

# Environmental Justice Action Grant Program Guideline Changes

This document is intended as a quick reference for those familiar with the Round 1 Environmental Justice Action Grant Program Guidelines and Application (“EJ Action Grants” or “Program”). Overall, Round 2’s Guideline updates clarify language, streamline the application process and build on lessons learned from the program’s inaugural cycle in 2023-2024.

## Round 2 Program Guidelines

### Section 2.1

#### Revision

- Clarification on which databases CalEPA staff are using to verify 501(c)3 authorization status.

### Section 3.2

#### Addition

- New Partnerships category, which provides an opportunity for an exception to the 20 percent cap for consultants.

#### Revision

- Indirect cost rates may account for up to 20 percent of a total grant or the grantee’s Federally Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (NICRA) as agreed upon by CalEPA and the grantee.

### Section 4.1

#### Addition

- The program will use an [online grant management system, Fluxx](#), for solicitation and grant management.

### Section 4.2

#### Addition

- Note on the program’s adherence to the requirements of the Public Records Act.

### Section 4.4

#### Addition

- Provides information and restrictions from Government Code section 87104, which relates to CalEPA and Air Resources Board (ARB) advisory body members.

### Section 4.5

#### Addition

- Supplemental information request from CalEPA staff to applicants: 3-day submission window
- Back-up contact field

## Removal

- SEP and other BDO Grant Application alternative submission methods

## Section 4.6

### Revision

- Objectives and Vision shifted from 40 points to 30 points.
- Project Design and Feasibility shifted from 40 points to 50 points.
- Scoring Criteria Details and updates from the revised application.

## Section 4.7

### Revision

- Round 2 Application Cycle Timelines

## Removal

- Rolling awards

## Section 4.8

### Addition

- Clarification of the state's right to reject project proposals.

## Section 5.1

### Addition

- [Fluxx grant management operations](#)

## Section 5.2

### Addition

- Advance Pay
- Clarification on Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity for federally recognized tribes

## Round 2 Application

### General

#### Addition

- Grant Applications must be completed and submitted through the new [Fluxx \(Grant Management System\) Grantee Portal](#).

#### Revision

- From word limit to character limit to align with new [Fluxx Grant Management System](#) format.

### Applicant Information

#### Addition

- Back Up Application Contact

### Objectives and Vision

#### Addition

- Environmental Justice Purpose
  - Clarifications and guiding questions

#### Revision

- Character count

### Project Design & Feasibility

#### Addition

- Budget
  - Personnel
    - Rate and justification requirements
  - Materials and Supplies
    - Category and justification
    - Theft-sensitive equipment requirements
  - Equipment
    - Category and justification
- Environmental Justice Purpose
  - Clarifications and guiding questions

#### Revision

- Character count

### Consultants and Partners

#### Addition

- Partner Category
- Partner – Applicant Relationship
- Partner Capacity

## Supporting Documentation

### Addition

- Verification of good standing with IRS, DOJ, and Secretary of State
- Audit finding disclosure

### Removal

- Audited financial statements for funding requests over \$150,000