



Justice 40 and Community Benefits Plans

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Federal Approach: The Justice40 Initiative



E.O. 14008, Section 223, January 27, 2021

“...the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the National Climate Advisor, in consultation with the Advisory Council, shall jointly publish recommendations on how certain Federal investments might be made toward a goal that **40 percent of the overall benefits flow** to disadvantaged communities.”





DOE's Justice40 Covered Programs

23

Program Offices

144

Covered Programs

- Climate change
- Clean energy and energy efficiency
- Clean transportation
- Affordable and sustainable housing
- Training and workforce development
- Remediation and reduction of legacy pollution
- Critical clean water and waste infrastructure

All Carbon Management Program including CarbonSAFE are Justice 40 covered programs.

Learn more: <https://www.energy.gov/diversity/doe-justice40-covered-programs>

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DOE's Justice40 Priority Benefits

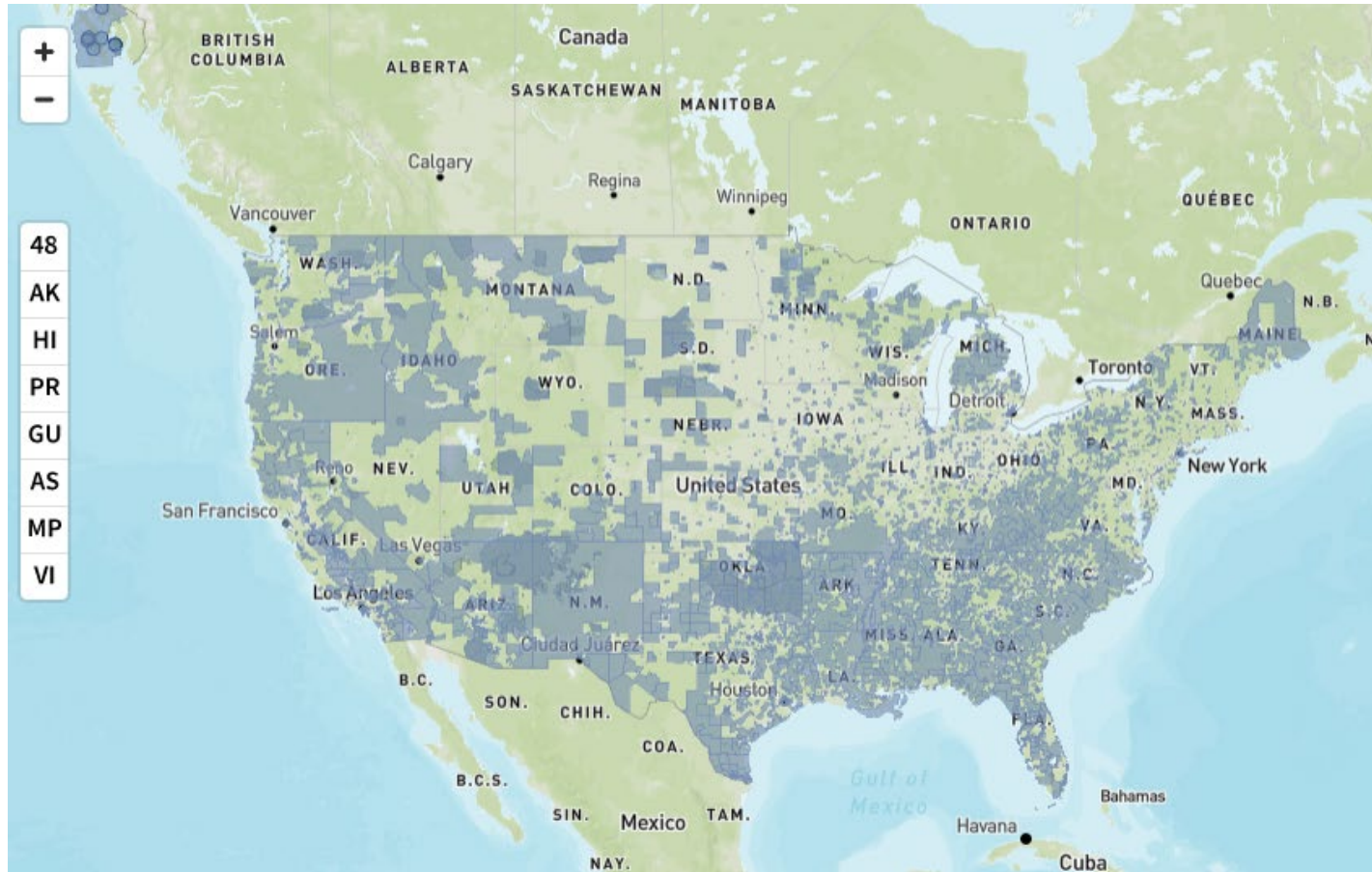
1. **Decrease** energy burden in disadvantaged communities (DACs).
2. **Decrease** environmental exposure and burdens for DACs
3. **Increase** parity in clean energy technology (e.g., solar, storage) access and adoption in DACs.
4. **Increase** access to low-cost capital in DACs.
5. **Increase** clean energy enterprise creation and contracting (MBE/DBE) in DACs.
6. **Increase** clean energy jobs, job pipeline and job training for individuals in DACs.
7. **Increase** energy resiliency in DACs.
8. **Increase** energy democracy, including community ownership, in DACs.



Identifying Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)



CEQ's Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST)



Source: <https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5>

Climate change	+
Energy	+
Health	+
Housing	+
Legacy pollution	+
Transportation	+
Water and wastewater	+
Workforce development	+

- **November 2022**, CEQ CJEST v1.0 Released
- **27,248 census tracts** as Justice40 communities (36.8% total U.S. census tracts)
- **109 million** or **~33%** of the total U.S. population lives in a CEJST Justice40 DAC community
- **October 2023**, **All Agencies** expected to use the CEJST for funding opportunities



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Justice40 Initiative in the Community Benefits Plan

The **Justice40 Initiative** section must include:

- Identification of **Disadvantage Communities (DACs)** where the anticipated project benefits will flow.
- Identification of applicable benefits that are **quantifiable, measurable, and trackable**, including, at a minimum, a discussion of the relevance of the **eight DOE Justice40 benefits**.
- A description of **how** and **when** anticipated benefits are **expected to flow to Disadvantaged Communities**.
- A discussion of anticipated **negative** and **cumulative environmental impacts** to Disadvantaged Communities.



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Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

Community Benefits Plan should detail how applicants will:

- Partner with Minority Serving Institutions
- Train organizations that **serve workers who face barriers to accessing quality jobs**, and/or other project partners to help address DEIA
- Commitments to partner with Minority Business Enterprises, Minority-Owned Businesses, Woman-Owned Businesses, and Veteran-Owned Businesses for contractor support needs



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