, Emerald Cities, EV Noire, Greenlink, The Greenlining Institute, Institute for Market Transformation (IMT), Living Cities, Mississippi Rivers and Towns Initiative (MRCTI), National Association of City Transportation Officials, New Buildings Institute (NBI), NRDC, Partnership for Southern Equity, PolicyLink, Southeast Sustainability Directors Network (SSDN), Southface, Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), World Resources Institute (WRI), Bloomberg Philanthropies, Waverly Street Foundation, Thomas Consulting Group, CityScale</p>

Application Process

- Submit application telling us what you need or email Nick
- SSDN responds back to you
- We match you with your needs
- Sign an MOU
- Then complete a brief report at the end to share the results/impact of the LIH support and/or if you applied to a grant, provide a copy of the application



Local Infrastructure Hub | Regional Cohorts

The Southeast regional Local Infrastructure Hub (LIH) Cohorts Program seeks to advance climate and racial wealth equity by supporting local communities with technical assistance so they can successfully access federal funding.

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INVITATION

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APPLICATION

A Southeast LIH Regional Cohort of Technical Assistance (TA) providers is ready to support communities in AL, AR, FL, GA, KY, LA, MS, NC, SC, TN, TX, and VA in:

- Accessing the historic levels of federal funding available through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
- Advancing racial wealth equity and climate equity through long-term local capacity building strategies

Next Steps

- Request a 1:1 call to discuss your community's specific questions
- Apply to the LIH!

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Upcoming Federal Opportunities

Topic	Opportunities	Agencies	NOFO Expected
Climate Environmental Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) • Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) program • Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program • Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) 	US EPA	Various (Multiple Opportunities)
Air Pollution Monitoring & Remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants – Planning and Implementation • American Made Challenges Direct Air Capture Prizes • Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements 	US DOE US EPA	Various & Rolling (Multiple Opportunities)
Energy Futures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program • Community Economic Development Focus on Energy Communities • DOE Inclusive Energy Innovation Prize • Clean Hydrogen Electrolysis, Manufacturing, and Recycling 	US DOE	Summer 2023
Environmental Site Remediation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brownfield Assessment Grants • Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants • Brownfield Cleanup Grants • Brownfield Area-Wide Planning (AWP) Grants • Brownfield Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) Grants 	US EPA	Fall 2023
Transportation & Infrastructure Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) • Reconnecting Communities • Neighborhood Access & Equity • Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) 	US DOT FEMA	Fall 2023/ Winter 2024