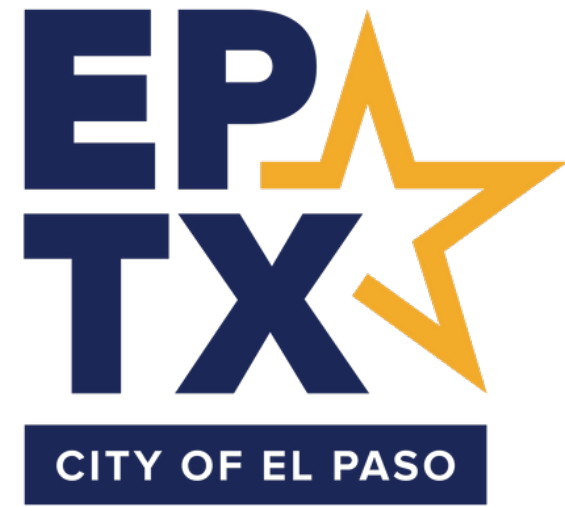


# **Community-Driven Climate Resilience of Tribal and Disadvantaged Border Communities through High- Efficiency Solutions**

## **FY24 EPA Community Change Grants Application**





# STRATEGIC PLAN

*Goal 8: Nurture and Promote a  
Healthy, Sustainable Community*



# Overview

- **Community Change Grants Program Description**
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## Inflation Reduction Act Community Change Grants

EPA is accepting applications on a rolling basis for **\$2 billion** in Inflation Reduction Act funding available to support community-driven projects that:

- build capacity for communities to tackle environmental and climate justice challenges
- strengthen their climate resilience
- advance clean energy

### Track I grants:

- \$10-20 million per grant
- 150 awards
- U.S Southern Border Communities: \$100 million Total
- Tribes: \$300 million total

# Project Scope of Work

## The Project includes three tasks:

1. Reducing Emissions through Drayage Truck High-Efficiency Engine Upgrades
2. Retrofitting Homes with High-Efficiency Cooling Systems, Weatherization for Climate Change Adaptation
3. Community-Led Air Quality Monitoring and Awareness Initiative

## Project Partners:

- Paso del Norte Community Foundation
- University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP)
- Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
- Project BRAVO
- Eco El Paso



# Project Budget

Project Components	Grant
Drayage Truck High-Efficiency Engine Upgrades	\$10,200,000
High-Efficiency Cooling Systems, Weatherization	\$8,100,000
Air Quality Monitoring and Awareness Initiative	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,300,000</b>

- No City match is required
- Costs include indirect costs for fiscal participants
- Costs include program management costs



# Impact to City

This Project will **improve air quality** for communities along the U.S. border, by **reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants**

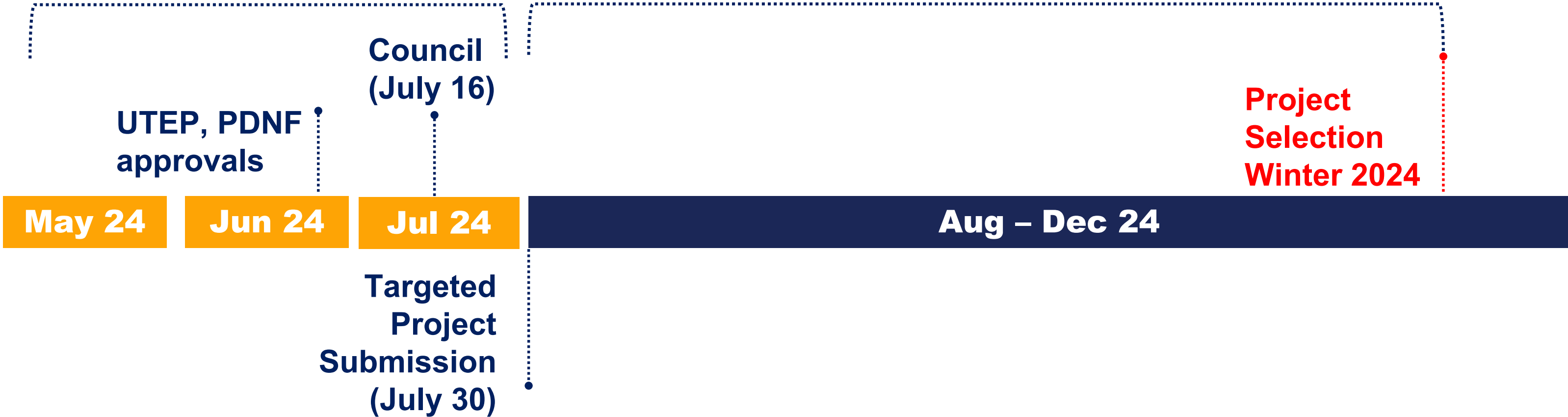
## **Additional benefits include:**

- Leveraging federal funding for communities affected by emissions from these ports of entry
- Supporting a regional response to future closures of commercial traffic lanes at BOTA (part of a \$700M federal investment)



# Grant Development Timeline

## *Project Development*





# Council Action

**THAT** the City of El Paso supports the Application by the Paso del Norte Community Foundation (PDNCF) and University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Community Change grant program requesting funds in the amount of \$19,300,000.00 for the Strategy 1: Energy-Efficient, Healthy, Resilient Housing and Buildings and Strategy 2: Outdoor Air Quality and Community Health Improvement Project (“Application”);

**THAT** the City of El Paso City Council authorizes support from City of El Paso in planning and implementation activities, **with no match required from the City.**





# Mission

Deliver exceptional services to support a high quality of life and place for our community



# Values

Integrity, **R**espect, **E**xcellence,  
**A**ccountability, **P**eople



# Vision

Develop a vibrant regional economy, safe and beautiful neighborhoods and exceptional recreational, cultural and educational opportunities powered by a high performing government

