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COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE INFORMATION SESSION

August 16th, 2022

USING ZOOM

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions (10 minutes)
2. Overview of Grant Program and Community Advisory Committee (15 minutes)
3. Question and Answer (30 minutes)
4. Closing and Next Steps (5 minutes)

Please note: this session is being recorded

OVERVIEW OF GRANT PROGRAM

- \$400K for formation of EJ Community Participation Fund
- Communities most impacted by environmental hazards often experience the greatest barriers to participation
- Community-based organizations are often better-positioned to identify and address barriers at the community level than state agencies

GRANT STRUCTURE



COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- 9-12 Committee Members
- Participate in two Zoom orientation sessions:
 - Tuesday, September 6th from 6-7:30pm
 - Tuesday, September 20th from 6-7:30pm

SMALL GROUPS:

1. RFP development, scoping, review [October]
2. Evaluation criteria development [October]
3. Review grant applications and select grantee [November-December]

EXPECTATIONS



COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Participate fully in orientations and small groups
- Identify and communicate potential conflict of interest
- Center equity and environmental justice



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- Provide facilitation and technical assistance to committee
- Act as liaison between agency and committee
- Coordinate resources and communication for committee
- Center equity, environmental justice, and community leadership

CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

If you meet the following criteria, you are welcome to apply:

1. Hold deep relationships within communities experiencing disproportionate impact of environmental pollution, including but not limited to:
 - Communities in areas of high environmental pollutant exposure
 - Unhoused communities
 - Low-income communities
 - Communities of color
 - Communities on Tribal land
 - Immigrant and refugee communities
 - Communities with a high rate of limited English proficiency
2. Understand environmental justice issues faced by communities in Washington state
3. Have demonstrated experience and commitment to equitable and anti-racist community engagement

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

You may not apply if:

1. You are an employee or representative of an organization that is considering applying for the grant
2. You are an employee or representative of an organization that may wish to access sub-grants from the Environmental Justice Community Participation Fund
3. You or a direct family member may financially benefit from these grant funds in another way

If you are unsure if these apply to you, please contact DOH staff to discuss. What is important to answer is can you be fair in the decision-making process?

It is okay if you don't know the answers to this right now. There will be other opportunities to identify potential conflict of interest.

COMPENSATION

- Each Community Advisory Committee member will receive \$1000 in VISA gift cards
 - Estimated time commitment: 20-22 hours between September-December
 - Compensation rate: \$45/hour
- To receive compensation, you will need to fill out a 1099 tax form
 - This requires an address and social security number
 - This is considered taxable income and may impact access to income-dependent services like TANF or SNAP

NEXT STEPS

Applications are due Sunday, August 21st, 2022 at 9pm!

You can apply using SurveyMonkey or by filling out an application in Word and sending to leah.wood@doh.wa.gov

We accept both written and audio recording responses for the long-answer questions. Please do not send video responses.

We expect to select committee members by August 28th, 2022.

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