

Pollution Prevention Environmental Justice Grants

April 20, 2023

Pollution Prevention (P2)



New Pollution Prevention Grants

- **Environmental Justice in Communities:** To improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by providing P2 technical assistance to businesses impacting those communities.
- **Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products:** To improve human health and the environment in disadvantaged communities by increasing the supply, demand and use of safer and more sustainable products, such as those that are certified by EPA's Safer Choice program, or those that conform to EPA's Recommendations for Specifications, Standards and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing.

Grant Awards and Deadlines

Environmental Justice in Communities

- ▶ Individual grants \$100,000 to \$800,000
- ▶ Multi tribal or multi state up to \$1.2 million
- ▶ Deadline is **June 6, 2023**

Environmental Justice Through Safer and More Sustainable Products

- ▶ Individual grants \$100,000 to \$800,000
- ▶ Multi tribal or multi state up to \$1.2 million
- ▶ Deadline is **June 20, 2023**

- ▶ **No matching funds required**
- ▶ **Not eligible for Performance Partnership Grants**



P2 Grant Partnership Opportunity

- ▶ P2 Grant Partner Connection List
 - due April 21st, 2023
- ▶ Option to work with other tribes, states, and/or universities

What is P2?

- P2 practices may include:
 - equipment or technology modifications
 - process or procedure modification
 - reformulation or redesign of product
 - substitution of raw materials
 - improvements in housekeeping, maintenance, training, or inventory control
- Practices that decrease hazardous exposures
 - manufacturing, purchasing, and using safer and more sustainable products
- Practices that increase efficiency in resource usage (raw materials, water, energy etc)

What is NOT P2?

- Practices which alter the characteristics of a pollutant, hazardous substance, or contaminant (refer to PPA Section 66303 and 40 CFR 35.343 AND 35.662)
- Recycling, clean-up, or disposal activities
- Dealing with non-hazardous solid waste (e.g., paper/cardboard, glass, plastics, etc.)

If any of these activities represent more than a small or ancillary part of your project work, EPA will not consider the application for an award

Example Projects - EJ in Communities

- ▶ Convene industry roundtables
- ▶ Identify and conduct P2 technical assessments at a business and document best practices to be adopted broadly
- ▶ Conduct P2 assessments to look for opportunities to use lower-toxicity products and share that information
- ▶ Conduct trainings for businesses on P2 best practices and engage the wider community



Example Projects - Safer Products



- ▶ Encourage cleaning service companies to only use cleaning products certified to an ecolabel, such as EPA's Safer Choice label
- ▶ Use Safer Choice-certified products in schools in disadvantaged communities to lower exposures for students and others
- ▶ Help carpet manufacturers achieve certification for ecolabels found in the EPA Recommendations
- ▶ Increase sustainably certified paint availability for multiple users
- ▶ Accelerate substitution of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in food contact materials
- ▶ Develop sustainable purchasing plans and policies to reduce impacts for employees and customers
- ▶ Implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce pesticide exposures in affordable housing communities



Questions?

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Grants for Environmental Justice](#)