



Making Justice40 a Reality for Frontline Communities

Lessons from States' Climate and Clean Energy Investments

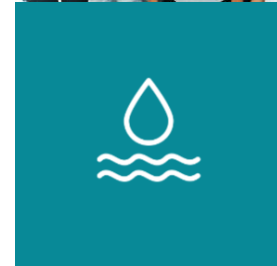
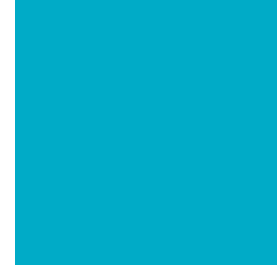
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- **1. Why Justice40?**
- **2. Who and where to target equitable investments?**
- **3. How to operationalize effectively and equitably?**
- **4. Where to get the funds, equitably?**
- **5. What are powerful program models?**



State	WA	VA	NY	MD	IL	CA
Year of law or program	2021: Climate Commitment Act	2020: Clean Economy Act & Clean Energy and Community Flood Preparedness Act	2019: Climate Leadership & Community Protection Act	2019: Clean Energy Jobs Act of 2019	2016: Future Energy Jobs Bill and 2021: Climate and Equitable Jobs Act	2012: SB 535 and 2016: AB 1550 set EJ investment minimums
Investment minimum % for disadvantaged communities	40% target and 35% min. Plus additional 10% for tribal communities	No	40% target and 35% minimum	Act states intent to prioritize but no specificity	Carve outs for low-income communities	35% investment minimum
Equity benefits / strengths	Package of laws to phase out fossil fuels passed with diverse coalition including tribes	Creates program to reduce energy burden for low-income customers	Most equity centered law as a result of justice advocates	Screening tool and just transition/ worker elements	Strong worker provisions. Led by IL Clean Energy Jobs Coalition	Over \$4 billion invested in and benefiting EJ communities

WHY JUSTICE40?

JUSTICE40 DESIGN: Guiding principles toward a just economy and society for all



JUSTICE DRIVEN

Resource and center disadvantaged communities.



COMMUNITY POWERED

Achieve transformational change from the bottom up.



ACCOUNTABLE CHANGE

Institutionalize equity and justice into government agency practices, policies, and systems.

WHY J40?

Disparities
hinder an
equitable,
sustainable
future



Pollution & health
impacts

Ex: NY



Impacts of climate
change

Ex: VA



Limited local
government &
community capacity

Ex: CA



Impacts on fossil fuel
workers

Ex: IL



Uneven costs and
benefits in transition
to clean energy

Ex: WA

OPPORTUNITY:

Learn from
states
addressing
disparities
through their
own climate
and clean
energy
investments

HOW TO OPERATIONALIZE?

Summary of Recommendations for State Guidelines

- Establish a **40% investment minimum** (requirement not a goal, floor not a ceiling) for **direct investments** (rather than counting trickle down benefits)
- Set clear guidelines and processes to give frontline communities agency in local investments and ensure that investments do no harm.
- Establish strong guardrail to ensure Justice40 objectives are achieved.



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