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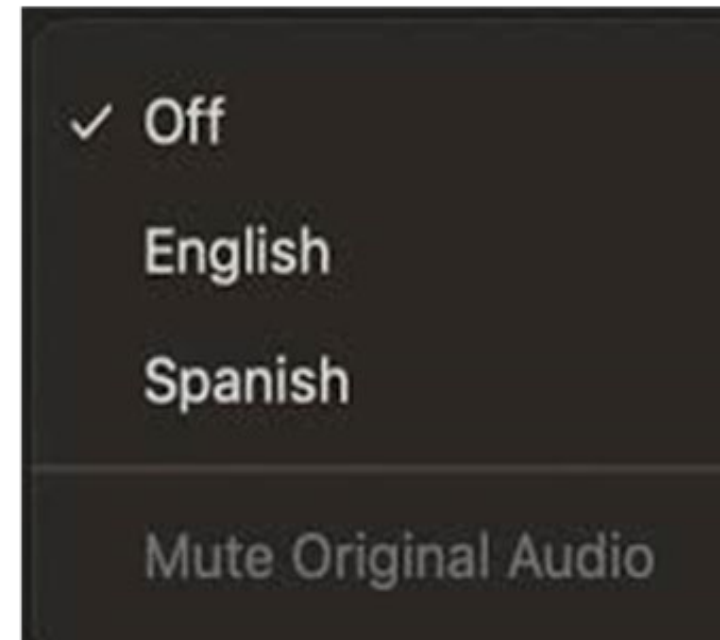
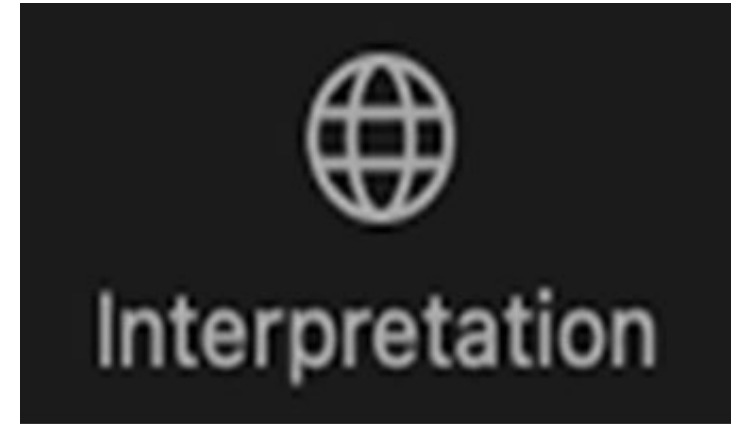
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ACTION GRANTS PROGRAM

Application Workshop

September 27, 2023

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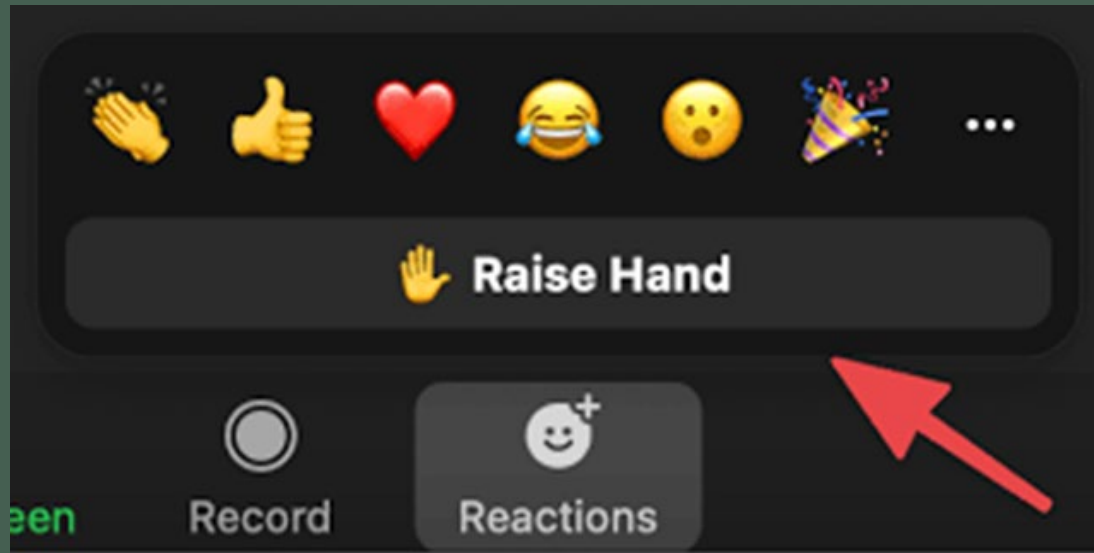


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INTRODUCTIONS

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AGENDA

CalEPA Overview

Funding Priorities

Eligibility

Application Overview

Scoring

Timeline

Q&A

**Learn about CalEPA's
Environmental Justice Action
Grant**

**Review Grant components
and application process**

**Broader understanding from
Q&A and conversation with
participants**

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

CALEPA'S MISSION

“Our Mission is to restore, protect and enhance the environment, to ensure public health, environmental quality and economic vitality.”

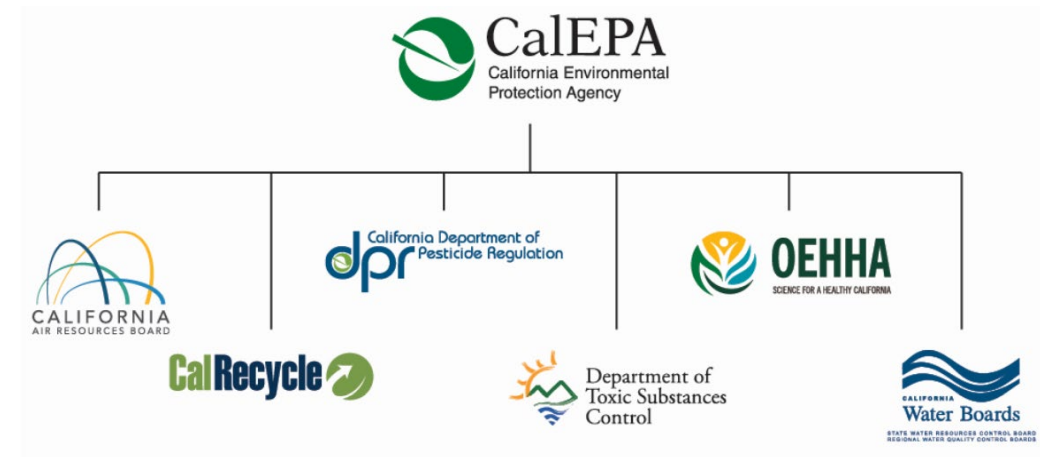
We fulfill our mission by developing, implementing and enforcing environmental laws that regulate air, water and soil quality, pesticide use and waste recycling and reduction.

Our departments are at the forefront of environmental science, using the most recent research to shape the state's environmental laws.

CALEPA'S BOARDS, DEPARTMENTS, AND OFFICE

The Office of the Secretary heads CalEPA, overseeing and coordinating the activities of one office, two boards, and three departments dedicated to improving California's environment.

- California Air Resources Board
- Department of Pesticide Regulation
- Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery
- Department of Toxic Substances Control
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
- State Water Resources Control Board



EJ ACTION GRANTS FUNDING PRIORITIES

Aims to address environmental injustices impacting tribes and disadvantaged communities by funding actions on **four key areas of concern**:

1. supporting emergency preparedness,
2. protecting public health,
3. improving environmental and climate decision-making, and
4. strengthening enforcement.

To date, the Legislature has committed to appropriating a total of \$25 million to CalEPA to be directed to these areas of concern.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

CalEPA is exercising its discretion to focus, within those categories, on projects that serve an **environmental justice** purpose (defined in **Section 1.2** of the Grant Guidelines).

Public Resources Code section 71110

Gov. Newsom's Executive Order N-16-22

**Section
2.2**

ELIGIBILITY

Section 2.1

CalEPA will accept applications from:

- Federally recognized tribes
- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations
- Organizations receiving fiscal sponsorship from 501(c)(3) organizations

Applicants must be organized in the State of California or legally authorized to conduct business in the State of California.

GRANT LIMITS

Section
2.3



ONE PROJECT: UP TO \$300,000



TWO OR MORE PROJECTS: UP
TO \$500,000/APPLICANT PER
FISCAL YEAR



GRANT TERM: UP TO 24
MONTHS

APPLICATIONS

1. Submission of an application for a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP)
2. Submission of an application for a grant program operated by one of CalEPA Boards, Departments, and Offices
3. Submission of the application form via email to EJActionGrants@calepa.ca.gov

If an applicant submits an application for a SEP or an application for a BDO grant program, its materials must set forth the same substantive information requested in the Appendix 2 application form (see Section 4.3 of the Grant Guidelines).

**Section
4.3**

PROJECT IDEAS

Section 2.2



Seek to provide technical assistance
or build capacity



May be for new projects and/or for
existing projects that require ongoing
support



“Examples of Potential Funded
Projects” on our website:
<https://calepa.ca.gov/ejactiongrants/>

APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Eligibility and Threshold
Documentation

Narratives

Schedule

Budget

**Appendix
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ELIGIBILITY AND THRESHOLD REQUIREMENTS

List of Board Members/Tribal Council

Documentation of 501(c)(3) Non-profit Status (as applicable)

Financial Statements (for funding requests over \$150k)

Letters of Commitment (as applicable)

Resumes

Appendix

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NARRATIVES: OBJECTIVES AND VISION

Project Eligibility (Section 2)

- CalEPA will recognize multiple criteria and methods for identifying impacted populations/communities (examples to consider in Section 1.2 and our website).

Project Objectives

- Identified community and community needs
- How Project will serve community needs
- Specific outcomes to be achieved, overall impact

Environmental Justice Purpose (Section 1.2)

- How Project MEANINGFULLY involves and engages “disadvantaged communities” to serve EJ
- Applicants must use proven methods of engagement to facilitate direct participation of community residents (Section 2.2).

**Appendix
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NARRATIVES: PROJECT DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY

- Scope of Work/Workplan
 - Broken down by line item and discrete tasks
 - Describe tools required, agency coordination, etc
 - Tie back to Project Objectives and Vision
- Location of Work
- Deliverables (clear, with due dates)
- Measure of Success (criteria)
- Requirements (tools/equipment)

CalEPA will prioritize projects that have incorporated community feedback into project design.

SCHEDULE

Table:

- Clear, detailed timelines (with start/end dates)

Narrative descriptions:

- Methods used for selecting dates
- Feasibility of achieving milestones by selected dates
- External factors that may affect outcome

BUDGET

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Directly aligned with
workplan task and line
item

Eligible Costs
(Section 3.2)

Matching funds

Fiscal year break down

Evaluated for cost-
effectiveness

Consultants: no more
than 20% of the total
award

Fiscal Sponsors: no more
than 15% of the total
award
(indirect cost)

Indirect Costs: no more
than 20% of the total
award
(fiscal sponsor apps: 25%)

NARRATIVES: APPLICANT CAPACITY

Experience in completing similar projects

Partnerships, resources, technical assistance

Financial capacity

Resumes (+ supplemental information)

Matching funds

**Appendix
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NARRATIVES: FISCAL SPONSOR CAPACITY



MISSION ALIGNMENT



EXPERIENCE AS
FISCAL SPONSOR



FINANCIAL CAPACITY



RESUMES (+
SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION)

**Appendix
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NARRATIVES: CONSULTANTS

- Contracts for technical/community expertise, including with individuals supporting community science projects (**Section 3.2**)
- **Must not exceed 20%** of the total grant award
- Grant applicants are required to include in applications potential project consultants
- Consultants may include individuals and/or organizations that have a **proven record of working with tribes and environmental justice communities**
- Cities and counties are **not eligible** to be consultants

REVIEW PROCESS

Screening Team

Interagency Review Panel

Roundtable discussions

To achieve equitable distribution of funds, CalEPA may consider additional factors including, but not limited to geographic distribution of funds, rural and unincorporated status, levels of pollution burden, and fewest local resources.

Section

4.2

SCORING CRITERIA: OBJECTIVES AND VISION

40 points

Address AT LEAST one of the four legislatively approved categories

Demonstrated understanding of community needs

Clear project objectives

Comprehensive project description

Clear detailing of project impact

Serve a specific environmental justice program or project using appropriate documentation and identification tools

Section

4.4

SCORING CRITERIA: PROJECT DESIGN AND FEASIBILITY

40 points

Clear plans for long-term operations and maintenance

Clear timelines, discrete tasks, detailed deliverables

Address the feasibility of adhering to timelines

Address external factors that may affect project outcomes

Detailed budget, directly tied to the workplan

Financial feasibility

Section

4.4

SCORING CRITERIA: CAPACITY

20 Points

Demonstrated capacity to implement project (on time, within budget)

Demonstrated financial capacity to implement (Fiscal Sponsor or Applicant)

Section

4.4

TIMELINE

Grant Application Period:

August 29 – October 13

Virtual Office Hours:

Tuesday, October 3rd (4:00-5:00PM)

Monday, October 9th (4:00-5:00PM)

Rolling Awards

Early to mid-December

Q&A LOGISTICS



Questions?



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