

staff members and regional staff more involved in the grants.

- Significant reduction in public health and environmental risks in affected communities is achieved.
- Significant improvement in the quality of life issues for the affected communities is achieved.
- Facilitation and/or mediation services are effectively utilized to help resolve local environmental and/or public health issues in affected communities.
- Community capacity is significantly improved for program participants.
- Outcomes or lessons learned in affected communities are transferred to other similarly situated communities.

V. Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Grant Application Instructions

A. Who May Submit Applications and May Applicants Submit More Than One?

Any affected community-based organization with nonprofit status either demonstrated through designation by the Internal Revenue Service as a section 501(c)(3) organization or incorporated as a nonprofit under applicable state law may submit an application during the period of this solicitation. Applicants must be nonprofit, non-governmental organizations to receive these Federal funds. Universities are not eligible to apply for this grant program. Please also refer to Appendix E for Guidance on Lobbying Restrictions.

The Environmental Justice CPS Grant Program is a competitive process. EPA will consider only one application per community-based organization for any given project.

The community-based organization who applies for an Environmental Justice CPS Grant must submit one original, signed by a person authorized to receive funds for the organization, 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).

B. What Activities Under the Environmental Justice CPS Grants Are Eligible for Funding?

The Environmental Justice CPS Grant Program is designed for multi-media environmental issues and/or public health concerns. For this reason, each project must include activities which are authorized by two or more of the following federal environmental statutes.

(1) *Clean Water Act, section 104(b)(3)*: Conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstration projects, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution.

(2) *Safe Drinking Water Act, section 1442(c)(3)(A)*: Develop, expand, or carry out a program (that may combine training, education, and employment) for occupations relating to the public health aspects of providing safe drinking water.

(3) *Solid Waste Disposal Act, section 8001(a)*: Conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstration projects, surveys, public education programs, and studies relating to solid waste (e.g., health and welfare effects of exposure to materials present in solid waste and methods to eliminate such effects).

(4) *Clean Air Act, section 103(b)(3)*: Conduct research, investigations, experiments, demonstration projects, surveys, and studies related to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution.

(5) *Toxic Substances Control Act, section 10(a)*: Conduct research, development, monitoring, public education, training, demonstration projects, and studies on toxic substances.

(6) *Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, section 20(a)*: Conduct research, development, monitoring, public education, training, demonstration projects, and studies on pesticides.

(7) *Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, section 203*: Conduct research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstration projects, surveys, and studies relating to the minimizing or ending of ocean dumping of hazardous materials and the development of alternatives to ocean dumping.

Please Note: Applications for proposed projects that are inconsistent with the above stated EPA statutory authorities or goals of the program are ineligible for funding and will not be evaluated and ranked.

C. Have You Received Any Other Grants or Cooperative Agreements From EPA in the Last 3 Years?

Please list the grant or cooperative agreement number, title of the project, and amount of funding provided by EPA.

Please Note: Do not use the same project description for this application that was used for any prior award. To do so will disqualify your application.

D. How Much Money May Be Requested, and Are Matching Funds Required?

Costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-122 for nonprofit organizations. The ceiling in federal funds for individual grants is \$100,000. Funds can be dispersed as needed or up to 80% of the grant award can be obtained. The remaining 20% of the grant award will be available upon the successful completion of the grant and the acceptance by EPA of the final report as detailed in the grant. Applicants are *not* required to provide matching funds.

E. Are There Any Restrictions on the Use of the Federal Funds?

Yes. EPA grant funds can only be used for the purposes set forth in the grant agreement, and must be consistent with the statutory authority for the award. Grant funds from this program cannot be used for matching funds for other federal grants, lobbying, or intervention in federal regulatory or adjudicatory proceedings. In addition, the grantee may not use these federal assistance funds to sue the federal government or any other government entity. Refer to 40 CFR 30.27, entitled "Allowable Cost." The scope of Environmental Justice CPS grants may not include construction, promotional items (e.g., T-shirts, buttons, hats, and furniture purchases).

F. Who Should You Call if You Have Questions About the Environmental Justice CPS Grants?

For questions concerning CPS grants, you may contact the Environmental Justice Coordinator in your region. Because this is a competitive grant program, any questions concerning the application and review process must be submitted via e-mail or fax in order to ensure fairness to all possible applicants. You can contact the Project Officer by calling direct to (202) 564-2602 or to the Toll-free number 1-800-962-6215. All questions must be sent via e-mail to smith.linda@epa.gov or by fax to (202) 501-1162. They will be posted on the Web site and sent via the EJ-EPA list serv.

G. What Must the Environmental Justice CPS Grant Contain?

Proposals from community-based organizations must have the following (Forms Can be Downloaded from <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm>):

1. *Form SF 424—Application for Federal Assistance*. The official form is required for all federal grants. It requests basic information about the grantee and the proposed project.