



# New Environmental Justice Grant Opportunities at EPA

# AGENDA

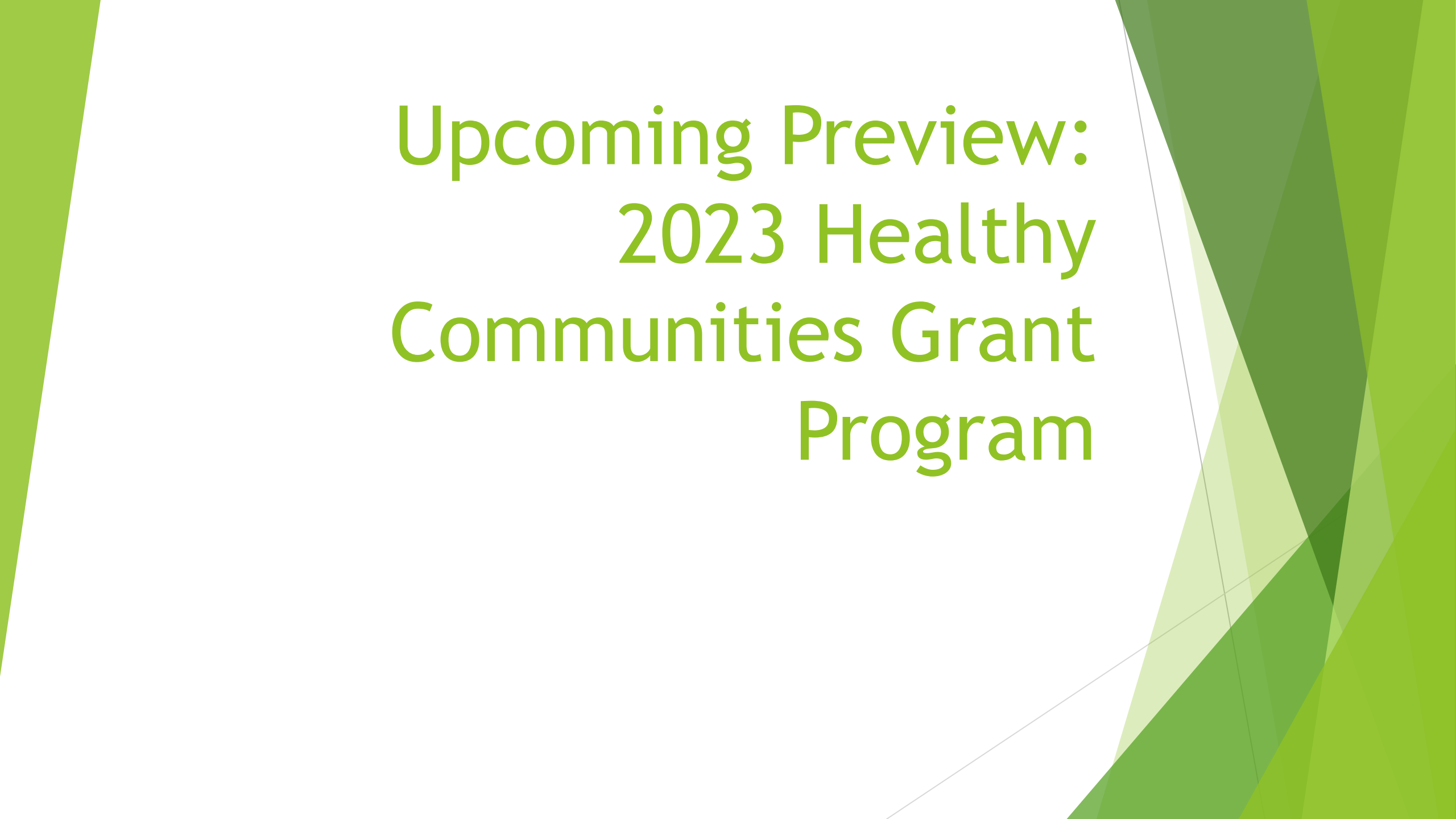
## Introductions

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- Upcoming- Healthy Communities Program
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- EJ Government To Government Program

## Upcoming EJ Opportunities

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# Upcoming Preview: 2023 Healthy Communities Grant Program

# Program Overview

The Healthy Communities Grant Program is a competitive grant program for EPA New England to fund work directly with communities to support EPA's mission to reduce environmental risks, protect and improve human health and improve the quality of life.



Project awards up to \$40,000.



Project periods are 1-2 years.



Funds 10-25 projects annually from 2003-2023.



Every project must connect with a Target Investment Area (TIA) and Target Program Area (TPA).



Max of 2 years for completion. Can begin on October 1, 2023

# TARGET PROGRAM AND INVESTMENT AREAS

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## **Be located in and directly benefit one or more of the Target Investment Areas:**

- Areas near Ports that are being Redeveloped to Support Offshore Wind and Related Industries
- Geographic Priority Areas or Sectors in Northern & Southern New England
- Environmental Justice Areas of Potential Concern
- Sensitive Populations

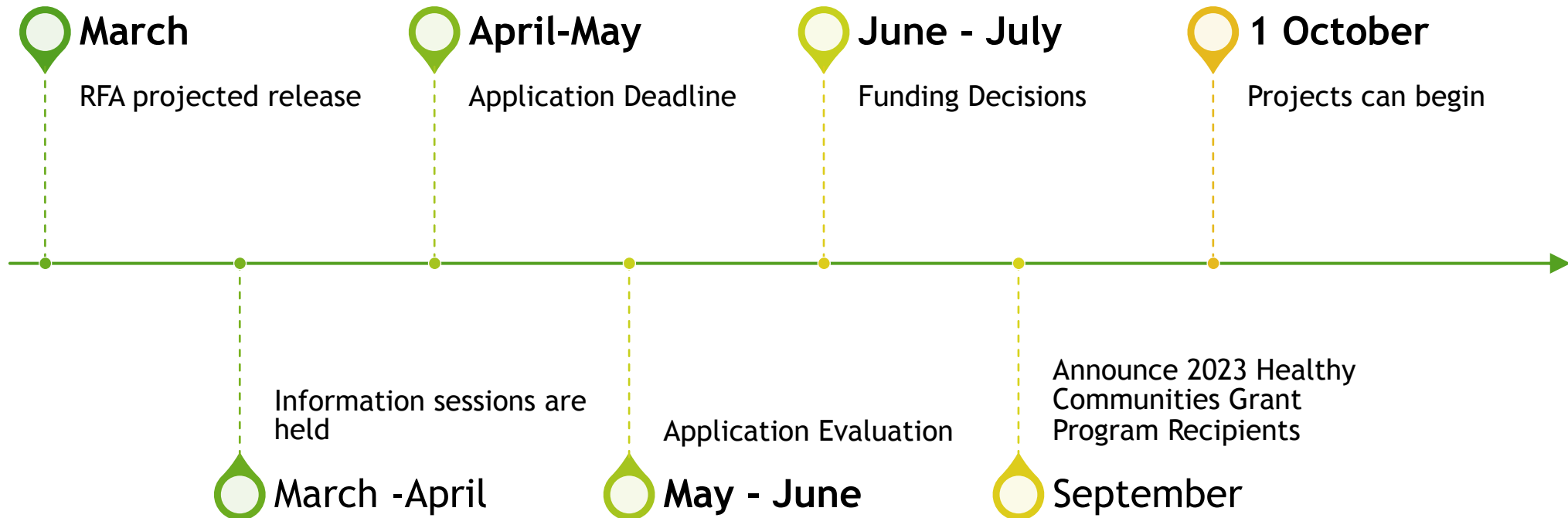
## **Achieve measurable environmental and public health results in one or more of the Target Program Areas:**

- Capacity Building on Environmental and/or Public Health Issues
- Clean, Green and Healthy Schools
- Energy Efficiency; Healthy Indoor Environments
- Healthy Outdoor Environments
- Pollution Prevention
- Sustainable Materials Management

# Applicant Eligibility

- ▶ Who is eligible to receive funding?
  - ▶ Tribes
  - ▶ Local, state or regional agencies
  - ▶ Non-profit organizations [501(c)(3)] or grass-roots organizations
  - ▶ K-12 schools or school districts
  - ▶ Colleges or universities;
- ▶ Who is NOT eligible to receive funding:
  - ▶ Private businesses
  - ▶ federal agencies
  - ▶ small business, and/or
  - ▶ individuals

# Estimated Healthy Communities Timeline 2023



# ESTIMATED REQUIRED MATERIALS FOR SUBMISSION

5-Page Narrative

Project Work Plan

Budget Detail

Proof of Non-profit or  
Not-for-profit status, if  
applicable

Resumes

Commitment Letters

Environmental Results,  
Past Performance, and  
Programmatic  
Capability  
Performance



# APPLICATION SUBMISSION

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Two submission options planned - by email to [degler.zachary@epa.gov](mailto:degler.zachary@epa.gov) or  
Grants.gov Workspace

Information Session: Webinars will be announced when RFA is open  
Participation is optional, but RSVPs are required.

To register for one of the conference calls, please email [degler.zachary@epa.gov](mailto:degler.zachary@epa.gov)

**Any questions please contact:**

**Zac Degler – 617-918-1630, [degler.zachary@epa.gov](mailto:degler.zachary@epa.gov)**

# OPEN COMPETITIONS

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## **EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants (EJ-CPS)**

**Description:** The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides financial assistance to eligible organizations working to address local environmental or public health issues in their communities. The program assists recipients in building collaborative partnerships with other stakeholders (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical service providers, academia, etc.) to develop solutions to environmental or public health issue(s) at the community level.

**Project Period:** Cooperative agreements will be funded for a three-year performance period.

**Grant Funding:** The EJCPS Program anticipates awarding approximately \$30,000,000 of Inflation Reduction Act funding through 83 cooperative agreements, organized in two tracks of funding:

- \$25,000,000 for CBOs proposing projects for up to \$500,000 each. Approximately 50 awards for up to \$500,000 each are anticipated under this track.
- \$5,000,000 for qualifying small CBOs with 5 or fewer full-time employees proposing projects for up to \$150,000 each. For more details about this opportunity, please review closely the “Small Community-based Nonprofit Set Aside”. Approximately 33 awards for up to \$150,000 each are anticipated under this track.

# OPEN COMPETITIONS

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## EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants (EJ-CPS)

### Eligible entities include: (page 3)

- A community-based nonprofit organization (CBO); or
- A partnership of community-based nonprofit organizations\*

*\*A partnership must be documented with a signed Letter of Commitment from the community-based nonprofit organization detailing the parameters of the partnership, as well as the role and responsibilities of the partnering community-based organizations.*

*\* Partnerships are not required but are expected in the EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving program*

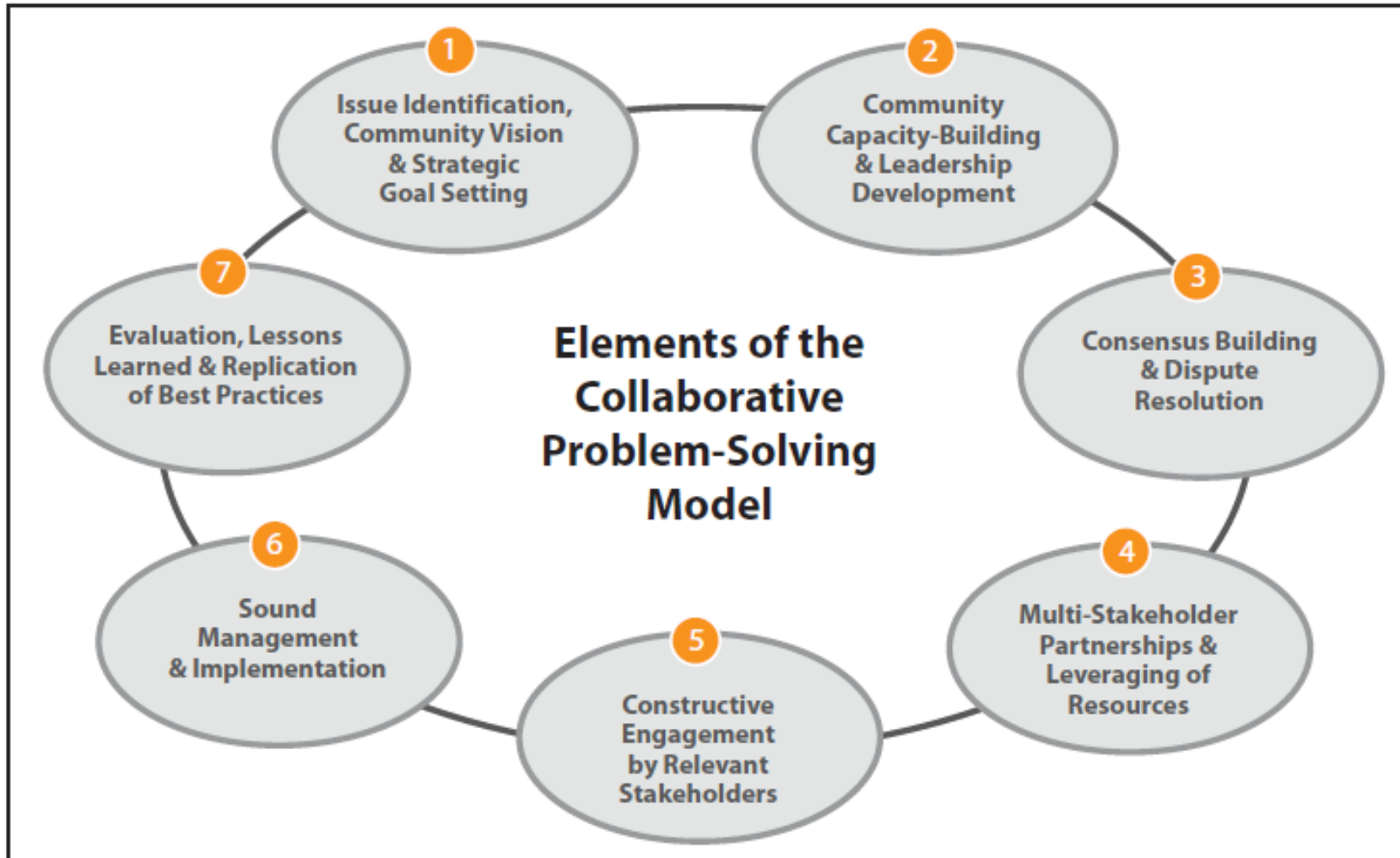
# OPEN COMPETITIONS - EJ CPS

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**EPA will be giving special consideration to the following focus areas: (pages 6-8)**

- Projects addressing climate change, disaster resiliency, and/or emergency preparedness
- Projects located in and/or benefitting rural areas
- Projects conducting [Health Impact Assessments \(HIA\)](#)

EPA **strongly** encourages the use of EPA's EJSCREEN tool (or other EJ-based mapping tool) to help you characterize and describe your target community. Data from other sources (e.g., studies, census, and third-party reports) can also be included to give a more complete picture of the impacted communities and populations.



# OPEN COMPETITIONS

## EJ Government to Government Grants (EJ-G2G)

**Description:** The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) program provides funding at the state, local, territorial, and tribal level to support government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health impacts in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms.

**Grant Funding:** The EJG2G Program anticipates awarding approximately \$70,000,000 of funding through 70 cooperative agreements nationwide **up to \$1 million each**, organized in four tracks of funding.

### Eligible Entities Include: (Section III, pages 15-17)

- A **\*partnership** between a state and a community-based nonprofit organization
- A **\*partnership** between a Federally recognized tribe and a community-based nonprofit organization
- A **\*partnership** between a local government and a community-based nonprofit organization
- US Territories
- Freely Associated States
- Tribal governments in remote areas
- State Recognized Tribes
- Puerto Rico

**Project Period:** Cooperative agreements will be funded for a three-year performance period, starting October 1, 2023.

# EVALUATION CRITERIA & APPLICATION DEADLINES: CPS & G2G

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## **EJCPS (Section V, pages 34-42) and EJG2G (Section V, pages 31-38)**

- **100 points maximum**

- 5 overarching Evaluation Criterion

- Program Objectives
- Project Activities / Milestone Schedule / Detailed Budget Narrative
- Environmental Results
- Programmatic Capability
- Past Performance

- **Timing: Applications packages must be submitted on or before **April 14, 2023**, at 11:59 PM (Eastern Time). Applicants should plan for projects to begin on October 1, 2023.**

- Applicants must register on SAM.gov and Grants.gov before you will be able to apply.
- Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov
- Each application passing Threshold Eligibility will be reviewed and scored by a review panel

# GRANT CONTACTS & RESOURCES

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## For more information about the EJ Collaborative Problem Solving Grant (EJCPS)

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-collaborative-problem-solving-cooperative-agreement-5>

- Jacob Burney: [Burney.Jacob@epa.gov](mailto:Burney.Jacob@epa.gov)

## For more information about the EJ Government to Government grant (EJG2G)

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-government-government-program>

- Omari Burrell: [Burrell.Omari@epa.gov](mailto:Burrell.Omari@epa.gov)



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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EJSCREEN Office Hours, Training Schedule, and Past Recordings are available here:

<https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/ejscreen-office-hours-training>

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EJ CPS Model Manual: <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-06/documents/cps-manual-12-27-06.pdf>

Registering on SAM.gov and Grants.gov

-Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov, registration on SAM.gov is required. Both are free! Finalizing registration on both SAM.gov and Grants.gov can take more than a month! **Start registering now!**

# UPCOMING EJ OPPORTUNITIES

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## **Inflation Reduction Act Environmental and Climate Justice Program (Estimated Release: Summer 2023)**

- EPA is seeking public input on the new Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) program that will distribute \$3 billion in Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funding through grants and technical assistance. This Request for Information (RFI) related to the Environmental and Climate Justice (ECJ) Grant Program, is seeking public input on multiple aspects of the program.
- EPA encourages all interested parties to submit written comments; responses must be received by April 10th, 2023.
- <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2023-0023>

# QUESTIONS?

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