



IN SEARCH OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS FOR FREE LAND USE & CLIMATE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Smart Growth America (SGA), a national capacity-building non-profit, is offering free Technical Assistance (TA) to support at least **three community-based organizations** across the U.S. to address climate and land use housing topics. SGA can help support community partners to effectively advocate for housing, zoning and planning policies, and infrastructure that is more prepared for the impacts of climate change such as flooding, extreme heat, drought, and wildfires. TA may also address transportation topics as needed, including strategies to advocate for complete streets, transit, and repair of existing infrastructure.



Urban flooding is occurring at an increasing rate.
Photo by Matt Rath/Chesapeake Bay Program.

Climate change presents an urgent, existential threat to communities and disproportionately impacts those who have been marginalized by racist land use, housing, and lending policies. This TA work will seek to both drive policy change to better support communities already burdened by climate impacts, as well as guide future development and housing decisions to be more equitable and climate-informed.

SGA's team can research local policies and national best practices, draft advocacy strategies, and develop training and outreach materials. SGA will also seek out opportunities for the community partners to connect with each other if that is of interest.

APPLICATION DEADLINE:
March 15, 2023

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

- Community-based organizations, including 501c(3)s
- Faith-based organizations
- Tribal Nations
- Groups of residents or businesses seeking to advocate for just climate and land use development

For more information and to apply, contact Jamie at
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POTENTIAL TA TOPICS:

- Strategies to develop more affordable housing and support small businesses in locations less prone to climate impacts
- Deep dive into climate data—what’s available, what it means, and how to use it to advocate for policy change
- Strategies to plan for and fund green infrastructure and other flood mitigation investments to address flooding
- Affordable housing preservation in the face of climate gentrification

POTENTIAL PRODUCTS DEVELOPED THROUGH TA PARTNERSHIPS:

- Advocacy how-to strategies, communications materials & talking points
- Research on local policies and national examples
- Research on funding streams, including from current federal funding packages
- Training for community members or local elected officials
- Other products co-designed with community partners

PROGRAM TIMEFRAME & COLLABORATION FRAMEWORK:

- TA partnerships will run from April - December 2023 with the potential for some continued work in early 2024
- Partner organizations should be prepared to meet with SGA partners virtually about once a month during the work together and occasionally review materials
- Compensation will be offered for partner organizations to support time incurred during the project
- SGA welcomes the opportunity to brainstorm about what format of partnership or type of deliverables would provide the most support



Image (right): Infrastructure, such as bus stops, are often not prepared to keep users sheltered from increasing heat and rainfall. Photo by League of Michigan Bicyclists.