



# California Hazardous Waste Protection Fund

This funding opportunity is borne out of a settlement between the State of California and Alameda County with the Dish Network California Service Corporation over alleged violations involving hazardous waste disposal and other mismanagement of hazardous waste practices. The Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment is administering a grants program to support disadvantaged communities working on hazardous waste and toxics related issues throughout the State.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicant must meet all of the following criteria:

- **Projects Supported:** Projects must be designed to prevent or mitigate hazardous waste contamination or provide education about the proper disposal of hazardous wastes. This includes items that fall under the universal waste category<sup>1</sup> and come primarily from discarded consumer products containing mercury, lead, cadmium, or other substances that are hazardous to human health and the environment.
- **Applicant requirements:** The applicant must demonstrate the capacity to complete the proposed project, including experience in successfully conducting similar or otherwise related work in the past.
- **Environmental Justice:** Projects must benefit underserved, vulnerable, Environmental Justice communities or Disadvantaged Communities (DACs) in California as designated by [CalEnvironScreen](#) and should demonstrate a high degree of community support and community involvement. While the applicant's offices may be located outside of the DAC, they must explain how the proposed work will benefit particular DACs.
- **Grant amount:** Established non-profit organizations are encouraged to seek grants in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range. The Rose Foundation also welcomes proposals from small grassroots conservation and environmental justice groups, but the requested amount should be in the \$5,000 to \$7,500 range *and not exceed 25% of your organization's typical annual expenses.*
- **Duration of Support:** Most grants are for a one-year period; however, you do not have to ask for a one-year grant. It is permitted to request a shorter or longer grant period if that is what you need.
- **Non-profit Status:** Applicants must be a 501(c)3 organization, fiscally-sponsored by a 501(c)3, or a governmental or tribal entity.

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<sup>1</sup> Universal Waste is a term defined under California Health and Safety Code section 25201.16 and California Code of Regulations, title 22, section 66261.7. These regulations describe 8 categories of products discarded from households and businesses that contain hazardous materials.



## EXAMPLES OF ALLOWABLE PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Eligible projects include, but are not necessarily limited to:

- **Educational workshops** on the proper disposal of hazardous wastes (including universal wastes), including, e- waste, batteries, and aerosols;
- **Community awareness** on how universal wastes and hazardous wastes impact communities and their associated watersheds, soils, and wildlife;
- **Prevention** of hazardous waste contamination, including toxic wastes, and educating communities about dangers of exposure associated with hazardous wastes;
- **Mitigation** of sites contaminated by hazardous waste (as classified by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC); and
- **Testing** to evaluate hazardous waste levels in soil, air, water, and/or homes in and around disadvantaged communities.

Priority is given to organizations grounded in the communities they serve and addressing important local problems, but who are also thinking strategically about how their work fits into the larger landscape of environmental challenges we face today. The California Hazardous Waste Protection Fund's overarching goals are to reduce and appropriately manage hazardous wastes (including universal wastes) in Environmental Justice or Disadvantaged Communities and mitigate their impacts in a way that improves both environmental and physical health outcomes and builds resiliency.

## EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWABLE

The following project activities may not be conducted with any SEP funds:

- Lobbying
- Litigation
- **Advocacy-based projects that contradict an established agency or position of the State of California are not allowed.**

## HOW TO APPLY

Please check all eligibility requirements before starting the online application. We have limited funding available and will take application on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. To apply, first submit a brief LOI. Projects that are deemed eligible will be invited to submit a full application. The Rose Foundation does not accept any LOI or application materials outside of our grants portal. The LOI form can be accessed online at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=rosefdn>