# EPA REGION I **ENVIRONMENTAL** JUSTICE PROGRAM

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## EPA REGION I'S ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

- Environmental Justice, Community Health, and Environmental Review Division
  - Environmental Justice (EJ), Children's Environmental Health (CEH), Environmental Education (EE) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Multidisciplinary team focused on addressing environmental and public health issues in overburdened and underserved communities in New England
- Environmental Justice Specialists Roles
  - > Serve as project officers for specific grant programs
  - Support State and Local Government in community engagement
  - > Serve as a resource liaison to bring services to overburdened and underserved communities
  - Provide programmatic support and technical assistance to improve environment and public health in communities.

# PREVIEW: HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

A competitive grant program that works with communities to support EPA's mission to reduce environmental risks, protect and improve human health and improve quality of life. The Healthy Communities Grant Program will achieve these goals by identifying and funding projects that:

- Target resources to benefit communities at risk (environmental justice areas of potential concern and/or sensitive populations [e.g., children, elderly, tribes, urban and rural residents, and others at increased risk]).
- Assess, understand, and reduce environmental and human health risks.
- Increase collaboration through partnerships and community-based projects.
- Build institutional and community capacity to understand and solve environmental and human health problems.
- Achieve measurable environmental and human health benefits.

# PREVIEW: HEALTHY COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

#### **Target Investment Areas:**

Areas near New England Ports that are being Redeveloped to Support Offshore Wind and Related Industries; Environmental Justice Areas of Potential Concern; Geographic Priority Areas or Sectors in Northern & Southern New England; and/or Sensitive Populations

#### **Target Program Areas:**

Capacity Building on Environmental and/or Public Health Issues; Clean, Green, and Healthy Schools; Energy Efficiency; Healthy Indoor Environments; Healthy Outdoor Environments; Pollution Prevention; and Sustainable Materials Management

#### Funding:

\$40,000 maximum project value for 1-2 year projects

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