



Inclusive Energy Economy



CEBN's Inclusive Energy Economy Update highlights news, business resources, and events at the nexus of economic opportunity, clean energy, and diversity, equity, & inclusion.

👉 This month, attend an Environmental Justice and Climate Protection Conference, apply for the mPOWER Black Founders cohort and Dream's Climate Tech Launchpad, and learn about the Coalition for Green Capital!

Events

June 4: Webinar on Tribal Energy Financing Program

The Native American Finance Officers Association will be hosting a webinar with the Dept. of Energy's Loan Program Office (LPO) on microgrids. Members of the Tribal Energy Finance Program team will share insights about how solar-plus-storage and microgrid projects can address the needs of Tribes' high-load facilities, how LPO would work with Tribes on such projects, and answer questions about the topics.

June 5: Affordable Home Energy Shot Summit

The Dept. of Energy (DOE) will virtually convene stakeholders to discuss the Affordable Home Energy Shot—an ambitious initiative to reduce the upfront cost of upgrading a home by at least 50% while reducing energy bills by 20% within a decade. The Summit will include sessions featuring:

- Introductory plenaries from DOE officials, Congress, and state leaders
- DOE's role to enable equity-driven building energy solutions
- Market landscape and stakeholder perspectives
- Innovative cost reduction strategies
- Deployment data and regional building needs to inform technology R&D

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE & CLIMATE PROTECTION

CONFERENCE

June 13-14: Environmental Justice and Climate Protection (Savannah, GA)

Science for Georgia's third annual Environmental Justice and Climate Protection Conference will bring together community leaders, concerned citizens, elected officials, academics, and industry experts. Attendees to the conference will receive solutions-oriented information on the dimensions of environmental health that impact Georgia residents. With sessions on environmental justice impacts, translating knowledge into action, and community coalition building, people will actively brainstorm what community work can be done currently to move the needle on improving environmental health.

June 17: USDA REAP Funding for Your Distributed Wind Energy Project

To help agricultural producers and rural small business owners invest in distributed wind energy, loan and grant awards are available through the Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Rural Energy for America Program (REAP). Join staff from USDA and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for a webinar designed to help rural small businesses prepare successful REAP applications.

Community Energy Innovation Summit



Collegiate Track Pitches & Ecosystem Tracks Workshops

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June 25: Community Energy Innovation Summit (Washington, DC)

The Community Energy Innovation Summit will celebrate the winning teams of the Community Energy Innovation Prize Collegiate Track and bring together stakeholders working to engage underserved communities to ensure an equitable clean energy transition. Whether you are a

community leader, innovator, business leader, policy advocate, student, or interested individual, please join us for this dynamic, collaborative event in the heart of the nation's capital!

Funding / Support Opportunities

**BUILDING
CLIMATE TECH
SOLUTIONS**
That advance
environmental
justice



Dream Climate Tech Launchpad 2024

Deadline: June 10

Dream Climate Tech Launchpad 2024 is the second iteration of Village Capital's climate-focused, milestone-based, and investment-readiness program in partnership with [Dream.org](https://dream.org). This year's program will support Black and Latinx-led climate tech startups building solutions related to energy, the built environment, and electronic transportation and infrastructure. Upon completion of the program, each startup will receive \$5,000 as a non-dilutive, equity-free grant from Dream.org. Two companies from the cohort will be selected by their peers to receive additional investment capital of \$25,000 each from Dream.org to further scale their solutions.

mPOWER Black Founders Cohort (Chicago, IL)

Deadline: June 20

mPOWER programs are designed to rebalance opportunity and access for startups building physical products that are founded by women and people of color. To be eligible for the next mPOWER cohort, you must be a Black innovator and/or founder, have a clear problem that you are solving with a physical product, and can dedicate 7-10 hours a week during the 6-month program beginning in August 2024. If accepted into the program, you will receive:

- Sponsored 6-month membership at mHUB
- Access to a \$5,000 microgrant
- Structured programming for building a business and early-stage product
- Access to \$6M worth of [prototyping equipment](#)

- Exclusive access to mHUB's Catalyze [Experts in Residence](#)

Earth Rising Foundation Grant Program

Deadline: June 30

Earth Rising Foundation provides grants from \$200 to \$20,000 to promote bold, bottom-up action on climate change. They fund projects in a range of [focus areas](#) which include indigenous voices, regenerative agriculture, climate intersections, sustainable visions and youth activism.

THE U.S. BANK FOUNDATION CLEANTECH INCLUSION AWARD



The U.S. Bank Foundation Cleantech Inclusion Award

Deadline: July 1

The U.S. Bank Foundation Cleantech Inclusion Award is a grant awarded to entrepreneurs who identify as socially and/or economically disadvantaged and who are building innovative companies that benefit the environment, create jobs, and drive economic development. Recipients of the Cleantech Inclusion Award receive a non-recourse grant of \$30,000, 12-months of business mentorship from U.S. Bank Foundation and Evergreen Climate Innovations, and heightened exposure to both investors and potential customers.

Featured Resource

Coalition for Green Capital

The Coalition for Green Capital (CGC) works to accelerate clean energy investments nationwide. Through strategic partnerships and innovative financing, they can expand the reach of state and local green banks, CDFIs, and other finance institutions, to equitably drive

accessibility to clean energy financing and empower communities to embrace a greener future. The Environmental Protection Agency recently awarded CGC \$5B to capitalize green banks under the [National Clean Investment Fund](#) competition and \$125M under [Solar for All](#) to accelerate the development of solar in North and South Dakota.

