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# **EPA Community Change Grants Program**

City of San Luis and Campesinos Sin Fronteras





# Community Change Grants Program Background

**Purpose:** Transform disadvantaged communities into resilient, thriving areas by addressing climate challenges and reducing pollution.

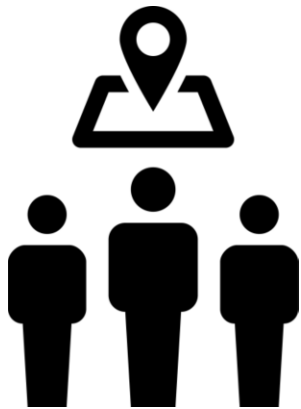
**Eligibility:** Partnerships between community-based non-profits, Tribes, local governments, or educational institutions.

**Goals:** Enhance climate resilience, minimize pollution, ensure community-driven decision-making, and promote equitable economic opportunities.

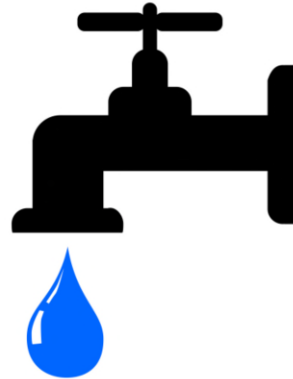
**Target Investment Area:** EPA has identified southern border communities as a TIA.

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# Grant Requirements



**REQUIREMENT 1:  
Climate Action  
Strategy**



**REQUIREMENT 2:  
Pollution Reduction  
Strategy**



**REQUIREMENT 3:  
Statutory  
Partnership**



# Transforming San Luis: A Vision for Resilience

**Objective:** Utilize the Community Change Program to foster a sustainable, resilient, and thriving San Luis.

**Strategies:**

- Develop **Community Resilience Hub** for disaster preparedness and support.
- Enhance **Clean Water Infrastructure** to secure accessing clean, reliable drinking water and wastewater treatment for all.
- **Community-Led:** Campesinos and the City collaborate on vision, engagement, and implementation.



## REQUIREMENT 1: Climate Action Strategy Community Resilience Hubs

- **Addressing Vulnerability:** Disadvantaged communities often can't evacuate safely during emergencies.
- **Strategy 5 Focus:** Creating/upgrading community-level resilience hubs for public safety and support.
- **Dual Purpose:** Provide shelter and services during disasters and serve as educational centers year-round.
- **Community Resilience:** Hubs offer a space for disaster preparedness and response, enhancing community safety and knowledge.



## REQUIREMENT 2: Pollution Reduction Strategy

Clean Water Infrastructure to Reduce Pollution Exposure and Increase Overall System Resilience

- **Access to Clean Water:** Many disadvantaged communities lack reliable access to clean and safe drinking water.
- **Strategy 3 Objective:** Improve water infrastructure to enhance water quality and wastewater treatment.

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# Statutory Partnership for Community Change Grant

**Lead Applicant:** City of San Luis

**Statutory Partner:** Campesinos Sin Fronteras

## **City of San Luis:**

- Manage \$15M EPA Grant for Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion.
- Oversee grant funding and construction.
- Ensure compliance with federal, state, and local regulations.
- Manage grant reporting and audits.

## **Campesinos Sin Fronteras:**

- Use \$5M EPA Grant for Community Resilience Hub.

- Operate and maintain the Community Resilience Hub.
- Provide climate resilience programs and emergency response services.
- Utilize Radio Sin Fronteras for community outreach.

## **Joint Activities:**

- Coordinate emergency responses.
- Provide community training and outreach.
- Support disaster preparedness and resilience building.















# Grant Status

**February 15:** Partnership Kick Off

**March 26:** Partnership and Brainstorming Meeting

**May 15:** Kimley Horn starts writing grant application

**June 12:** Approval of Statutory Partnership Agreement

**June 25:** Grant Submission

**Fall 2024:** Award Notification

Thank you

Questions?

