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Accelerating IRA Impact with Elevate

This Fact Sheet is a helpful guide for understanding how Elevate's IRA Impact Cohort program works. It provides essential information about the program's objectives, services offered, eligibility criteria, examples of supported projects, and more. While some information may change over time, this Fact Sheet is a reliable reference for talking points, press releases, and general awareness. It is also helpful for responding to press inquiries or adding details to your social media posts.

1. The Elevate IRA Impact Cohort program provides specialized technical assistance to local governments and community-based organizations in the Midwest and Southeast to enhance their access to federal funding opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). The program prioritizes funding for climate and racial equity projects.
2. The Elevate Cohort, focused in the Midwest, spans multiple states, including Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky.
3. Elevate's IRA Impact Cohort fosters partnerships between cities and community organizations so that together, they craft projects aligned with IRA criteria, ensuring maximum impact for under-resourced communities.
4. Elevate's IRA Impact Cohort has helped communities submit 31 grant applications totaling more than \$1.4 billion as of April 2024.
5. Elevate's IRA Impact Cohort program offers direct and customized support to local governments and their community partners in developing projects, engaging community stakeholders in the project creation process, and in writing grant proposals.
6. Services offered to Elevate's IRA Impact Cohort members include pre-grant project development, community engagement, grant proposal support, and passthrough funding to support additional technical assistance providers.
7. IRA Impact coordinating partners can provide passthrough funding to local partners as well as direct support to partner communities. LIH coordinating partners prioritize providing passthrough funding to minority and women owned community organizations and contractors to facilitate community engagement, project development processes or other technical support.
8. IRA Impact partners support projects that explicitly work to advance racial wealth equity and climate equity to ensure that resources are directed towards initiatives that address systemic disparities and promote inclusive growth.

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