
**NIEHS CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXPOSURE AND DISEASE (CEED)
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE
PILOT GRANT PROGRAM**

**REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS:
COVID-19 AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE**

Applications Deadline: Rolling

The NIEHS Center for Environmental Exposures and Disease (CEED), in collaboration with the Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI), is soliciting applications for community-engaged research as part of its 2020-21 Mini-Pilot Project Program. Grants of up to \$10,000 will support new Environmental Health and Justice research in partnership with community-based organizations. CEED is funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS, P30-ES005022).

The mission of CEED's Community Engagement Core is to work with New Jersey communities to identify, investigate, and act to address environmental health concerns. The **COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND JUSTICE PILOT GRANT PROGRAM** fosters collaborations between community-based organizations and CEED scientists who will be co-leaders in investigations driven by community environmental health and justice concerns. **CURRENT SPECIAL EMPHASIS: COVID-19 and Environmental Health and Justice.**

Priority will be given to projects that:

- (a) identify, investigate, and address environmental health and justice concerns in New Jersey communities
- (b) foster substantive partnerships among researchers and community members
- (c) promote education and awareness of environmental health issues in communities through outreach and engagement
- (d) are likely to become the basis for a larger funded initiative.
- (e) explore the environmental health and justice impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in New Jersey, especially in low income populations and communities of color.

A maximum of \$10,000 will be available for each grant. Co-Investigator(s) must be Rutgers CEED/EOHSI faculty.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Each proposal must include the following components:

PROJECT NARRATIVE: up to two pages (single-spaced, 11 pt. font, 1" margins):

- A. Title of Project
- B. Co-Investigators (include names, titles, addresses, e-mail and phone numbers)
- C. Hypothesis- (Questions that the community-scientist partnership will answer through the proposed research)
- D. Background
- E. Goals
- F. Community engagement Plan
- G. Timeline
- H. Desired Results, Outcomes: **
 - Enhance scientific discovery relevant to environmental health; publications
 - Grant applications to NIH, especially NIEHS
- H. Relevance to CEED mission (see p. 1)

PROPOSAL APPENDICES (do not count toward the 2-page maximum):

- A. References and Supporting Documentation
- B. Biosketch in NIH format; <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms/biosketch.htm> (*Scientist only*)
- C. Other Support Page in NIH format:
<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/othersupport.pdf> (*Scientist only*)
- D. Budget and Budget Justification

Budget Considerations:

- Direct Costs only - Indirect costs are not permissible **NIEHS RULES**
- Undergraduate stipends up to \$6,000/year (\$3,000/semester) are allowable.
- No equipment, travel, graduate student stipends, or faculty salary will be supported.
- Awards will not be granted to the same investigators more than 2 consecutive years

Review Process

The Director of the Pilot Project Program in conjunction with the Center Director and the CEC Director will review all applications. Applicants are encouraged to discuss potential projects prior to submission.

Awards and Reporting

Successful applicants will be sent award letters, including instructions regarding expenditure of funds. All funds must be spent within the project year. Funded applicants may be asked to give an oral presentation of the project outcome at an NIEHS Center members' meeting.

Human subjects: list and attach any active IRB protocol that is appropriate or can be easily amended to include projected studies