

Community Energy Innovation Prize



Clean Energy Ecosystem Track CONCEPT Phase

Community through Colors

VISABEL SEGUNDA, VIEQUES, PR

Accelerating the development of microgrids to rural and disadvantaged communities, community service centers, and local businesses to increase distribution capacity for essential services.

Convivencia Hispana Energy Navigators

ST. JAMES, MN

People Power: Energy Security | **Ownership Q** FORT SMITH, AR

Bringing the benefits of clean energy to Fort Smith's disadvantaged neighborhoods via solar installations on community centers.

Pomona, CA – Direct-to-Renter Clean Energy Program

Developing a community energy navigator program to provide free energy audits to residents and increase clean energy capacity.

East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) and Cooperative Energy **Futures (CEF)**

Q MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Building a solar array on a former superfund site that is member-owned by neighbor residents.

First State Community Green Energy Coalition

WILMINGTON, DE

Building a Community Clean Energy Hub powered by solar, that provides workforce training and clean energy jobs for a Justice40 community.

Innovate Gloucester

Q GLOUCESTER, MA

Deploying advanced clean energy technology at the local high school to benefit Justice40 communities.

LEI Foundation Energize

POMONA, CA

Engaging low-income renters to co-create a directto-renter clean energy program that is scalable and transferrable nationwide.

Project: HOMES

Q TANGIER, VA

Serving the remote, climate-vulnerable community of Tangier Island with weatherization services and building a network of trained contractors.

RESCo Innovation Team

Q ROSEBUD SIOUX RESERVATION, SD

Coordinating clean energy efforts in transportation, finance, efficiency, and renewable and workforce development for the local community.

Requity Foundation Q BALTIMORE, MD

Breaking down barriers between vocational education and the clean energy workforce through a variety of projects engaging the local community.

Shake Energy Collaborative **O**HONOLULU, HI

Supporting historically disinvested communities in Hawai'i to co-design renewable energy projects and bid for upcoming utility procurements.

Wai'anae Moku

♀ WAI'ANAE, HI

Growing the Energy Warriors program through a series of workshops and events and identifying priorities to codesign an energy project.

Team Bean Q NEW ORLEANS, LA

Engaging youth in the decision-making process, planning, and funding of energy resilience projects and programming.



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Manufacturing Ecosystem Track CONCEPT Phase Winners

APLUS

♀ ARLINGTON, TX

Providing hands-on power electronic training to underserved students to bridge the gap between lab learning and job searching.

CEIP Warren WARREN, OH

IMPACTT

♀ EVANSVILLE, IN

Supporting economic development through entrepreneurial education, manufacturing talent pipelines, and community engagement.

Metals Innovation Initiative (MI2) OVER COUNTIES IN KY

Uniting manufacturing skills education with energy entrepreneurship, fostering a vibrant hub of inclusivity and innovation.

CHICAGO II

♀ CHICAGO, IL

Supporting manufacturing-based innovation, entrepreneurship, and job creation in grid modernization for women and BIPOC.

Eighth Generation Consulting O SPRINGFIELD, IL

Empowering Indigenous communities through training and startup support in solar recycling, blending traditional wisdom and economic growth.

Green Leap Riverside

Q RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA

Empowering manufacturers to curb energy use and foster collaboration for a clean & sustainable future in Riverside County. Re-imagining Kentucky metals manufacturing through clean energy conversion planning, statewide recycling, and innovative workforce solutions.

PDX Clean Industry Network

♀ PORTLAND, OR

Supporting clean industry solutions across the Portland, OR region.

Scale for ClimateTech

ONEW YORK STATE

Bringing the Climate Equity Module to all MEP centers in New York state and fostering a shared vision of equitable innovation.

Southland Development Authority Team

♀ TINLEY PARK, IL

Creating a cutting-edge electric heat pump, solar, and EV manufacturing facility in the heart of Chicago's underserved south suburbs.