



## **Environmental Justice Capacity Building Grants Frequently Asked Questions**

**Is my group eligible to apply if we do environmental justice work that is not centered in our organization’s mission?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply for funding under this opportunity if you are seeking to build capacity to carry out any environmental justice work (please refer to the Request For Applications for examples of environmental justice issues for further reference). Be sure to review the application questions carefully—particularly Question 8, which deals directly with defining your organization’s environmental justice focus—in considering how best to make your case for grant funding.

**Can we apply for support to build more effective partnerships?**

Yes! This kind of support is covered under the “Operational and Administrative Development” capacity area listed in the RFP. For more information and ideas about the kinds of capacity supported by this grant, please refer to page 3 of the RFA.

**Can we join forces and co-apply for funding with a partner organization?**

Absolutely. You will need to decide which organization will serve as the requesting organization, which is the organization responsible for submitting the request, uploading official documentation, and completing progress

reports. That said, you will want to consider carefully how to identify the mutual capacities of the partnership being developed and directly address whether the geographical areas that stand to benefit from this mutual capacity building are considered [Potential Environmental Justice Areas](http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html) (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/public/911.html>) by the Department of Environmental Conservation, especially if different areas stand to benefit.

**Are municipalities eligible to apply?**

No. To be eligible for this opportunity, applicants must be or apply through a 501(c)(3)-designated entity and must have an annual revenue of \$4 million or less (based on the applicant's IRS Form 990 from the previous year).