

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Policy Grant Cycle
July 2022

The Just Transition Fund is on a mission to create economic opportunity for the frontline communities and workers hardest hit by the transition away from coal. **Our goal is to build resilient communities by advancing economic solutions that are equitable, inclusive, and low-carbon.** Guided by a belief in the power and wisdom of local communities, we partner with innovative community-based organizations that are working to create high road jobs, build local wealth, and improve economic well-being for those most affected by the transition.

We're currently accepting requests to support:

- **State and federal economic transition policy.** Please see below for details. Initial inquiries are due by **August 8.**
- **Federal funds access.** We're also providing grants on a rolling basis to help communities develop strong federal applications. More information is available in our [open call for proposals](#). Our deadline is **November 18.**

POLICY (CYCLE 2):

Grants in this cycle will fund organizing and advocacy efforts to advance state or federal transition policies that support coal communities and workers. We prioritize support for efforts that are led by and serve the low-income people, women, and Black, Indigenous, and people of color most impacted by the changing coal economy.

- **At the state level, we'll prioritize community-led efforts to create, strengthen, and implement state transition funds.** Tailored to the specific needs of the affected communities in the state, state transition funds may include resources to supplement lost property tax revenues, cover the cost of worker retraining programs, and pay for the cleanup and reclamation of coal and power plant sites. We look for opportunities to support efforts that are informed by other existing state models and suitable for replication in order to build momentum for federal action.
- **At the federal level, we'll support community-led efforts to advance policies that are aligned with our [National Economic Transition](#) platform.** This framework was developed by and with local coal community leaders to guide federal policymaking on transition. The platform's policy pillars include: investing in community-based leadership and capacity; supporting local entrepreneurs and small businesses; providing systems of support for workers and viable pathways to quality jobs; supporting reclamation of former coal sites; investing in physical and social infrastructure to stimulate economic development; and protecting workers and communities during coal company bankruptcies.

Outcomes will be measurable by the end of the grant period, and may include, e.g., achieving key milestones in advancing meaningful transition policy, increased influence among key policymakers, increased public support for policies, and/or changes in public opinions.

Eligible Organizations

Qualified 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations are eligible to apply. We prioritize ***community-based organizations*** deeply rooted in coal-affected areas, and also fund ***state, regional, or national resource organizations*** that have a strong track record of partnering well with local communities to advance economic transition. **We also welcome joint proposals by coalition partners**, noting that national organizations must submit jointly with a community-based partner.

Please note: organizations may receive funding through one of our two primary grant cycles each year (i.e., if your organization received funding in Cycle 1, you are not eligible to apply in Cycle 2).

Geographic Focus

We'll consider proposals from frontline coal communities in the following states: KY, VA, WV, NC, PA, OH, IL, IN, MO, MN, WY, AZ, CO, MT, NM, TX.

Grant Amounts and Purpose

Grant amounts vary and generally range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. If invited to submit a full proposal, we will provide additional guidance. Funds can be used for a wide variety of activities.

Application Process

Please submit an online [inquiry](#) by Monday, August 8. We will invite a limited number of full proposals for work that is most aligned with our goals and priorities.

Timeline

August 8: Inquiries due

Late August: Full proposals invited

Late September: Full proposals due

Mid November: Grant awards made

Questions?

Please contact Sara Sweeney at ssweeney@justtransitionfund.org.