Local Infrastructure Hub Regional Cohorts

Program Overview

The Bloomberg Philanthropies Local Infrastructure Hub (LIH) is a national program designed to connect cities and towns with the resources and expert advice they need to access federal infrastructure funding in order to drive local progress, improve communities, and deliver results for residents.

SSDN's LIH Regional Cohort Program is open to local governments and community-based organizations (CBOs) in the Southeast and is intended to:

- Accelerate climate action & racial wealth equity
- Build capacity of local governments and CBOs
- Incorporate Justice 40 initiatives into grant applications
- Create meaningful, observable change for all community residents, especially for communities of color



Technical Assistance Pathways*

Option 1: Direct, expert-led support

Technical assistance is matched to needs like grant writing, sustainability/resilience expertise, and more. Participants are able to engage one-on-one technical assistance from SSDN's bench of technical experts.

Option 2: Direct funding for CBOs

Local community-based organizations (CBOs) are eligible for up to \$30,000 in awards to independently build local capacity to pursue federal funding opportunities now and into the future.

Option 3: Combined direct support & funding

Receive expert-led, individualized technical support in addition to funding for a local community-based organization (CBO). Under this arrangement, award funding for CBOs shall exceed no more than \$20,000.

*Local governments and/or CBOs can choose from one of three options above.

Types of Technical Assistance

Community & Stakeholder Engagement

- Facilitation among local governments, CBOs, and/or residents
- Listening sessions
- Community benefit agreements
- Community planning

Project Development

- Soliciting project criteria and developing project options
- Bridging community and local government priorities

Grant Proposal Support

- Narrative writing
- Navigating federal processes
- Data analysis
- Application review

How to Apply

Step 2:

Match & sign

Step 1:

Download your application

Click here to visit our website.

Download your application and submit your documents via email

to both Nick Deffley

(nick@southeastsdn.org) and Krista Early

(krista@southeastsdn.org)

Sign a Scope of Work contract

upon your application's selection and matching to a Technical Assistance Pathway. Now you're on your way!

Step 3: Report your impact

At the end of your project, share with us the results and impact of the Local Infrastructure Hub's support on your community's progress toward climate action.

(Responses may take up to seven business days.)