

# Flagstaff Resilience Hubs: EPA Environmental Justice Grant Update



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# 1: EPA Environmental Justice Grant Refresher



# Flagstaff Regional Resilience Project

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant
- \$1,000,000
- May 2024 - April 2027
- Goals:
  - Achieve meaningful environmental and public health results
  - Build robust partnerships within disproportionately impacted communities
  - Strengthen the implementation of meaningful approaches to environmental justice



# What is a Resilience Hub?

A safe and inclusive space that enhances community well-being by connecting people to resources, fostering relationships, promoting preparedness, and uplifting existing community assets.



## Everyday

Programs that engage, empower, and connect community members.



## Response

Emergency and disaster response.



## Recovery

Continued effort to heal communities post-disruption.

# **2: Operations Across All Three Resilience Hubs**



# Project Partners

## Grant-Funded Hub Hosts

1. Southside Community Association
2. Sunnyside Neighborhood Association
3. Community Assistance Teams of Flagstaff



## Business

- Superyard Farms

## Academic

- Coconino Community College
- Flagstaff Unified School District
- Northern Arizona University

## CBOs

- Friends of Flagstaff's Future
- Indigenous Circle of Flagstaff
- Native Americans for Community Action
- Terra BIRDS,
- Willow Bend Environmental Education Center

## City of Flagstaff Partners

- Grants & Contracts
- Procurement
- IT
- Facilities
- Water Services
- Emergency Management
- Parks

## Government

- Coconino County

# Flagstaff Hub Operations

The hubs support the community through the three modes of operation – everyday activities, disruption response, and recovery efforts – by providing essential resources, services, and programs:

- **Sustainable Spaces:** Renovations are transforming hubs into inviting, functional, community spaces.
- **Resource Distribution:** Hubs will provide Ready-Set-Go evacuation kits, and DIY HEPA filter kits
- **Community Recovery:** Hubs will facilitate knowledge sharing and connections to local resources.
- **Air Quality Monitoring:** Improve access to real-time data to help residents decide when to stay indoors or seek cleaner air.
- **Clean Air Access:** Hubs will provide HEPA-filtered spaces during smoke events.

# 3: Hub-Specific Updates



# The Murdoch Center

## Activities:

- Workshops
  - Flood preparedness
  - Computer literacy
- **Demonstration Garden development**
- **Backup Power System development**
- Park renovations
- Juneteenth and other community events

*\*Activities in bold are funded by the EPA EJG2G Grant*



# The Market of Dreams

## Activities:

- Major building renovations
  - Community space
  - Market space
  - Commissary kitchen
- **HEPA filtration**
- Hosted their signature Stone Soup event
- **Developing ‘Sunnyside U’ workshop series**

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# CATs Mobile Hub

## Activities:

- New Outreach Bus
  - **Equipped with a comfortable seating space, solar-powered lighting and appliances, and a shower.**
- New fixed location
- **Expanded service schedule**
- Launched the 'CATs on Wheels' bike program

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# 4: Where We're Headed Next



# Resilience Hubs Advisory Group

- **Meets quarterly** to connect and share information.
- **Guides, evaluates, and adapts** resilience hubs.
- **Identifies funding** to sustain and grow the project.
- **Recommend inclusive City decision-making** for resilience and justice.
- **Ensures accountability** to underserved communities and **uplifts** their priorities.



# Next Steps



WINTER  
2025

SPRING  
2025

SUMMER  
2025

FALL  
2025

WINTER  
2026

SPRING-  
SUMMER  
2026

Publish Resilience Hubs  
Website



Murdoch Center  
Upgrades



Distribute Ready-Set-Go  
Kits



Install PM2.5 Air  
Quality Monitors



Project Updates to  
Council



Inclusivity & Justice  
Recommendations to Council





# Questions?

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