

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The Honorable Chellie Pingree Chair, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jeff Merkley Chair, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable David Joyce Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Committee on Appropriations United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members:

The Explanatory Statement accompanying the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022 instructs the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide information on its Environmental Justice Program, specifically:

[T] he Agency is directed to provide the Committees with a spend plan 30 days after enactment of this Act and to provide a subsequent comprehensive briefing on how Environmental Justice work will be conducted across the Agency.

The enclosed table provides the requested spend plan information. In the near future, the EPA will schedule a briefing on environmental justice efforts across the agency. The EPA appreciates Congressional interest and support of its Environmental Justice Program. The agency looks forward to working with Congress on the Administration's priority to advance environmental justice in communities across the United States.

If you have further questions or would like to set up a meeting to discuss this report, please contact Ed Walsh at (202) 564-4594 or walsh.ed@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

FY 2022 Estimated Resources for EPA's Environmental Justice (EJ) Program

This table provides detailed allocations for EPA's Environmental Justice Program:

FY 2022 Estimated Resources and FTE for Environmental Justice Program			
Appropriation	Dollar in Thousands Program Activities	FY 2022 Estimated Resources ¹	FY 2022 Estimated FTE ¹
EPM	HQ Office of Environmental Justice (EJ) Program Management and Coordination	\$15,149.8	78.8
EPM	HQ EJ Program Coordination and Support (through other National Program Managers and offices)	\$2,472.0	12
EPM	EJScreen and Information Tools	\$2,000.0	
EPM	Environmental Justice Community Grant Program ^{2,4}	\$5,000.0	
EPM	Environmental Justice Competitive Grant Program ²	\$15,000.0	
EPM	Environmental Justice Community Technical Assistance for Capacity Building	\$11,000.0	
EPM	State, Tribes, and Territories Environmental Justice Grants and Technical Assistance	\$20,000.0	
EPM	Federal Advisory Councils (e.g., White House (WH) EJ Inter-Agency Council Support / National EJ Advisory Council / WHEJ Advisory Council Support)	\$1,000.0	
EPM	Agency Technical Assistance, Research, Training, Education and Communication	\$3,000.0	
EPM	Regional Resources for Environmental Justice Program	\$19,537.2	110
Subtotal of EPM Environmental Justice Resources and FTE		\$94,159.0	200.8
Superfund	Superfund Environmental Justice Program Coordination ³	\$5,841.0	5.5
Subtotal of Superfund Environmental Justice Resources and FTE		\$5,841.0	5.5
Total FY 2022 Estimated Resources and FTE for Environmental Justice Program \$100,000.0			206.3

¹ Estimated program activity resources represent non-payroll resources with the exception of HQ EJ Program Management and Coordination and Regional Resources for Environmental Justice Program. EPA will allocate FTE to support the program activities either from the HQ EJ Program Management and Coordination or Regional Resources for Environmental Justice Program, as appropriate.

² The Environmental Justice Small Grants Program has been renamed as the Environmental Justice Community Grant Program. The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Grants Program has been renamed as the Environmental Justice Competitive Grant Program.

³ The Superfund Environmental Justice Program Coordination includes resources in support of the Agency's Superfund Program and will include the following: coordination and support for HQ activities that align with or focus on Superfund issues such as efforts of the NEJAC Superfund working group, collaboration with Superfund on data enhancements for EJScreen and other information tools, collaboration of EJ program staff with the Superfund program on equity and justice efforts, and coordination of regional staff with Superfund staff and Community Involvement Coordinators on place-based EJ and Superfund issues of clean-up, risk communication, engagement, and revitalization.

⁴The Environmental Justice Community Grant Program will prioritize a set-aside of program funding for community air quality awareness platform pilots.