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<td>Minimum investment % for disadvantaged communities</td>
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JUSTICE40 has the following major opportunities:

1. Maximize restorative investments in underserved communities.
   a. For too long, federal funding has disproportionately under-resourced communities of color and low-income areas. We must eliminate racial, ethnic, gender, ability and other biases that exacerbate disparities in access to funding.
   b. At least 40% of relevant funding must go directly to disadvantaged communities or low-income households. Focusing on direct investments, instead of trickle-down “benefits,” should be part of the Justice40 framework.
   c. Investments in human infrastructure must become a priority to ensure that disadvantaged communities can access funding opportunities, including through technical assistance, capacity building, partnership development, and removing funding barriers.

2. Achieve transformational change with bottom-up decision making.
   a. Resourcing is the first step to uplift frontline communities.
   b. Beyond targeting investments to under-resourced communities and populations, federal agencies also must enable communities to participate in decision-making and policy implementation.
   c. We must acknowledge that members of disadvantaged communities have a wealth of knowledge we can tap to help effectively and equitably meet their needs.
   d. Justice40 can be the guide for implementing best practices and new standards in community-driven investments.

3. Help institutionalize equity and justice from the inside.
   a. To empower communities, the federal government will have to invest in new approaches that intentionally push back on its own existing practices, traditions, and rules that perpetuate inequities.
   b. Robust accountability mechanisms will be essential to create positive change.
   c. Justice40 can serve as a catalyst to help institutionalize environmental, climate, racial, and economic justice into specific funding approaches and federal practices, policies, and systems more broadly.

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