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Environmental Justice Fund Information Session

September 14, 2020 | 5:30-6:30pm

Tech Overview





Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment

Background



A blueprint for advancing race & social justice in Seattle's environmental work





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Seattle's Environmental Justice Committee and the Environmental Justice Fund





Overview

...a grant opportunity for community-led projects that improve environmental conditions, respond to impacts of climate change and get us closer to achieving environmental justice.

This year, also seeking to fund projects that address the impacts of COVID-19 connected to community and environmental health.



Eligibility & What We Fund

Who – Community Based Organizations & community groups with 501(c)3 status OR a fiscal sponsor with 501(c)3 status

What - Projects can be focused on:

- Capacity building
- Ongoing visioning
- Community education
- Collaboration or other efforts addressing climate and community health



Funding Restrictions

- Individuals are ineligible for funding
- Acquisition of real property or land
- Construction of buildings
- Maintenance of existing facilities and physical improvements to non-natural areas of parks or existing recreational facilities that do not have a clear environmental justice purpose
 - Includes park benches, shelters, and sidewalks.
- Projects that are not accessible by the public
- Scholarships

If you are seeking funding for any of the above, let us know and we will recommend grant opportunities that could fund them.



2020 Funding & Timeline

- \$500,000 in total grant funds
- Up to \$60,000/proposal (\$10,000 minimum)
- 18-months beginning January 2021





Review Process & Criteria

Environmental Justice Committee members make up the Review Committee

Criteria includes:

- Project
- Target audience
- Community engagement
- Organization/leadership
- Other considerations



Attributes of Successful Proposals

Project:

- Clear environmental justice and/or climate justice outcomes
- Address COVID-19 impacts
- Racial justice is lived organizational value
- Black, Indigenous and People of Color are supported to lead

Target audience:

Black, Indigenous and People of Color benefit from the project/work

Organization/Leadership

- Ties to community
- Leadership reflects community served

Community engagement

Community is involved in planning, leadership & implementation of the project

Other Considerations

- Geographical diversity
 - Historically underfunded communities & neighborhoods

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Cultural and/or ethic diversity



Where to Apply & Ask Questions

Visit seattle.gov/environment/ejfund

- 2020 Environmental Justice Fund Guidelines
- <u>2020 Environmental Justice Fund Application</u>
 <u>Full 2020 application</u> available for reference

Email <u>equityenviro@seattle.gov</u>

Call (206) 615-0817



Questions?

