



# Communities LEAP (Local Energy Action Program) Pilot

The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Communities LEAP (Local Energy Action Program) pilot partners with low income, energy-burdened communities that experience environmental justice challenges and/or direct economic impacts from reducing their historical reliance on fossil fuels to build community-driven action plans for clean energy-related economic development.

The Communities LEAP pilot reflects the Biden-Harris Administration’s commitment to combat climate change through community-led transitions that decarbonize the economy and build a more equitable and sustainable future.

Opportunities and benefits from the transition to net zero emissions include:

- Lower local air pollution
- High-quality, local jobs
- Lower utility costs and energy burden
- Enhanced economic productivity
- Improved access to reliable energy
- New clean energy supply chain demonstration and manufacturing opportunities

## Planning for a Cleaner Future

Through Communities LEAP, DOE provides customized, high quality technical assistance to 24 competitively selected communities to develop clean energy-related economic development pathways. In each community, coalitions of local partners, including at least one local government partner and one community-based organization, contribute to project oversight and delivery. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is the primary technical assistance (TA) provider, delivering technical expertise and supporting community engagement, as well as managing the overall network of TA providers.

## Many Pathways to a Community Energy Transition

Communities are pursuing strategies for planning and investment in the following cohorts:

- Carbon Capture and Storage and Critical Minerals
- Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Clean Energy Planning and Development
- Clean Transportation Planning and Investment
- Community Resilience Microgrid and Energy Storage
- Energy Efficient Buildings and Beneficial Electrification Planning and Investment
- New or Enhanced Manufacturing and Industry

Pilot participants may also strategize plans to leverage funding or financing opportunities in collaboration with the public, private, and philanthropic sectors.



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