

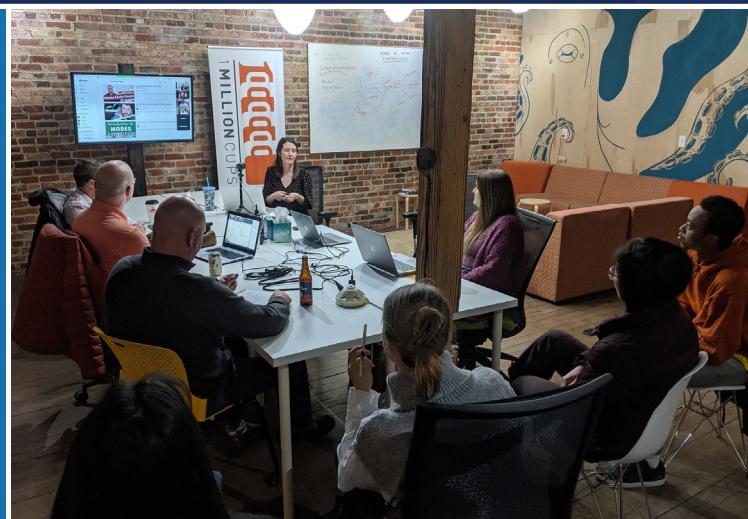
Get help applying for federal funding

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The Just Transition Fund's **Federal Access Center** is a one-stop resource hub to help coal communities secure public funding for local economic solutions.

Available Support

With historic levels of funding for local economic development available through a range of federal agencies, the Just Transition Fund (JTF) created the Federal Access Center to help the most economically distressed coal communities overcome barriers to accessing public investment. Through grants and technical assistance, we can help communities identify and apply for federal funding opportunities. We offer two types of support:



Do you already have an economic development project and are you preparing to apply for federal funding?

Application-Ready

We offer **rolling, rapid-response grants** of up to \$100,000, proportional to the size of the potential federal funding amount. Grants support a range of costs associated with developing applications, including hiring a grant writer or other experts and qualifying as private matching funds. We also offer **technical assistance**, including helping identify funding programs your project is eligible for and reviewing the federal proposal before submission.

Are you still working to define an economic development project and need more support before you're ready to apply for federal funding?

Early-Stage Capacity-Building

Apply to our **Coal Communities Get Ready! Challenge!** Through the Challenge, launched in April 2023, we identify a cohort of 8-10 organizations that are building readiness to apply for federal funds. This opportunity is designed for organizations that have little to no experience applying for federal funds. Each awardee receives one-year **grants of \$150,000** and **customized technical assistance** that will together help build readiness to apply for and manage federal funding. **Look for an announcement about the next round of applications early 2024!**

Eligibility

501(c)(3) non-profit organizations, local city, county, and Tribal governments, and Tribal organizations serving coal communities are eligible to apply. We welcome proposals from coal-impacted communities across the nation. We prioritize proposals from those communities that have been economically hardest hit by the decline of the coal industry and have the highest concentration of marginalized populations.

Contact Us

Please complete the quick interest form on our website. A member of our team will reach out to schedule an introductory call to determine how we might be able to help.

You can access this form at justtransitionfund.org/fac-interest-form or by scanning the QR code below.

Scan the QR code with your phone to get started.



About the Just Transition Fund

The Just Transition Fund was established in 2015 to help communities secure funding through the Obama administration's POWER Initiative, the first federal program aimed at helping communities impacted by the changing coal economy. We have since evolved our approach to catalyze and support the economic transition movement more broadly, while helping more communities tap into an expanding number of federal funding opportunities.

Since our inception, the JTF has helped our community partners leverage over \$390 million in public and private funding. Our proven approach includes complementary grantmaking, technical assistance, and field strengthening strategies, informed by our belief that the most sustainable solutions come from local leaders and are built from the ground up.

Our Funding Priorities



Economic Diversification

We support projects in a variety of low-carbon sectors that create jobs, build wealth, and strengthen the local economy.



Workforce Development

We help scale wraparound workforce development programs that train former coal workers and community members for jobs in the new economy.



Infrastructure

We target efforts to improve and expand infrastructure, like broadband, that is essential for an inclusive economic transition.

“Our partnership with JTF allowed our small nonprofit to be competitive for federal funding that could help hundreds of low-income families in our community afford the broadband they need for work, education, and healthcare.”

Mikel Scott, Executive Director, Council of Community Services, Campbell County, Wyo.