Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (EJ TCTAC) Program

Examples of EJ Technical Assistance

Grant proposal preparation assistance

Manage federal grants (e.g., accounting, policies, controls)

Identify funding sources to apply for (federal, state, local, private)
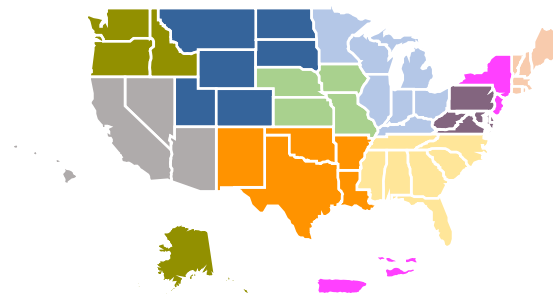
Navigate SAM.gov and Grants.gov registration process and other portals related to grants

Provide capacity building to engage with decisionmakers at all levels of government

Background

The formation of the EJ technical assistance centers, in partnership with the Department of Energy, is in direct response to feedback from communities and environmental justice leaders who have asked for readily accessible technical assistance to help with their long-term EJ goals and to help build their capacity to access federal and other resources. There will be 17 regionally and nationally based TCTACs featuring over **160** partners to provide assistance benefiting communities throughout the US.

Guam

Trust Territories

American Samoa

Northern Mariana Islands

Goal

This network of Regional and National Technical Assistance (TA) Centers will provide free technical assistance, training, and capacity-building support to communities and stakeholders who need it most.

- **National TCTACS**: Each will coordinate with the Regional TCTACs, develop national databases/clearinghouses, host TCTAC summits, etc.
- **Regional TCTACS**: Each will provide direct support and TA to communities and stakeholders in specific regional/geographic area(s)

For more information please visit:
https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-thriving-communities-technical-assistance-centers

Regional TCTAC Selections

Region 1
- University of Connecticut

Region 2
- West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.
- Inter-American University of Puerto Rico-Metro Campus

Region 3
- National Wildlife Federation

Region 4
- Research Triangle Institute

Region 5
- Blacks in Green
- University of Minnesota

Region 4 & 6
- Deep South Center for EJ

Region 6
- New Mexico State University

Region 7
- Wichita State University

Region 9
- University of Arizona
- San Diego State University

Region 10
- Willamette Partnership
- University of Washington

National TCTAC Selections

- Institute for Sustainable Communities
- National Indian Health Board
- International City/County Management Association

Funding & Timeline

- **At least $10 Million per EJ** TCTAC funded incrementally over a **5-year** project period
- Selection: End of March 2023
- Awards and open centers: April – June 2023