

# EPA – Environmental Justice Funding & Technical Assistance



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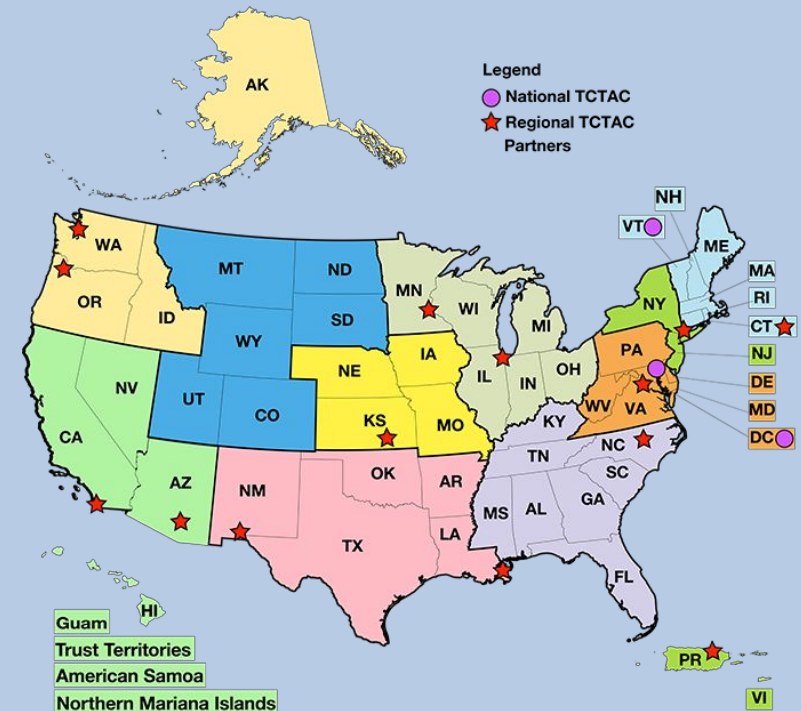
# TC –TAC: Thriving Communities Technical Assistant Centers



[\(Click Here: Web Link – TC-TAC\)](#)

**About TC-TAC:** The Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTAC) Program will establish technical assistance centers throughout the United States to provide technical assistance, training, and support to communities facing environmental and energy justice challenges. Each EJ TC-TAC will be expected to provide technical assistance services to underserved communities in all states, territories, and tribal lands in their assigned Regional Geographic

**- OPENING / SUMMER 2023 -**



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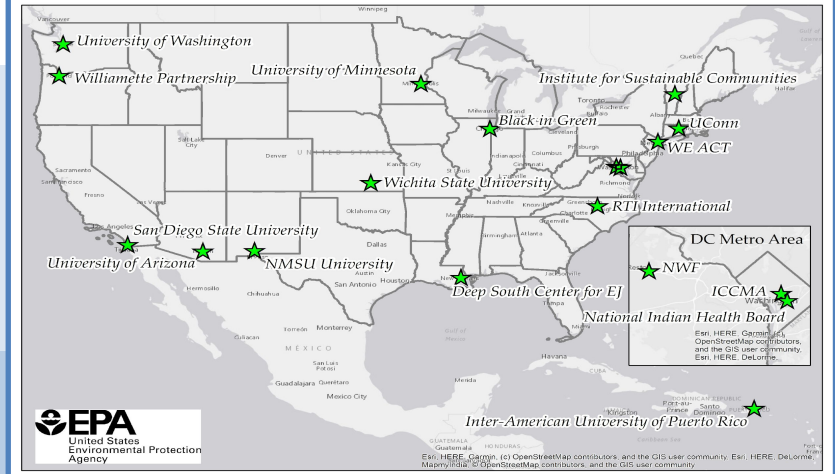


**EPA Announced on April 13, 2023: 17 Centers & 160 Partners**

## **“14” – Regional TC-TACs**

- University of Connecticut
- West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.
- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Metro Campus
- National Wildlife Federation
- **Research Triangle Institute [R4]**
- **Deep South Center for Environmental Justice [R4 & R6]**
- Blacks in Green
- University of Minnesota
- New Mexico State University
- Wichita State University
- University of Arizona
- San Diego State University
- Willamette Partnership
- University of Washington

## **TCTAC Selections**



## **“3” – National TC-TACs**

- International City/County Management Association
- Institute for Sustainable Communities
- National Indian Health Board

[\(click here: Press Release Announcing the 17 TC-TAC locations\)](#)

[\(click here: Fact Sheet – TC-TAC Selection\)](#)

# EPA'S ROLE IN TC-TAC'S

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## Cooperative Agreements / Substantial EPA Involvement

- Team of EPA Project Officers assigned to each EJ TCTAC
- Each team will work hand-in-hand with their EJ TCTAC and meet regularly for collaboration, strategizing, and assessment
- Substantial involvement will ensure meaningful progress and efficient/effective grant performance
- DOE personnel will also provide guidance and oversight to the TCTAC network

## Coordination with Other Agency TA Efforts

- EJ TCTACs will plan and coordinate with other federal TA providers to leverage each other's offerings and minimize duplication (as much as practicable).

# EJ – CPS: Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants

[\(Click Here: Web Link – EJCPS\)](#)

Application **Deadline: was April 14, 2023**

**CLOSED**

## FUNDING AMOUNT: \$30M National Funding

- (50 awards) of up to \$500K each (nonprofits)
- (33 awards) of up to \$150K each (nonprofits with less than 5 employees)

**- Funding anticipated again in 2024 -**

**ABOUT:** EJ - CPS provides funding for projects that address local environmental/public health issues within an affected community & assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships to address local environmental /public health concerns. Projects must demonstrate the use of EPA's 7-Step CPS Model.

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE:** Non-Profit Organization, and Non-Profit Org's within U.S. Territories & Freely Associated States (FAS) Tribes.

### Special Considerations/Priorities:

- Climate Change, Disaster Resiliency and/or Preparedness
- Projects performing Health Impact Assessments (HIAs)



# EJ – G2G: Environmental Justice Government-to-Government Program

(Click Here: Web Link – EJG2G)

Application *Deadline: was April 14, 2023*

**CLOSED**

**Funding anticipated again in 2024 -**



**FUNDING AMOUNT:**  
**\$70M National Funding,**  
**for up to 1 million**  
**each, 3-5 yr project period.**

**ABOUT G2G:** Formerly known as EPA's State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program (SEJCA), the EJG2G program provides funding to governmental entities at the state, local, territorial and tribal level to support and/or create model government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks

## WHO'S ELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS

- A partnership between a state and a community-based nonprofit organization. *(Anticipate 20 awards under this track)*
- A partnership between a tribe and a community-based nonprofit organization. *(Anticipate 20 awards under this track)*
- A partnership between a local government and a community-based nonprofit organization. *(Anticipate 20 awards under this track).*
- US Territories, Freely Associated States, and tribal governments in remote areas. *(Anticipate 10 awards under this track).*

## Special Considerations/Priorities:

- Expanded authority (e.g., small constructions, installations, mitigations)
- Projects focusing on performing Health Impact Assessments (HIAs)
- Projects focused in rural areas and/or addressing climate change

# ECJ – (RFI): Environmental & Climate Justice Block Grant Program

**New Funding Under Construction!  
Public Feedback/Input Needed.**



**Note: EPA encourages all interested parties to submit written comments; Responses must be received by April 10, 2023.**

EPA is seeking public input on the new Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) program that will distribute \$3 billion in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding through grants and technical assistance. This Request for Information (RFI) related to the Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Grant Program, is seeking public input on multiple aspects of the program. [Visit Web Site Here.](#)



**“Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Block Grant program”**



## Engagement Opportunity

**Webinar - for Communities along the US-Mexico Border on the Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Program Design**

**June 13, 2023, 1:30pm – 3pm (EST)**

**- Registration Required -**





# EJ-TCGM: Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program



**FUNDING AMOUNT: \$550M National Funding**  
*(11 awards) up to \$50M each during 3-year period.*

## **New EPA Funding!**

### **WHO'S ELIGIBLE:**

- A community-based nonprofit organization (includes philanthropy and community foundations)
- A partnership of community-based nonprofit organizations
- A partnership between— a federally recognized tribal government and a community-based nonprofit organization
- A partnership between— an institution of higher education and a community-based nonprofit organization.

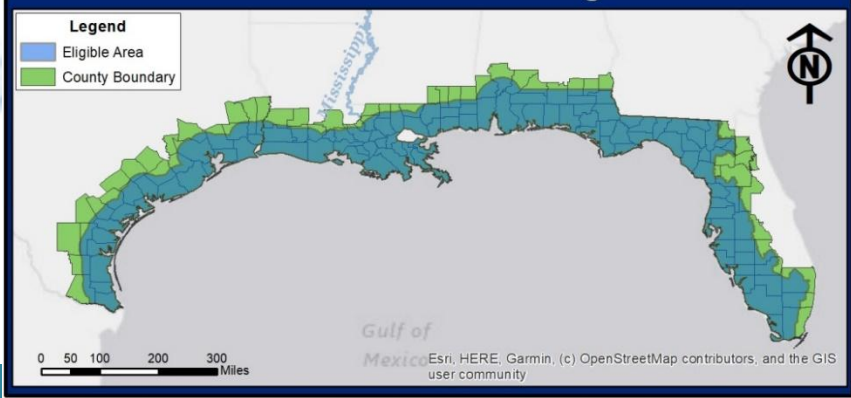
[\(Click Here: Web Link – EJ-TCGM\)](#)

[EJ TCGM Overview Webinar Slides \(pdf\)](#)

**ABOUT:** The new Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program is a competition to select multiple Grantmakers around the nation to reduce barriers to the application process communities face and increase the efficiency of the awards process for environmental justice grants. Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, implement a tracking and reporting system, provide resources and support to communities, all in collaboration with EPA's Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights.

**Application Deadline: June 30,  
2023**

Gulf of Mexico Environmental Justice Grants Program  
FON: EPA-R4-GM-EJGrantsProgram-2023



# Other EJ Community Funding

## EPA Region 4's Gulf of Mexico Environmental Justice Grants

Opened: February 6, 2023

**Closed: yesterday, June 6, 2023**



Click Here: [Funding Application Weblink](#)

**EPA's Gulf of Mexico webpage [here](#).**

*The EPA Gulf of Mexico Division (GMD) is announcing a Request for Applications (RFA) from eligible applicants for a direct award from EPA to become a "pass-through entity" to develop and administer a competitive subaward program to fund projects/activities authorized by CWA 104(b)(3) in communities adversely and disproportionately affected by environmental and human health harms or risks, including affected underserved communities.*

## P2 – Pollution Prevention Grant: EJ in Communities

Opened: March 8, 2023

**Closed: yesterday: June 6, 2023**



[Click Here: Weblink – P2 – EJ in Communities](#)

**P2 – Pollution Prevention Grant: EJ in Communities through Safer and More Sustainable Products.**

Opened: March 8, 2023

**Closed: yesterday: June 6, 2023**



# College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP)

[CUPP Coordinator – Jeannie Williamson, [williamson.jeannie@epa.gov](mailto:williamson.jeannie@epa.gov)]

- CUPP partners with colleges and universities to provide **free** technical assistance to underserved/overburdened communities
- Students receive course credit or volunteer hours for their work
- **Example Projects:**
  - Building websites for rural communities in Mississippi
  - Analyzing soil quality and water absorption for community gardens in South Carolina
  - Students complete grant applications for communities effected by hurricanes in Florida



# National EJ Public Meetings & Community Engagement Call



## Upcoming Public Meetings

WHEJAC - will convene a hybrid in-person public meeting in Phoenix, Arizona with a virtual option June 13 – 15, 2023.

[Register Here](#)

[Agenda Here](#)

### June Mtg Topics:

- 1) The Justice 40 Initiative
- 2) The Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool
- 3) The Environmental Justice Scorecard
- 4) What resources or tools would you find beneficial related to environmental justice from federal government agencies?

## **PUBLIC MEETINGS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**WHEJAC** – White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meetings

**Learn More: Click Here/WHEJAC**

**NEJAC** – National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Meetings

**Learn More: Click Here/NEJAC**

EPA's Monthly **National EJ Community Engagement Call**

**Learn More: Click Here/NEJCEC**

*Next mtg, 6/20/23, 2-4pm, Registration required*



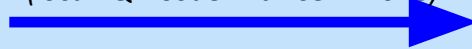
# EJ Tools, EJ Listserv, EJ Hotline, and Regional EJ POCs

1.) Please Join EPA's EJ Listserv by sending a blank email to: [join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov).

2.) Follow us on Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](https://twitter.com/EPAEnvJustice).

3.) Regional EJ Staff POCs: (click) [Environmental Justice in Your Community Website](#) or

(Scan QR Code with Cell Phone)



4.) Sign-up for ongoing EPA Grant Announcements: (press subscribe button)  
<https://www.epa.gov/grants/forms/subscribe-epa-grants-update-listserv>

***National Environmental Justice Hotline:***  
*To report incidents of environmental injustice.*  
*Phone: 800-962-6215 - Toll Free;*  
*E-mail: [ejhotline@epa.gov](mailto:ejhotline@epa.gov);*  
*Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET*

## ***Helpful EJ Tools***

**EJSCREEN** – EPA's  
Environmental Justice Screening  
& Mapping Tool ([Click Here](#)) or



[www.epa.gov/ejscreen](http://www.epa.gov/ejscreen)



**ECHO Clean Air Tracking Tool  
(ECATT + ECHO Notify)** – EPA's  
integrated view of Clean Air Act  
Data

(*'new public version' 05/31/23*)

[www.echo.epa.gov/trends/air-  
monitoring-stations](http://www.echo.epa.gov/trends/air-monitoring-stations)

How to use: (click link)

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**THANK YOU!**

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