

Environmental Protection Network | \$102,000 Raised

Supporting grassroots organizations to access federal funding for climate initiatives



EPN volunteers and staff attending the #HandsOff! rally in Washington, DC.

Founded in January 2017, the Environmental Protection Network (EPN) is a volunteer network of over 650 former EPA employees who bring decades of historical knowledge and subject matter expertise to protect the integrity of the EPA, human health and the environment.





Funding from 1.5°Climate members enabled EPN to provide pro bono technical assistance and training to grassroots organizations across the country, helping them access federal funding. The passage of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act offered an unprecedented opportunity for NGOs, environmental justice communities, and state, local and tribal government agencies to fund projects aimed at building resiliency and reducing pollution. However, many lacked the expertise or capacity to navigate these complex funding streams. **EPN's support helped overcome these barriers, unlocking hundreds of millions of dollars for climate action and environmental justice initiatives.**

As federal climate funding faces growing scrutiny and political threats, EPN is responding to requests for assistance, providing actionable guidance to hundreds of grantees, and hosting an ongoing series of financial and programmatic compliance webinars and office hours. The organization continues to play a vital role helping communities address urgent environmental and public health challenges.



The \$102,000 in funding from 1.5°Climate allowed EPN to significantly expand their programs at a critical moment. In less than a year, EPN:

- Responded to over 1,000 technical assistance requests and connected more than 100 of its experts with communities.
- Helped organizations secure \$209 million in government funding to advance environmental justice and climate goals.
- Assisted over 200 organizations in applying for EPA's Community Change Grants, and launched Learning Sessions where groups could ask questions and learn from one another.

-  Presentation
-  Pitch Deck
-  Technical Assistance Offerings
-  Media Coverage