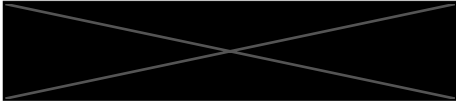


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Information

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Application

Applicant Background Information

6. Project Title

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7. Applicant Information

Entity Applicant Legal Name

Point of Contact for Application

Point of Contact's Email

Organization Address

Unique Entity ID (UEI) Number. Please write "in progress" if you do not have one yet.

Phone Number

Website (if applicable)

8. Select from dropdown list (note: if organization type is not listed below, please email  before continuing with the application):

-- Please Select --

9. If you are a nonprofit, please provide documentation that shows your organization is either a 501(c)(3) non-profit as designated by the Internal Revenue Service OR documentation that shows that the non-profit organization is recognized by the state, territory, commonwealth, or tribe in which it is located.

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10. Are you a federally recognized Tribe in Region .

☐ Yes

☐ No

11. Are you a member of a state-recognized tribe?

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. Are you a member of a tribe that is not formally recognized by state or federal government?

☐ Yes

☐ No

13. Please select the Grant Phase(s) you intend to submit a letter of intent/concept note or application to apply for a Thriving Communities Grant (TCG):

☐ Tier I Assessment: 1 year project, up to \$150,000

☐ Tier II Planning: 1-2 year project, up to \$250,000

☐ Tier III Development: 2 year project, up to \$350,000

☐ Tier I Noncompetitive \$75,000 awards provided to severely capacity-constrained organizations (Tier 1 only)

14. Please upload a map of the project area using the [EPA EJ Screen](#).

[link to how to video]

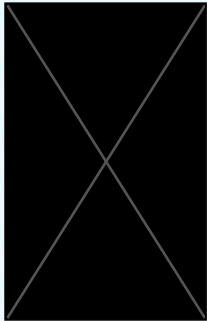
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15. Project Zip Code(s):

16. Please select the location(s) where your proposed project will take place:

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☐ Federally Recognized Tribe

☒ Other

If you selected, "Other", please describe here:

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17. Is this area predominantly:

- ☐ Urban
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Remote

18. Proposed projects must serve “communities of focus.” For the sake of this project, “communities of focus” are defined using the Inflation Reduction Act Disadvantaged Communities Map. Applicants can use the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) which outlines Census tracts that are overburdened and underserved. Access the map and tool [here](#).

Does your project location fall into a community of focus as defined by the Inflation Reduction Act Disadvantaged Communities Map?

☐ Yes

☒ No

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Why do you think this community should be considered overburdened or underserved for the purpose of this project?

19. Expected Project Period:

Project Start Date:

Project Length:

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20. Has your organization worked in areas of environmental and/or climate justice previously?

☒ Yes☐ No

If yes, in up to 500 words:

- Please describe how your organization's work furthers environmental and climate justice in Region 
- Describe how your organization actively serves, educates, gives power to, and/or advocates for communities highly impacted by environmental and climate harms
- Describe how the leadership composition of the organization(s) reflects the community being served

Past/Future Funding

21. Does your organization currently have a federal grant award?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Unknown

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What is the funding agency?

22. Have you received a Thriving Communities Grant previously either through the Region ~~X~~ Grantmaker or another Grantmaker?

☐ Yes

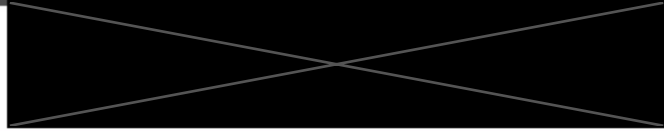
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Project Description



Project Description

23. In up to 500 words:

- Provide a brief summary of the project that you are seeking funding for, including the communities who benefit, project location, environmental justice issue(s) to be addressed (including data if available) and major activities.
- Describe how the project will be informed by, involve, and ultimately benefit “communities of focus.” For the purposes of this project, “communities of focus” are defined using the [Inflation Reduction Act Disadvantaged Communities](#). If this project will involve Tribal communities, how will this project engage local Tribal communities, support Tribal-led priorities, and/or contribute to Tribal economies?
- Please include a description of the most pressing environmental justice issues impacting these communities that your organization is working on, and who is most directly impacted within these communities.

24. In up to 500 words:

- Please describe any key partnerships relevant to achieving the goals of your project. Include the length of time and scope of your work together. If partners will receive any funding under this grant, include contact information, role on the project, and funding amount. Please also describe how you will use this grant to seek and develop new partnerships if relevant.
- Please describe meaningful involvement by those this project aims to benefit. What are the barriers to community engagement and involvement and how will they be addressed?
- How do you see your organization fitting into a larger movement for social change, and how does your work strengthen that movement?
- How do the proposed project activities build on existing resources of the organization and assets of the community?

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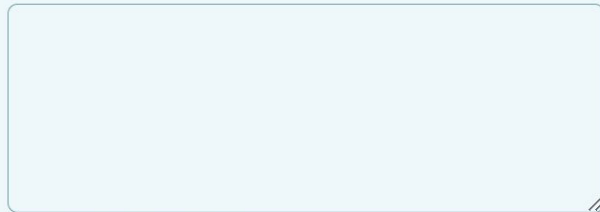
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Project Goals, Activities, and Milestones

Project Goals, Activities, and Milestones

25. In up to 1000 words:

- State your goals and your vision of success for your community through this grant opportunity. What changes do you hope to see if you are successful in the work, both during the project and after?
- List your primary activities under this grant. If you are working with partner organization(s), please indicate which is responsible for each activity.
- Outline the major objectives and milestones (e.g. products, events, achievements or other significant changes) for this project. How will you achieve them? What are the anticipated community benefits upon completion of the work?



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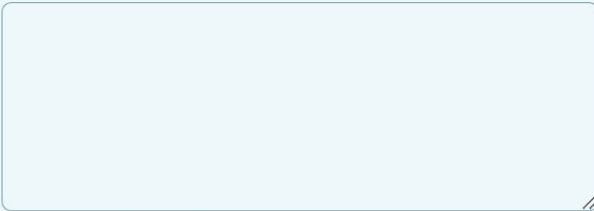
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Performance Measures and Evaluation

Performance Measures and Evaluation

26. In up to 500 words:

- Please describe how you plan to track project activities, milestones, and project benefits for your communities of focus.
- What do you think you might learn, and how might you use that information to inform future work? (Please note: if awarded, you will work with your grant manager on an evaluation plan.)



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27. In up to 250 words, please describe how you hope to evaluate and/or continue this work beyond the grant period. How do you see

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27. In up to 250 words, please describe how you hope to apply or continue this work beyond the grant period. How do you see this project fitting into broader environmental justice efforts in your community? What additional resources might be needed to achieve your project's long-term goals?

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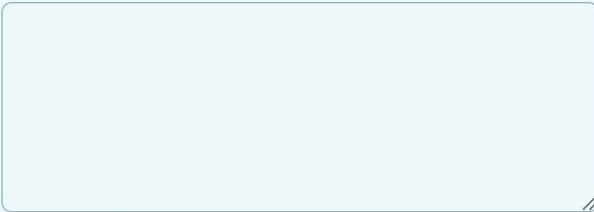
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Programmatic Capability

28. In up to 500 words, please describe the following:

- Organizational Experience: a brief summary or bulleted list of 2-3 similar projects that showcase your ability to successfully achieve the goals of the proposed project.
- Staff Experience / Qualifications of proposed people working on the project -- provide names and short bios for participants that demonstrate the qualifications or lived experience that will allow them to complete the project successfully



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Budget

29. Full Amount Requested:

30. Budget Total Project Costs (if total is greater than the amount requested):

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31. Does this project have additional funders?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Who and for what amounts? (Please note that matched funds are optional and have no weight on the scoring.)

Grantee Quality Assurance

39. Does your project have technical components (like air/water/pollutant monitoring, sampling, testing) or involve conducting research or investigations?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If you answered “yes” above, you may be required to develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). QAPPs are required by the EPA for any project that collects environmental data. You are NOT required to develop a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) at the time of application. Applicants are only being asked to determine whether or not a QAPP is required should your project be selected for funding. If required, then an approved QAPP must be in place prior to the initiation of project activities. This section has no bearing on the scoring of the application. For more information about Quality Assurance Project Plans, please consult the following website: [Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans](#).

Please list the technical component(s).

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Please mark the kinds of technical assistance you may need to conduct a project with technical components (select all that apply)

- ☐ Creating goals and developing a monitoring strategy
- ☐ Accessing contractors and labs that can play a role on my project
- ☐ Assistance finding a technical expert with values that align with my organization
- ☐ Assistance in creating a budget for my project
- ☐ Help translating technical or scientific findings to impacted communities and other audiences
- ☐ Help in measuring and monitoring the activity.
- ☐ Help in communicating about the activity.
- ☐ Human subject research/Institutional review board
- ☐ I'm not exactly sure, but I will need help.
- ☐ Not Applicable
- ☐ Other

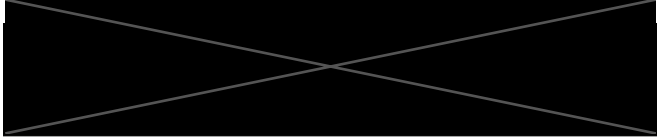
Please also let us know your organization's experience with projects that have technical components (select one):

- ☐ We have past experience with these types of projects at a regulatory level of monitoring.
- ☐ We have done some community monitoring projects, but not at a regulatory level of monitoring.
- ☐ This is our first project with technical components.

Please feel free to add additional information about your experience.

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Thank you for taking our survey. Your response is very important to us.
