



## Communities LEAP (Local Energy Action Program)

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) first-of-its-kind Communities: Local Energy Action Program (Communities LEAP) pilot initiative partners with communities across the nation to build community-driven action plans for clean energy-related economic development. This DOE effort reflects the Biden-Harris Administration's promise to assist community-led transitions to a decarbonized economy in the fight against the climate crisis, and to build a more equitable, sustainable future for communities.

The opportunities and benefits from the transition to net zero energy are compelling. They include lower local air pollution, lower utility costs and energy burden, improved access to reliable energy, enhanced economic productivity, and new clean energy supply chain demonstration and manufacturing opportunities. Many of these opportunities will create and sustain high-quality jobs when coupled with strong labor standards.

### The benefits of clean energy to communities include:



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pollution



Lower utility  
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Improved  
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Enhanced  
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productivity



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## Planning for a Cleaner Future in Every Community

Through Communities LEAP, DOE will provide support from the top experts in clean energy and economic development to 24-36 competitively selected communities while they develop action plans for clean energy transitions. This opportunity is specifically open to low-income, energy-burdened communities that are also experiencing environmental justice concerns, or direct economic impacts resulting from a shift away from historical reliance on fossil fuels.

By taking part in Communities LEAP, selected communities can develop action plans to more effectively leverage funding or financing opportunities in collaboration with the public, private, and philanthropic sectors.

## Many Pathways to a Community Energy Transition

Communities LEAP offers two tracks for effective support:

- **Launch Track:** Designed for communities that are in the process of launching a clean energy transition. This track supports these communities in creating a roadmap to identify economic development pathways.
- **Accelerate Track:** Designed for communities that already have a roadmap and are ready to develop a business or action plan to make progress toward “shovel-ready” clean energy development.

Each participating community will have an opportunity to work with DOE to develop an action plan to build a clean energy future through many pathways, including renewable energy generation, clean transportation and enhanced mobility, energy efficient buildings and beneficial electrification, energy storage, community resilience microgrids, clean energy supply chain manufacturing, carbon capture and storage, and energy site reclamation and critical minerals processing. ■



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