

# EPA Near-port Community Capacity Building/ Stakeholder Engagement Pilot Project Opportunity

## What is the pilot opportunity?

EPA is offering an opportunity for community stakeholders and ports to participate in pilot projects to:

- Test and refine the draft stakeholder engagement and capacity building tools:
  - **Ports Primer for Communities**  
[Draft Ports Primer for Communities \(PDF\)](#)
  - **Community Action Roadmap**  
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  - **Environmental Justice Primer for Ports**  
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- Enhance community skills for building partnerships and effectively engaging in local decision-making to improve environmental health and quality of life
- Develop an action plan and identify resources for implementing the plan
- Equip and empower overburdened communities to influence decision-making about port-related goods movement
- Improve environmental performance at ports and enhance port facilities capacity for building effective partnerships and collaboratively addressing community needs

## What kind of Technical Assistance will be provided?

EPA will provide Technical Assistance to pilot project participants to support community stakeholders in addressing their prioritized challenges:

- Provide support for community tour to highlight local challenges
- Provide support for workshop on how to apply engagement/capacity building tools to community's specific challenges
- Support in developing an engagement action plan
- Mentor support to adopt success models and strategies
- Additional community support may include community outreach/public involvement support; conflict prevention and resolution processes; situation assessments; project evaluation measures; training workshops; research and writing case studies

## **How much funding will recipients receive and what are the competition rules?**

- Pilot opportunity is not a grant program and does not include funding
- Community stakeholders located near port facilities and concerned about air quality impacts related to port operations can apply
- Community stakeholders with existing engagement experience with ports and other local partners, as well as community stakeholders with no or limited engagement experience may apply
- Ports with existing community engagement experience, as well as those port facilities with no interaction or in early stages of engagement with nearby communities may apply
- EPA plans to select multiple locations for the initial pilot projects and anticipates an approximate 12-month project duration. Additional pilot projects involving varying environmental conditions and goods movement profiles are planned to expand the utility of the tools and to extend the capacity building potential of interested stakeholders.

## **If I have other questions, where do I submit the question?**

Send an email to [TalkAboutPorts@epa.gov](mailto:TalkAboutPorts@epa.gov)

## **Please visit our website for updates about the Pilot Project Opportunity and for port-related program activities:**

<https://www.epa.gov/ports-initiative>