

Stakeholder Engagement/Capacity Building Pilot Opportunity FAQ

What is the pilot opportunity?

- EPA is offering an opportunity for community stakeholders and ports to participate in a pilot project to:
 - Test and refine the draft stakeholder engagement and capacity building tools:
 - *Ports Primer for Communities*
 - *Community Action Roadmap*
 - *Environmental Justice Primer for Ports*
 - Enhance community skills for building partnerships and effectively engaging in local decision-making to improve environmental health and quality of life
 - Develop an action plan and identify resources for implementing the plan
 - Equip and empower overburdened communities to influence decision-making concerning port-related goods movement
 - Improve environmental performance at ports and enhance port facilities capacity for building effective partnerships and collaboratively addressing community needs

How do community stakeholders apply? How do ports or port authorities apply?

- Community Stakeholders – After inputting your contact information, select the “Near port community” option from the [Pilot Opportunity Interest webpage](#) and complete the six questions on the application to provide broad information about your community situation.
- Ports or Port Authorities – After inputting your contact information, select the “Port or Port Authority” option from the [Pilot Opportunity Interest webpage](#) and complete the five questions on the application to provide broad information about your community situation.
- Submit the application using the online form on the [Pilot Opportunity Interest webpage](#) by August 31, 2016. If you need to submit graphics, submit them to TalkAboutPorts@epa.gov.

What kind of Technical Assistance will be provided?

- EPA will provide Technical Assistance to pilot project participants to support community stakeholders in addressing their prioritized challenges
 - Provide support for community tour to highlight local challenges
 - Provide support for workshop on how to apply engagement/capacity building tools to community's specific challenges
 - Support in developing an engagement action plan
 - Mentor support to adopt success models and strategies
 - Additional community support may include community outreach/public involvement support; conflict prevention and resolution processes; situation assessments; project evaluation measures; training workshops; research and writing case studies

How much funding will recipients receive and what are the competition rules?

- Pilot opportunity is not a grant program and does not include funding
- Community stakeholders located near port facilities and concerned about air quality impacts related to port operations can apply
- Community stakeholders with existing engagement experience with ports and other local partners, as well as community stakeholders with no or limited engagement experience may apply
- Ports with existing community engagement experience, as well as those port facilities with no interaction or in early stages of engagement with nearby communities may apply
- EPA plans to select two locations for the initial pilot projects and anticipates an approximate 12 month project duration

If I have other questions, where do I submit the question?

- Send an email to TalkAboutPorts@epa.gov