

(ERG), of Lexington, Massachusetts and its subcontractors Science Applications International Corp (SAIC) of McLean, Virginia, Mathtech (MAT) of Falls Church, Virginia, and ICF Incorporated (ICF) of Fairfax, Virginia, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than December 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Hazen, Director, TSCA Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68-W6-0022, contractor ERG, of 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA and its subcontractors SAIC, of 1710 Goodridge Drive, McLean VA, MAT of 5111 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA, and ICF of 9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in evaluating the potential risk of new and existing chemical substances and develop data bearing on such risks.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68-W6-0022, ERG, SAIC, MAT, and ICF will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. ERG, SAIC, MAT, and ICF personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

In a previous notice published in the Federal Register of January 11, 1991 (56 FR 1185; FRL-3843-2), ERG was authorized access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 21 of TSCA under contract number 68-D0-0020. EPA is issuing this notice to allow ERG, to continue its works under the new contract number 68-W6-0022 and to allow TSCA CBI access for the new subcontractors SAIC, MAT, and ICF.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 4, 5, 6, and 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide ERG, SAIC, MAT, and ICF access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place

at ERG's Lexington, MA facility; SAIC, MAT, and ICF will have access only at EPA Headquarters.

ERG will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their facility under the EPA *TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual*. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at ERG's site, EPA will approve their security certification statements and ensure that the facility is in compliance with the manual. Upon completing review of the CBI materials, ERG will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until April 30, 2001.

ERG, SAIC, MAT, and ICF personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: December 3, 1996.

George A. Bonina,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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Access to Confidential Business Information by Hyperdyne

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Hyperdyne, (HYP) of Silver Spring, Maryland, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

DATES: Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than December 24, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 6W-4683-YASA,

contractor HYP, of 1416 Fenwick Lane, Silver Spring, MD will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in performing maintenance and enhancements to the TSCA Chemical Update System (CUS) residing on the EPA Confidential Business Information (CBI) Local Area Network. In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 6W-4683-YASA, HYP will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. HYP personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide HYP access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters only.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until December 31, 1996. HYP personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

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Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program; Request for Applications (RFA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 1997; Sponsored by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Environmental Justice

Purpose of Notice

The purpose of this notice is to solicit applications from eligible candidates under the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program, sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Grants Program Overview

The grant program was established to help community groups and tribal governments effectively address local

environmental justice issues through active partnerships with all institutions of higher education. These institutions are expected to have an ongoing relationship with the community partner, including institutions such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges (TC), urban institutions and those serving Asian-American (AA) and other minority as well as low-income communities. The Universities/Colleges shall support affected environmental justice community groups and American Indian tribes who engage in or plan to carry out projects that address environmental justice issues. The Universities/Colleges that focus on the design, methods, and techniques to evaluate and solve the environmental justice issues of concern of affected communities, in actual partnership with these communities, will be given priority. This grants program will further the federal government's commitment to develop stronger partnerships with stakeholders in order to enhance community-based environmental protection.

The emphasis of this grants program is on meaningful, two-way cooperation between communities or tribes and institutions of higher education serving disproportionately exposed communities or tribes in order to address environmental justice issues. Partnerships must be established with formal agreements (i.e. Memorandum of Agreements) between at least one College/University and at least one socio-economically disadvantaged community or tribes which is adversely impacted by an environmental hazard and public health concerns. These partnerships become the catalyst for increasing environmental awareness and involvement in resolving environmental problems, such as exposure to environmental pollutants in minority and low-income communities and on Tribal lands.

The main objective of this grants program is to link community residence/organizations and tribes with their neighboring or affiliated academic institutions to forge partnerships to address local environmental and public health concerns. This effort is designed to ensure that these partners:

- Are aware of basic environmental regulations, laws, concepts, issues, and resources;
- Understand their role in identifying and defining problems, and monitoring contaminants related to environmental exposures;
- Are included in the dialogue that results in shaping future policies,

guidances, and approaches to problem solving; and

- Are encouraged to be active partners in developing responses and setting priorities for intervention.

Through these partnerships, communities will be encouraged to become involved in accessing information from environmental databases, in cleaning-up and restoring environmental quality in communities that have environmental insults, and in surveying and monitoring environmental quality.

Number of Grants Proposed: A minimum of six grants are expected to be awarded for fiscal year (FY) 1997.

Grant Award Amount: A maximum of \$250,000 will be awarded to each recipient, contingent upon the availability of funds. Work funded by this program is expected to begin upon award of the grant. All grants under this notice are expected to be awarded by September 1997.

Grant Term: The grant award will be a maximum of \$250,000, but the project period can extend up to three years, if necessary. However, if the project period extends beyond one year the funding will be dispersed to the grantee over the course of the project period, not all in the first year.

Eligibility: Participation is limited to institutions of higher education, including Historically Black Colleges or Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Tribal Colleges (TCs), and institutions serving Asian-American (AA's) and other minority communities, low-income communities or tribes that have formal partnerships (i.e., a signed Memorandum of Agreement) with any affected party which is eligible under applicable statutory authorities (i.e., community-based/grassroots organizations, churches, schools or other non-profit community organizations, etc.) and tribal governments. "Preference will be given to University or Community groups who have not previously been recipients of a CUP award".

The Environmental Justice Community/University Partnerships may be either a partnership among two single entities or consortium of entities. If a consortium is proposed, the lead academic institution must be identified and be one of the eligible applicants. This lead institution is recognized as the grantee and as such is responsible for all activities under the agreement.

Statutory Authorities: The granting authority is multi-media and the grant proposal must address two or more of the statutory requirements.

Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3)

Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a)

Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3)

Marine Protection, Research and

Sanctuaries Act, Section 203

Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a)

Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442(b)(3)

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20(a)

Background

In its 1992 report, *Environmental Equity: Reducing Risk for All Communities*, EPA found that people of color and low-income communities experience higher than average exposure to toxic pollutants than the general population. The Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) was established in 1992 to help these communities identify and assess pollution sources, implement environmental awareness and training programs for affected residents and work with local stakeholders (community-based organizations, academia, industry, local governments) to devise strategies for environmental improvements.

In June of 1993, OEJ was delegated granting authority to solicit projects, select suitable projects from among those proposed, supervise such projects, evaluate the results of projects, and disseminate information on the effectiveness of the projects, and feasibility of the practices, methods, techniques and processes in environmental justice areas.

General

The following questions and answers are designed to respond to frequent concerns of applicants.

A. What Specific Requirements Exist for the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grants Program?

Projects or proposals that meet the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grant requirements shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Design and demonstration of field methods, practices, and techniques, including assessment and analysis of environmental justice conditions and problems which may have a wide applicability and/or addresses a high priority environmental justice issue (i.e., socio-economic impact studies);

2. Research projects to understand, assess or address, regional and local trends in environmental justice issues or problems (i.e., monitoring of socio-economic change in a community as a result of an environmental abuse);

3. Demonstration or dissemination of environmental justice information, including development of educational tools and materials (i.e., establish an environmental justice clearinghouse of successful environmental justice projects and activities or teach about risk reduction, pollution prevention, or ecosystem protection as potential strategies for addressing environmental justice problems or issues);

4. Determine the necessary improvements in communication and coordination among local, state and tribal environmental programs and facilitate communication, information exchange, and community partnerships among all stakeholders to enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and decision making;

5. Provide technical expert consultation and training for accessing, analyzing, and interpreting public environmental data, and utilization of electronic communications technology (i.e., TRI, GIS, Internet and E-mail);

6. Provide for a minimal "hard science" analysis capability (i.e., analyze water and soil samples to test for basic pollutants, provide radon testing kits, etc.);

7. Projects that involve new and innovative approaches and/or significant new combinations of resources, both of which should be identified in the partnership agreements;

8. An applicant is required to include in the application a signed agreement which describes the role of the prospective partner(s) in the project and its implementation, and which includes a commitment or intent to commit resources from the prospective partner(s) contingent only upon receipt of funds. The college/university must identify the community residents or tribal government representatives who will serve on the "partnership team." It is expected that the community or tribal representatives on the team will be appropriately compensated for their work; and that overall resources will be balanced among the partners.

9. Applications should include partnerships between colleges and universities which are providers of training and programs for these communities. One of the goals of the partnerships should be to develop a plan to shift the focus of these organizations from maintenance to that of self-sufficiency;

B. What Does Environmental Justice Involve Under the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership Grant?

Environmental justice involves the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. It seeks to ensure that all stakeholders (communities, industry, federal, tribal, state and local governments, grassroots organizations, and individuals) act responsibly to protect the environment and public health of all communities. Environmental justice efforts may include, but are not necessarily limited to enhancing the gathering, observing, measuring, classifying, experimenting and other data gathering techniques that assist individuals in discussing, inferring, predicting, and interpreting information to address environmental justice issues and concerns. Environmental justice projects or activities should enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and effective decision-making skills.

C. Who May Submit An Application?

Any institution of higher education which has a working relationship with affected communities or American Indian tribes, such as Historically Black College or University (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), Tribal Colleges (TC), and institutions of higher education serving Asian-American (AA), other minority communities, or low-income communities may submit an application upon publication of this solicitation. College/University consortiums are eligible to apply. In order to be considered for funding, applicants must provide a signed Memorandum of Agreement which identifies the partners and defines the roles and responsibilities of each partner.

D. May An Individual Apply?

No. Only institutions of higher education may apply. The professional qualifications or community-based experience of those individuals participating in the proposed project will be an important factor in the selection process.

Funding Priorities

E. What Types of Proposed Environmental Justice Community/University Partnerships Will Have the Best Chance of Being Funded?

The Environmental Justice Community/University Partnerships must meet the objectives and criteria as

described in section B. The evaluations will be conducted, and items weighed, as indicated in Section H.

F. Are Matching Funds Required?

Yes. Federal funds for the Environmental Justice Community/University Partnerships shall not exceed 95% of the total cost of the project. EPA encourages non-Federal matching shares of greater than 5%. The non-Federal share of costs may be provided in cash or by in-kind contributions and other non-cash support. In-kind contributions often include salaries or other verifiable costs. In the case of salaries, applicants may use either minimum wage or fair market value. The proposed match, including the value of in-kind contributions, is subject to negotiation with EPA. All grants are subject to audit, so the value of in-kind contributions *must be carefully documented*. The matching (non-Federal) share is a percentage of the entire cost of the project. For example, if the total project cost is approximately \$260,000 then the Federal portion can be no more than \$247,000, which is 95% of the total project cost. For this example, the grant recipient would be required to provide \$13,000 for the project. The amount of non-Federal funds, including in-kind contributions, must be briefly itemized in Block 15 of the *application form (SF 424) included at the end of this notice*. Among other things, *EPA funds cannot be used as matching funds for other Federal grant match requirements, nor used for construction, buying furniture, lobbying, or legal action (or any non-federal contributions used as a match for the grant)*.

Application Procedure

An "Application for Federal Assistance" form (Standard Form 424 or SF 424), a "Budget Information: Non-Construction Programs" form (SF 424A), a Work Plan (described below), and a Memorandum of Agreement must be submitted. These documents contain all the information EPA needs to evaluate the merits of your proposed grant proposal.

Each instrument approved under the environmental justice delegation must be consistent with the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreements Act of 1977, Public Law 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. Section 6301; Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 30, 31, 33, 40, 45 and 47, as appropriate; and existing media-specific regulations pertinent to the statement of work.

G. How Must the Application Be Submitted and Specifically What Must It Include?

The applicants must submit one original, signed by a person authorized to receive funds for the applicant, and two copies of the application (double-sided copies encouraged). Applications must be reproducible (for example; stapled once in the upper left hand corner, on white paper, and with page numbers).

For the purposes of this grants program, an application must contain an SF 424, SF 424A, 424B, a work plan, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), and the Certification Forms. The following describes these items:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF 424). An SF 424 is an official form required for all Federal grants. A completed SF 424 must be submitted as part of your preapplication. This form, along with instructions are included at the end of this notice.

2. Budget Information: Non-Construction Programs (SF 424A). An SF 424A is an official form required for all Federal grants. A completed SF 424A must be submitted as part of your application. This form, along with instructions are included at the end of this notice. In addition, a detailed budget which breaks down the budget categories is required.

3. Work Plan. A work plan describes the applicant's proposed project. Work plans must be no more than 15 pages total. One page is one side of a single spaced typed page. The pages must be letter size (8½ × 11), with normal type size (19 or 12 cpi) and at least 1" margins. The only appendices and letters of support that EPA will accept are a budget, resumes of key personnel, and commitment letters.

4. Memorandum of Agreement. The Memorandum of Agreement will provide the foundation for the working relationship between the college/university and the partners involved in the project. This agreement must be signed and have the roles and responsibilities of each partner clearly defined.

5. Necessary Signed Forms. Procurement Systems Certification, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Certification Regarding Lobbying. These forms are provided in the grant package.

H. How Will the Applications Be Evaluated?

The applications will be evaluated by a review panel and selected according to the following criteria. The percentages

next to the items are the weights EPA will use to evaluate the applications. Please note that certain sections are given greater weight than others.

(a) A concise introduction of no more than three pages that states the nature of the college/university, how the college/university has been successful in the past, proposed uses, objectives, methods, plans, target audiences, and expected results of the proposed project. (10%)

(b) Clear and concise description of the project which includes the following:

1. A section describing the field methods, practices, and techniques, including assessment and analysis, which the partnership expects to implement to address national, regional and local environmental justice issues. (10%)

2. A section describing how the partnership will disseminate environmental justice information and provide training, including educational tools and materials. (10%)

3. A section describing how the partnership will improve communications and coordination among local, state, tribal and federal environmental programs and community organizations, and how the partnership will enhance critical thinking, problem solving and decision making among all stakeholders. Specify effective and realistic methods for involving members of the targeted population. (10%)

4. A section describing who or how the partnership will obtain expert consultation and provide training for the partners to access, analyze and interpret public and environmental data and utilize electronic communications technology. (10%)

5. A section describing the "hard science" analysis capability of the college(s)/university(ies). (10%)

(c) A conclusion discussing how the applicant will evaluate the success of the partnership, in terms of the anticipated strengths and challenges in developing and administering the partnership. (10%)

(d) An appendix with a budget describing how funds (including Federal and non-Federal shares) will be used in terms of personnel, fringe benefits, travel, equipment, supplies, contract costs, and other. Funds cannot be used for construction, lobbying, or legal action. The budget must list proposed milestones with deadlines and estimated cost and completion dates. All costs must be consistent with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) "The Cost Principles for

Educational Institutions," such as A-87 and A-122. (10%)

(e) An appendix with one or two page resumes of up to five key personnel. (5%)

(f) An appendix with one page letters of commitment from community-based organizations with a significant role in the development and administration of the partnership. Letters of endorsement will not be considered. (5%)

(g) A Memorandum of Agreement signed by each representative of the partnership team which identifies the roles and responsibilities of each partner. (10%)

I. When and Where Must the Applications Be Submitted?

An original plus two copies of the application must be mailed to EPA postmarked no later than Friday, March 7, 1997. Applications must be submitted to this EPA headquarters address:

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Justice, Mail Code 2201-A
Environmental Justice Community/
University Partnership Grants, 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460

Review and Selection Process

J. How Will Applications Be Reviewed?

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice will form a selections committee comprised of EPA, other federal agency staff, and outside reviewers to evaluate proposals and recommend selections. Applications will be screened to ensure they meet all eligible activities described in Sections A-I. Reviewers will specifically evaluate the degree to which the applications meet EPA's objectives and criteria as discussed in section H. Applications will be disqualified if they are incomplete or do not meet EPA's basic criteria.

K. How Will the Final Selections Be Made?

After the applications are reviewed and ranked as described in section H, EPA officials will compare the best applications and make final selections. Factors EPA will take into account include: geographic and socio-economic balance, diversity, substantial community group participation in development of proposal and if the partnership's benefits can be sustained after the grant is completed.

L. How Will Applicants Be Notified?

After all applications are received, EPA will mail acknowledgments to each applicant. Once applications have been recommended for funding, EPA will

notify those applicants selected and request any additional information necessary to complete the award process. The EPA Office of Environmental Justice will notify those applicants whose grant applications were not selected for funding.

Post-Award

M. When Should the Proposed Partnership Begin Functioning?

Partnerships cannot operate or begin development on this specific project before funds are awarded. Start dates are currently targeted for September 15, 1997. It is EPA's intent to fund each center only once. Future funding is dependent upon congressional appropriations.

N. How Much Time Do Grant Recipients Have To Complete the Work Proposed?

Activities must be completed within the time frame specified in the grant award, usually two or three years from the award date. Grant project periods may be approved for up to three years.

O. Who Will Develop and Manage the Partnerships?

EPA requires that partnerships be developed and managed by the applicant or by persons satisfactory to the applicant and EPA. All applications must identify any person(s) other than the applicant for approval. The lead institution (applicant) is recognized as the grantee and as such is responsible for all activities under the agreement.

P. What Reports Must Grant Recipients Complete?

Recipients of grants will be expected to report on quarterly progress, as well as final project completion. All recipients must submit final reports for EPA approval prior to the expiration of the project period. Specific reporting requirements will be detailed in the award agreement. EPA plans to collect, evaluate, and disseminate grantees' final reports to serve as model programs. Since networking is crucial to the success of the program, grantees may be asked to transmit an extra copy to a central collection point.

Q. What Is the Expected Time Frame for the Review and Awarding of the Grants?

December 15, 1996—Request for Applications Published in the Federal Register

December 15, 1996—Eligible grant recipients develop their proposals

March 7, 1997

March 7, 1997—Applications must be postmarked or received by EPA by this date

April 15, 1997—Federal Agency Officials and review panel evaluate and recommend award

May 9, 1997—Selection

May 12, 1997—EPA grants division processes grants and makes awards

July 31, 1997—Applicants will be contacted by the grants office if their proposals were selected for funding. Additional information may be required from the selectees

September 15, 1997—EPA anticipates the awarding of the grants and the beginning of the partnership projects/activities

Fiscal Year 1998 Grants

To receive information on the Fiscal Year (FY) 1998 Environmental Justice Community/University Partnership (CUP) Grants Program and future year grants, please mail or fax your request along with your name, organization, address, and phone number to the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ), FY 1997 CUP Grants. OEJ's address is provided in Section I. OEJ's fax number is (202) 501-0740. You may also obtain this information by calling OEJ's 24 hour hotline number 1-800-962-6215.

Available Translations

A Spanish translation of this announcement is available upon request. Please call the Office of Environmental Justice at 1-800-962-6215 for a copy.

Hay traducciones disponibles en español. Si usted esta interesado en obtener una traduccion de este anuncio en español, por favor llame a la Oficina de Justicia Ambiental conocida como "Office of Environmental Justice", linea de emergencia (1-800-962-6215).

Thank you for your interest in our Community/University Partnership Grant and we wish you luck in the application process.

Dated: December 5, 1996.

Clarice E. Gaylord,

Director, Office of Environmental Justice.

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Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program—Application Guidance FY 1997

Introduction

This guidance outlines the purpose, goals, and general procedures for application and award under the Fiscal Year (FY) 1997 Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program. For FY 1997, EPA will award approximately \$2,500,000 in grant funds to eligible

organizations. Applications must be mailed to your appropriate EPA regional office (listed in Section III) and postmarked no later than Friday, March 7, 1997.

This guidance includes the following:

- I. Scope and Purpose of the OEJ Small Grants Program
- II. Eligible Applicants and Activities
- III. Application Requirements
- IV. Process for Awarding Grants
- V. Expected Time-frame for Reviewing and Awarding Grants
- VI. Project Period and Final Reports
- VII. Fiscal Year 1998 OEJ Small Grants Program
- Appendix A: Standard Forms 424 and 424A and Completed Sample Forms
- Appendix B: Copy of 40 CFR 30.27 "Allowable Costs"
- Appendix C: Guidance on Lobbying Restrictions
- Appendix D: Tips on Preparing an Application

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I. Scope and Purpose of the OEJ Small Grants Program

The purpose of this grant program is to provide financial assistance to eligible community groups (i.e., community-based/grassroots organizations, churches, or other non-profit organizations) and federally recognized tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues. Preference for awards will be given to community-based/grassroots organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental problems. Funds can be used to develop a new activity or substantially improve the quality of existing programs that have a direct impact on affected communities.

Background

In its 1992 report, Environmental Equity: Reducing Risk for All Communities, EPA found that minority and low-income populations may experience higher than average exposure to toxic pollutants than the general population. The Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) was established in 1992 to help these