



The Justice40 Initiative centers on environmental, racial, and economic justice for communities of color systematically affected by poverty, pollution, under-investment, and other inequities. This is the time to prioritize, resource, empower, and protect the nation’s most vulnerable and historically neglected communities — when we are experiencing unprecedented environmental catastrophes such as Hurricane Ida and other climate change disasters.

The Biden-Harris administration can fulfill its executive order to ensure that 40% of federal climate investments go directly to benefit under-resourced communities.

The “Making Justice40 a Reality” report provides a road map to help policy makers:

• **LEARN FROM STATE EXAMPLES:**

The experiences of key states provide lessons the federal government can use to create a Justice40 framework.

• **IDENTIFY TOP PRIORITIES:**

The report suggests “do’s and don’ts” to implement an equitable, effective, accountable Justice40 Initiative.

• **ENGAGE AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO COMMUNITIES:**

Implementing Justice40 recommendations ensures that solutions come from and benefit disadvantaged communities.

JUSTICE40 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

**JUSTICE
DRIVEN**



Resource and focus on disadvantaged communities.

**COMMUNITY
POWERED**



Create systems that achieve transformational change from the bottom up.

**ACCOUNTABLE
CHANGE**








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





People and communities of color have been disproportionately and systematically harmed by pollution for decades.

**This is why
Justice40 must
become a reality.**

STATE EXAMPLES TARGETING DISPARITIES WITH THEIR OWN CLIMATE AND CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENTS

	DISPARITIES THAT STATES ARE ADDRESSING PROACTIVELY	STATE EXAMPLES
	Disproportionate, cumulative exposure to pollution and associated health impacts	New York and Washington
	Uneven distribution of the effects of climate change	Virginia and California
	Unequal application of local government resources, community capacity-building, and opportunities , which results in barriers to applying for green investments and limits access to resources to those who need them most.	California
	Disproportionate effect on jobs during the transition to a clean economy	Maryland and Illinois
	Uneven distribution of the costs and benefits of green investments and environmental programs designed to subsidize access to clean technology such as rooftop solar and electric vehicles.	Washington

THE REPORT: PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR MAKING JUSTICE40 A REALITY

-  Develop an **accountability framework with clear objectives rooted in equity** to guide agencies as they implement the Justice40 Initiative.
-  Identify who and where to target investments by using **screening tools** that identify and track the five types of disparities.
-  Set **clear, accessible funding guidelines** for the communities that need them most
-  Update and design investment programs that strengthen frontline communities by providing **technical assistance and capacity-building services**.

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