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?
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<td><strong>Investment minimum % for dis-advantaged communities</strong></td>
<td>40% target and 35% min. Plus additional 10% for tribal communities</td>
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<td><strong>Equity benefits / strengths</strong></td>
<td>Package of laws to phase out fossil fuels passed with diverse coalition including tribes</td>
<td>Creates program to reduce energy burden for low-income customers</td>
<td>Most equity centered law as a result of justice advocates</td>
<td>Screening tool and just transition/worker elements</td>
<td>Strong worker provisions. Led by IL Clean Energy Jobs Coalition</td>
<td>Over $4 billion invested in and benefiting EJ communities</td>
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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**
- **Impacts of climate change**
- **Limited local government & community capacity**
- **Impacts on fossil fuel workers**
- **Uneven costs and benefits in transition to clean energy**

### OPPORTUNITY:

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

- Ex: NY
- Ex: VA
- Ex: CA
- Ex: IL
- Ex: WA
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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