

September Newsletter



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SOL Nation Newsletter

September 2024



Community Change Grant

Sol Nation Inc, CleanAIRE NC and the City of Charlotte, applies for a "Community Change" Grant that could heavily impact current environmental justice efforts.



The federal government has allocated unprecedented funding through the Inflation Reduction Act to support environmental justice communities. This money is intended to reach organizations and communities directly impacted by climate change, empowering them to develop and implement solutions that will help their communities thrive.

Sol Nation, CleanAIRE NC, and the City of Charlotte have joined forces to submit a grant application requesting IRA funds be deployed to Charlotte and surrounding areas. This proposal was designed to incorporate direct community input, addressing issues such as energy burden, tree canopy, electrification, and public health.

Typically, the impact of climate and environmental justice funding can be difficult for communities to directly experience.

However, the solutions proposed by Sol Nation and their partners are expected to have a tangible, positive impact on the target communities. Solutions look like installing solar on homes, upfitting homes, providing sustainable mobility options, and more.

More updates on the status of this grant application are expected later this year.



Featured Programs & Events

UNEARTHED

EJ Community Festival

UNEARTHED IS EXPOSING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH CREATIVE CULTURE.

"THE GREATNESS OF A COMMUNITY IS MOST ACCURATELY MEASURED BY THE COMPASSIONATE ACTIONS OF ITS MEMBERS." - CORETTA SCOTT KING



FEATURING

VENDORS
FOOD TRUCKS
LIVE MUSIC
KARAOKE
ART EXHIBITION & CONTEST
PLANT & SIP

OCT. 5TH
10AM - 2PM

MACFLY @ Camp North End
301 Camp Rd. Suite 106

1st 50
RSVPs
receive
**FREE
SWAG!**

FREE TICKETS & VENDOR INFO
AT SOLNATION.ORG/UNEARTHED



UNEARTHED

EJ Community
Festival

PLANT, PRINT
& SIP

MACFLY

TICKETS
\$10

START AT 5:00 PM UNTIL 10:00 PM

MACFLY @ Camp North End
301 Camp Rd. Suite 106

www.solnation.org/events



UNEARTHED EJ Community Festival

UNEARTHED is exposing environmental justice to the community through creative culture. It will feature a Plant & Sip, Karaoke, Art Exhibition, Live music and much more! This event is composed of 2 parts.

10am - 2pm will feature an art exhibition and contest, vendors, live music and food. First 50 RSVPs will receive FREE SOL Nation swag! [Click to RSVP](#)

5pm - 10pm will feature karaoke, gardening, a sip and print, vendors, food and live music. Tickets for this part is \$10 in advance. No ticket sales at the door. [Click to purchase tickets](#)



We are looking for volunteers for Oct. 5th to help facilitate activities, direct the crowd and other event staff needs during the festival. To join the Sol Collective click the link below to get started.

[Become A Volunteer](#)



We are looking for festival vendors for Oct. 5th from 5pm - 10pm. To fill out a vendor contact form please click the link below. For those who have already signed up will be contacted shortly for next steps.

[Become A Vendor](#)

SOL Nation & QC Family Tree Presents: "Can't Stop Change" Film Screening

Sept. 21st | 6pm - 9pm

Join SOL Nation and the QC Family Tree for a compelling film screening and discussion centered on "Can't Stop Change: Queer Climate Stories from the Florida Frontlines." This event will explore the intersection of queer identities and climate change, focusing on the environmental justice issues affecting communities in Florida and beyond.

[More Event Info](#)





Delta Days in the City Sept. 21st | 8am - 3pm

Delta Days in the City is a legislative conference focused on increasing awareness and engagement in statewide and local issues, engaging elected officials, and most importantly helping to execute solutions for the most pressing issues facing our community. The conference will focus on the following areas: Voting and Civic Engagement, Reproductive Justice, Environmental Justice, Education and Economic Justice, and Health Equity.

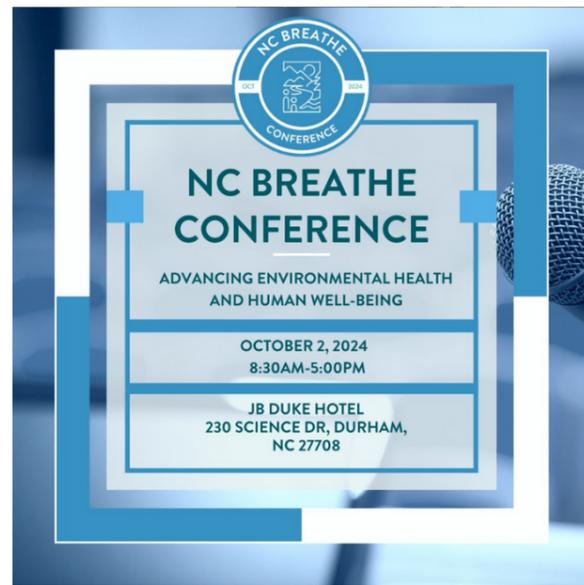
This year's theme for the conference is Empower, Engage, Elevate: Community Voices in Action. Tiffany Fant, our Executive Director, has been invited to speak at one of the panels to share her knowledge about environmental justice and her impact on Historical Black communities.

[More Event Info](#)

NC Breath Conference 2024 Clean AIRE NC | Oct. 1-2

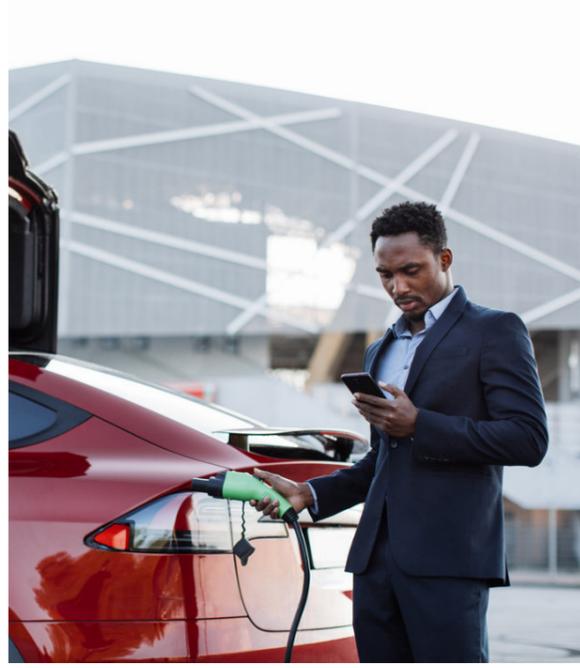
The 9th Annual NC BREATHE Conference, presented by CleanAIRE NC, aims to explore the relationship between environmental health and human well-being. Human health and our built and natural environments are deeply interconnected. Poor environmental conditions and exposures can lead to a range of health issues, including chronic respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses, cancer, the spread of infectious diseases, and poor mental health outcomes. Climate change serves to exacerbate these issues further. And while all communities are affected, marginalized and vulnerable populations are consistently and disproportionately impacted. To address these challenges, it's crucial to develop evidence-informed solutions. We need a multidisciplinary approach to understanding specific climate and environmental health drivers and their associated health impacts.

[More Event Info](#)



EJ Community News

NC Awarded! Federal Charging Biden-Harris Administration Announced \$521 million in Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program Awards



The Biden-Harris Administration announced \$521 million in Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program awards to continue the build out of electric vehicle (EV) charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure in communities across the country, along designated highways, interstates, and major roadways. The CFI grants, made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, will fund EV charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure in 29 states, eight Federally Recognized Tribes, and the District of Columbia. That includes the construction of more than 9,200 EV charging ports, with the majority of the investment, \$321 million, designated for 41 projects that expand all types of EV infrastructure in communities, including Level 2 and DC fast chargers.

[Read Full Press Release](#)



Sugar Hollow Solar taps state energy fund to launch North Carolina lending program

Sugar Hollow Solar is partnering with the North Carolina Clean Energy Fund (NCCEF) to launch a solar lending program. This partnership aims to make solar energy accessible and affordable for more North Carolinians by offering financing solutions with below-market rates and no dealer fees.

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