

# UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AND POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS

Addressing the unintended consequences of decarbonization requires a holistic, equitable approach that includes:

## Community Engagement



- **Community Accountability Boards** are community-led groups that work alongside policymakers to provide valuable knowledge on community priorities.
- **Logistic flexibility** centers community needs when scheduling public comment and engagement sessions. Efforts like providing childcare and translating key documents can help people stay engaged in how their community is addressing the impacts of climate change.

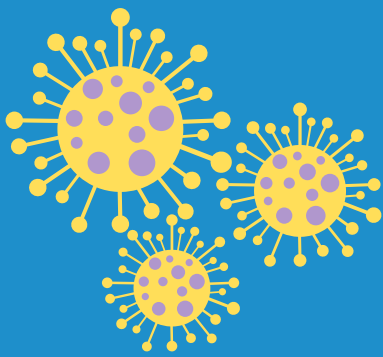
Governments and decision makers can set aside funds for subsidies and financial assistance to support electrification and decarbonization efforts in frontline communities. For example:

- **Targeted financial assistance** and income-based subsidies can ensure lower income households have access to funds without having to compete with more resourced households.
- **Public financing** of mission-based affordable housing providers can prevent rental increases and scarcity of affordable housing units during decarb transitions.



## Equitable Funding and Subsidies

## Health Risk Preventions

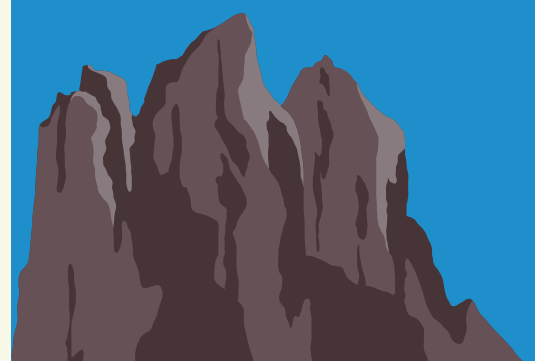


- **Risk assessments** can help us understand the potential health risks of decarbonizing a building, and how to mitigate those risks.
- **Community health programs** can help address the unintended exposures to indoor hazards such as mold, lead, asbestos, etc. during building upgrades. Local governments, in collaboration with community-based organizations, can establish these programs to identify obstacles in implementing risk prevention measures identified in risk assessments.

State and local level decision-making is often done without the involvement of tribes in their state or service area. This limits tribal nations from accessing decarbonization funds and technologies.

- **Relationship building** is the first step to removing barriers for tribes pursuing decarbonization. Regulatory bodies can establish a tribal liaison role to initiate relationship-building and assist tribes in navigating energy regulations.
- **Requiring tribal consultation** before state and utility decision-making can enhance government-to-government relationships, and raise awareness of how energy decisions can affect tribal lands.

## Efforts for Tribal Inclusion



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