

EPA National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call

APRIL 18, 2023

**Expanding the
Conversation**



**working for
environmental
justice**

Housekeeping



Please join by phone or computer, not both



You are on mute, please enter questions and comments into the Q&A pod



If selected to speak during dialogue, please limit comment to 1 minute



Recording and transcript will be available online in the near future

En Español

Tenemos interpretación en español disponible para aquellos que prefieren escuchar en español.

- Cómo cambiar el canal de audio en español
- Las personas pueden agregar preguntas en español al módulo de preguntas y respuestas
- Los materiales de la reunión estarán disponibles en español.



Spanish-language interpretation is available for those who prefer to listen in Spanish.

- ☐ *How to switch to Spanish language audio channel*
- ☐ *Individuals can add questions in Spanish to the Q&A Pod*
- ☐ *Meeting materials will be made available in Spanish.*

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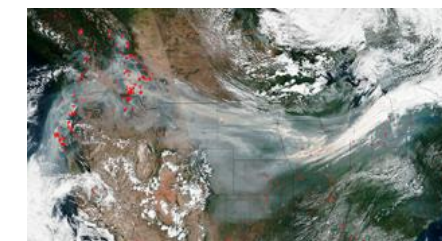
Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings

Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Indoor Environments Division

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Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Overview

- **Program goal:** Improve public health protection against smoke from wildfires by enhancing preparedness in community buildings.
- Awarding competitive **grants and cooperative agreements** to States, Tribes, public pre-schools, local educational agencies, and non-profit organizations.
- Aim to prioritize projects in communities that have a demonstrated wildfire smoke risk, that target public buildings or buildings that serve the public, and that serve disadvantaged communities or vulnerable populations.
- Eligible project types include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - Smoke readiness planning
 - Outreach and training
 - Indoor and outdoor air quality monitoring
 - Deployment of portable air cleaners
 - Identification and preparation of cleaner air shelters
 - Significant improvements to buildings, such as upgrading and repairing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) units or systems and weatherization necessary to protect occupants from hazards stemming from wildfires

Overview (continued)

- **Total estimated funding** available for awards: **\$10.67 million**
 - Approximately **13–18 grants**, ranging from **\$100,000 to \$2 million**.
 - Maximum of **25% of total funding** may go to award recipients in any **one state**.
- **10% cost share requirement** may be waived for facilities in economically distressed communities.
- Funded assistance agreements will have up to **3-year periods of performance**.

For details about the program:

- NOFO on Grants.gov:
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=347058>
 - Applications are due by May 9, 11:59 p.m. EDT, via Grants.gov.
- Submit questions to IEDGrantsAdminTeam@epa.gov through April 27th
- EPA grants webpage:
<https://www.epa.gov/grants/wildfire-smoke-preparedness-community-buildings>
 - Questions and Answers are posted here weekly during the NOFO open period.
 - The slides and recording of Information Session will also be posted.
- Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings Grant Program website:
<https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/wildfire-smoke-preparedness-community-buildings-grant-program>

Inflation Reduction Act: Methane Emissions Reduction Program Virtual Listening Sessions

EPA is hosting listening sessions on the financial and technical assistance provisions of the Methane Emissions Reduction Program, a new \$1.55 billion program authorized by the Inflation Reduction Act.

The Methane Emissions Reduction Program will reduce methane emissions by offering financial assistance, which may include grants, rebates, contracts, and loans, and technical assistance to a broad range of eligible recipients, with at least \$700 million used for activities at marginal conventional wells.

Listening Sessions:

- Tuesday, May 2, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ET: Listening Session for General Audiences
- Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET: Listening Session for State and Local Governments
- Wednesday, May 3, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ET: Listening Session for Non-Governmental Organizations, Community and Environmental Justice Groups
- Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET: Listening Session for Tribal Governments
- Tuesday, May 9, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ET: Listening Session for Industry, Small Businesses, and Labor Groups

Interested in making oral comments? Please register in advance for a 3-minute speaking slot.

Register at <https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/forms/methane-emissions-reduction-program-listening-sessions>