

Breakdown of Funding Opportunities

Community-based non-profit organizations and other eligible organizations seeking subgrant funding will be able to apply for subgrants through three concurrent tiers offered by the Grantmakers. Tier One will consist of grants for \$150,000 for assessment, Tier Two will consist of grants for \$250,000 for planning, and Tier Three will consist of grants for \$350,000 for project development. In addition, \$75,000 will be available for capacity-constrained community-based organizations through a non-competitive process under Tier One.

Tier I: Assessment

Communities must gather information, assess, and understand the problem(s) before they can thoroughly develop a plan and then implement those plans to address and eventually resolve the problem(s). The Tier I EJ Thriving Communities Subgrants (managed by the Grantmakers) will be available for severely capacity-constrained community-based organizations and/or “entry-level” applicants to assist them during the initial steps of their work to address specific issues impacting them locally by conducting assessments of environmental and public health concerns. Typically, Tier I EJ Thriving Communities Subgrants will be up to \$150,000 each for a one-year project period. Tier I projects can address multiple environmental issues (e.g., air quality, water contamination, toxic substances, etc.).

The following is a list of the types of activities that may be considered by the Grantmakers for Tier I EJ Thriving Communities Subgrants. It is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not all-inclusive.

- Research (that is incidental to the project design)
- Sampling
- Testing
- Monitoring
- Investigations
- Surveys and studies
- Public education

Tier II: Planning

The Tier II EJ Thriving Communities Subgrants (managed by the Grantmakers) will be available for community-based organizations and other Eligible Subrecipients who already have a strong understanding of their local environmental and/or public health issues and are ready to formulate a community-wide plan to address those issues. Developing key cooperative partnerships with community stakeholders is an essential part of developing a community-wide plan and later implementing that plan. Therefore, partnership development will be a key aspect of the Tier II subgrants. Typically, a Tier II EJ Thriving Communities Subgrant will be for up to \$250,000 each for a 1 to 2-year project period. Tier II project activities can address multiple environmental issues (e.g., air quality, water contamination, toxic substances) and should also include plan formulation and partnership development activities to address those environmental issues.

The following is a list of the types of activities that may be considered by the Grantmakers for a Tier II EJ Thriving Communities Subgrant. It is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not all-inclusive.

- Planning
- Partnership-building
- Public outreach and education
- Coordination with community stakeholders to address environmental issues
- Training activities for community organizations and community members
- Projects and activities to spur community involvement (e.g., cleanups of vacant lots)
- Smaller land purchases and acquisitions that require less than half of the total amount of subgrant funding

Tier III: Project Development

The Tier III EJ Thriving Communities Subgrants (managed by the Grantmakers) will be available for community-based nonprofit organizations and other Eligible Subrecipients who already have a strong understanding of their local environmental and/or public health issues, have already formulated a community-wide plan addressing those issues, and/or are now ready to develop the technical aspects of the project (i.e., implement the project on the ground). Developing key cooperative partnerships with community stakeholders is an essential part of developing a community-wide plan and later implementing that plan. Therefore, partnership development will be a key aspect of the Tier III subgrants as well. Typically, a Tier III EJ Thriving Communities Subgrant will be for up to \$350,000 each for a 2-year project period. Tier III projects can address multiple environmental issues (e.g., air quality, water contamination, toxic substances).

The following is a list of the types of activities that may be considered by the Grantmakers for a Tier III EJ Thriving Communities Subgrant. It is provided for illustrative purposes only and is not all-inclusive.

- Project Development
- Blueprints for construction or cleanup projects, schematics, and technical development
- Work to get permits in place directly related to an environmental project
- Smaller land purchases and acquisitions that require less than half of the total amount of subgrant funding
- Implementation of project plans
- Public outreach and education

Eligibility

- Applicants must be recommended by their regional grantmaker:
 - 501c3 Nonprofit-Organizations
 - Community-based and grassroots nonprofit organizations
 - Tribal Governments and intertribal consortia
 - Native American Organizations
 - Local Governments
 - Institutions of higher education
 - Puerto Rico
 - US Territories
 - Freely Associated States (FAS)