## Communities, Climate Change, and Health Equity—State-Level Implementation

### Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief

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| **Incorporate health equity, environmental justice, and climate impacts into educational curricula and youth engagement** | Educators and administrators  
State governments  
Local governments  
Community-based organizations  
Nongovernmental organizations |
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| **Continuously communicate about the health equity impacts of climate change with the public** | Governments  
Foundations  
Industry  
Nongovernmental organizations  
Community-based organizations  
Researchers  
Hospitals/healthcare organizations |
| **Informing funding strategies** | Federal government  
Nongovernmental organizations |
| Provide adequate and sustained funding to support community-driven action, with guidance and guardrails to ensure best practices and accountability | Federal government  
Nongovernmental organizations |
| Ensure transparency and incorporate restorative justice as appropriate to ensure funding is aligned with community interests | Governments  
Industry  
Nongovernmental organizations  
Community-based organizations |
| Invest in community-based infrastructure | Community-based organizations  
Government funding agencies  
Philanthropic funders  
Industry |

**State-level action**

| **Building coalitions and facilitating collaborative action** | Government funding agencies  
Foundations |
|---|---|
| Incentivize or require (and measure) community engagement, including through formal structures and dedicated funding | Government funding agencies  
Foundations |
| Bridge silos to facilitate cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration, including through the establishment of formal structures and coordinating bodies | State governments  
Legislators |
| **Identifying priorities and strategies** | Federal government  
State governments |
| Develop and share screening tools to help identify priority needs | Federal government  
State governments |
| Develop and share scorecards to help track implementation and impacts | Federal government  
State governments |
| Establish consortia to exchange information and models | State governments  
Nongovernmental organizations |
| **Devoting and leveraging resources** | Community-based organizations  
Nongovernmental organizations |
| Leverage partnerships and collaborations | Community-based organizations  
Nongovernmental organizations |
| Collecting and using metrics | Create accountability structures to measure performance and alignment with goals | Government funding agencies
Philanthropic funders |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
|                             | Collecting and using metrics | State governments
Local governments
Nongovernmental organizations
Community-based organizations |
|                             | Improve metrics for community engagement and program participation | Government funding agencies
Philanthropic funders |
|                             | Collect and integrate health equity data that can be incorporated into regulatory decisions | Governments
Hospitals/healthcare organizations |
| Communicating with the public | Enhance public communication about the health impacts of climate change and their relationship to existing health inequities | Federal government
State governments
Nongovernmental organizations |

*Actors have been inferred where attendees did not explicitly identify them.

NOTES: This table lists potential actions suggested by workshop participants, grouped by similarity, as topics were discussed from different angles at different points during the workshop. This table does not include all actions mentioned by participants. For additional details, refer to the section of text with the same area of focus. These actions are not consensus conclusions or recommendations of the National Academies.