

Supporting Neighborhoods toward a Sustainable Future

Expressing the City Council's support for the City's grant application for the Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and directing the City manager to submit the grant application to the EPA.

Sponsor: Councilmember Melissa Patterson Hazley and Mayor Quinton Lucas



The Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grant

Grant Provider: United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Program: Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program

Grant Amounts: \$10 million to \$20 million

Performance Period: Up to three years

Proposed Project Highlights:

Target Neighborhoods: Forgotten Homes, Key Coalition, and Independence Plaza

Key Components:

- Energy-efficient improvements to homes
- Greener, cleaner, and resilient community initiatives
- Workforce development and readiness programming for the green economy

Community Change Program Goals:

Transformation: Turn disadvantaged communities into healthy, climate-resilient, and thriving areas.

Funding Focus: Community-driven projects addressing climate change, reducing pollution, and strengthening communities.

Requirements: Projects must meet six specific criteria and align with at least one EPA Climate Action Strategy and one Pollution Reduction Strategy.

Leveraging Existing Funding:

Expanding Impact, the impact of funding by using existing funds for:

- Minor home repairs
- Pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure
- E-bike subsidies
- Digital infrastructure
- Small business support

Alignment with EPA Strategies:

Strategy 1: Indoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvements

Strategy 3: Energy-Efficient, Healthy, and Resilient Housing and Building

Strategy 8: Workforce Development Programs for Green Jobs

Kansas City's Commitment

Equitable Investment: Address climate change, public health, workforce development, safety, and other priorities.

Key Plans and Initiatives:

- Kansas City Climate Protection and Resiliency Plan
- Spirit KC Playbook
- Vision Zero KC

Partnerships and Collaboration:

Lead Applicant: City of Kansas City

Key Partner: Bridging the Gap (community-based non-profit)

Community Involvement: Engage other local non-profits in planning and execution

Conclusion:

Support Statement: City Council supports the grant application.

Action: Direct the City Manager to submit the application to the EPA.