

Notice of Funding Opportunity

Funding Opportunity Title:Mountains and Plains Environmental Justice
(MAP EJ) Grants Hub - Thriving Communities

Environmental Justice Grants

Funding Mechanism: Option to apply for Competitive Grants or a

limited number of Non-Competitive Grants

for severely capacity constrained

organizations

Total Amount Available: \$40 Million total over a three year project

period (2025-2027)

Number of Awards Anticipated: A total of approximately 200 over three

funding cycles, each about 6 months apart.

For cycle I we anticipate making

approximately 80 awards.

Award Amounts: Minimum of \$75,000 to a maximum of

\$350,000

Important Dates: Cycle 1 NOFO Opening Date: October 28,

2024

Application Closing Date: December 12, 2024

Anticipated Award Timeline: 3-4 months

after the application closes

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency selected the Mountains and Plains Environmental Justice Grants Hub (administered by JSI Research and Training Institute, Inc.) as the Region 8 Grantmaker for the Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking (EJ TCGM) Program. The TCGM program aims to reduce barriers to federal funds and create environmental justice subgrants for eligible organizations throughout EPA Region 8.

The MAP EJ Grants Hub will distribute funds in multiple application cycles. Within each cycle, there are three tiers of competitive grants:

Tier 1 Grants: Assessment | up to \$150,000 | 1 Year

+ Pilot ten \$75,000 non-competitive fixed amount awards for severely capacity-constrained organizations

Tier 2 Grants: Planning | up to \$250,000 | 1-2 Years

Tier 3 Grants: Development | up to \$350,000 | 2 Years

Applicants may apply for up to two awards per cycle. Separate applications are available for competitive and non-competitive awards. For more information on eligibility, restrictions, and requirements, please visit the <u>resources page</u>.