



# The Inflation Reduction Act Raised Taxes<sup>a</sup>

## TO PAY FOR

# Wasteful Environmental Justice Grants:

- \$1.8 million to assess how vulnerable fish are to climate change.<sup>b</sup>
- \$7.2 million to protect Hawaiian birds from mosquitos that carry avian malaria—a disease that cannot infect humans.<sup>b</sup>
- \$2.5 million to study California’s “cultural landscape.”<sup>c</sup>
- \$1 million for the Vermont Agency of Human Services “to improve the health and well-being of low-income immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers/asylee households.”<sup>d</sup>
- \$500,000 to develop “food forests” in Maine by planting “1,870 fruit and nut trees.”<sup>d</sup>
- \$150,000 for a New York City nonprofit to teach teenagers that racism is an “American tradition.”<sup>d</sup>
- \$1 million to plant trees and encourage zero-emission methods of transportation in Jersey City, NJ.<sup>d</sup>
- \$500,000 to an organization in San Ysidro, CA that provides aid and services to illegal immigrants.<sup>d</sup>



- \$999,587 to plant 100 trees, provide green job training to kids, and provide green upgrades for 22 homes in Gresham, OR.<sup>d</sup>
- \$500,000 to “address environmental justice issues” in Denver, CO by planting “fruit bearing trees” and “increasing local food options.”<sup>d</sup>
- \$500,000 “to address housing safety and lead poisoning among refugees in Rhode Island,” including illegal immigrants.<sup>d</sup>
- \$500,000 “to purchase, distribute and monitor 100 e-bikes” in Pueblo, CO.<sup>d</sup>
- \$833,270 to advance “tree equity and environmental justice” in Spokane, WA.<sup>d</sup>
- \$1 million to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and prepare young adults in Brooklyn, NY “to participate in the just transition.”<sup>d</sup>
- \$500,000 to establish a “neighborhood farmer-in-residence position” and an “equity projects coordinator” to expand “urban agriculture education” in Duluth, MN.<sup>d</sup>

a Joint Committee on Taxation, Distributional Effects of the Inflation Reduction Act, 8/10/22

b National Park Service, Inflation Reduction Act: Restoration and Resilience, Accessed 7/11/24

c Bureau of Land Management, “BLM invests \$2.5 million for cultural landscape study and predictive modeling in California Desert,” Press Release, 12/12/23

d U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, “Environmental Justice Grants, Funding and Technical Assistance,” [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov), Accessed 5/10/24