

The Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program

PC: South Carolina DHEC (Department of Health and Environmental Control) 2020 EJ Strong Project

EJG2G Program Goals

Achieve measurable and meaningful environmental and/or public health results in communities

Build broad and robust, results-oriented partnerships, particularly with community organizations within disproportionately impacted areas

Pilot activities in specific communities, which can be expanded or replicated in other geographic areas

Reinforce connections to EPA regional EJ activities and priorities

Strengthen the development and implementation of specific approaches to achieve environmental justice



2023 Fiscal Year Overview

Funding Amounts (subject to change)

- \$70,000,000 total funding available nationwide
- Approximately \$1 million per award (3-year project period)

Eligibility

- A partnership between a state and a community-based nonprofit organization
- A partnership between a tribe and a community-based nonprofit organization
- A partnership between a local government and a community-based nonprofit organization
- US Territories, Freely Associated States, and tribal governments in remote areas

New Features and Priorities

- Expanded authority (e.g., small constructions, installations, mitigations)
- Projects focusing on performing Health Impact Assessments (HIAs)
- Projects focused in rural areas and/or addressing climate change

EJG2G General Overview

In October 2009, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded funding of \$160,000 to each of five states to conduct specific projects under the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement (SEJCA) program, now known as the Environmental Justice Government-to-Government (EJG2G) Program. The purpose of this program is to support and/or create model government activities that lead to measurable environmental or public health results in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks.

The EJG2G Program was reopened in 2020 and provides funding to support eligible entities to work collaboratively with underserved communities to further understand, promote and integrate approaches that provide meaningful and measurable improvements to public health and/or the environment in those communities. The term “underserved community” refers to a community with environmental justice concerns and/or vulnerable populations and includes communities of color and indigenous communities. The awards for selected projects will be in the form of cooperative agreements because the EJG2G program requires substantial involvement and interaction between the applicant and EPA.

The Request for Applications (RFA) for the EJG2G Program will be released in **January 2023**. For more information about this program, visit:

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

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