

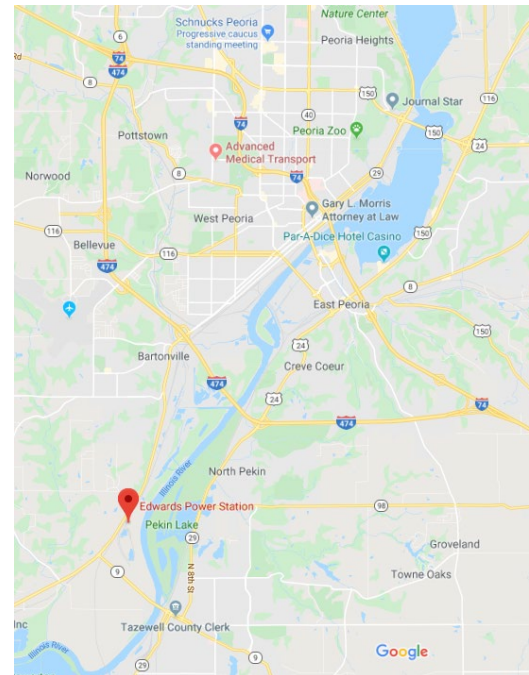


Edwards Settlement Fund Distribution Request for Proposals

December 3, 2019

Background

- ▶ 2013 lawsuit alleging Edwards plant violation of the Clean Air Act
- ▶ August 2016 U.S. District Court finding in favor of plaintiffs
- ▶ November 2019 court-approved settlement requiring closure by the end of 202 and payment of \$8.6 to fund community projects



Eligibility

- ▶ 501(c)(3) nonprofits
- ▶ Local government agencies in Central Illinois
- ▶ Universities, colleges, junior colleges and other schools in Central Illinois
- ▶ Preference to organizations with rich history of engagement with the impacted segments of the community

Communities of Concern

- ▶ Displaced Edwards plant workers
- ▶ Segments of the community harmed by Edwards air pollution
- ▶ Segments of the community impacted by climate change
- ▶ Segments of the community impacted by decades of socioeconomic and racial injustice
- ▶ Fenceline communities in Bartonville, Pekin and adjacent areas
- ▶ Due to prevailing winds and the Illinois River valley topography, Peoria's South Side

Types of Projects

\$1.72 million

- ▶ **Training** and wrap-around workforce services at Central Illinois schools, training hubs, community centers and churches
- ▶ Accessible to displaced workers and the **Communities of Concern**

\$6.88 million

- ▶ Up to 50% to **Lung Health** programs for education, medical access/intervention and air-quality-related home improvements
- ▶ Up to 50% to **Electric Buses** for public schools or public transit fleets
- ▶ Up to 50% to **Energy Efficiency** for low-income housing, both owner-occupied and rental
- ▶ Up to 25% to **Solar** projects for schools, churches, government buildings, affordable housing and low-income owner-occupied homes

Time Line

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| Nov 21, 2019 | RFP opened |
| Today | RFP informational sessions |
| Jan 13, 2020 | Proposals due at 5PM CDT |
| Jan 13-24, 2020 | Screened applicants asked to give 15-minute in-person presentation and participate in an up-to-30-minute Q&A |
| Feb 3, 2020 | Final deadline for any requested info from competitive projects |
| Feb 7, 2020 | Selected projects notified |
| Feb 11, 2020 | Selected projects and funding commitments presented to the public, the U.S. District Court and the Department of Justice |

Advisory Team

- ▶ Three plaintiffs - Sierra Club, Natural Resources Defense Council, Respiratory Health Association
- ▶ Allied community partners - Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance, Illinois People's Action and NAACP Peoria branch



Proposal Screening and Selection

- ▶ Applicant eligibility screening
- ▶ Project eligibility screening
- ▶ Proposal completeness
- ▶ Presentation and Q&A
- ▶ Ability to provide additional information if requested
- ▶ Qualitative assessment (50%)
- ▶ Quantitative assessment (50%) based on scoring criteria in the following areas:
 - ▶ Project credibility
 - ▶ Applicant credibility
 - ▶ Project Benefits

Elements of Your Proposal

- ▶ Cover sheet
- ▶ Project description - best practices, robust metrics, outcomes that capture the benefit to displaced workers and the **Communities of Concern**
- ▶ Timeline - milestones, metrics reporting, final outcomes closely tied to funding disbursement
- ▶ Budget - Itemized funding and fixed/scalable expenses
- ▶ Applicant description - organizational history, leadership qualifications, capacity and demonstration of deep community collaboration
- ▶ Population served - comprehensive recruitment and beneficiary selection process that breaks down barriers to participation
- ▶ Benefits

Quantitative Scoring Criteria

Project Credibility

- ▶ Best practices
- ▶ Milestones/metrics
- ▶ Outcomes
- ▶ Budget
- ▶ Cost-effective
- ▶ Leverage additional funding
- ▶ Timeline
- ▶ Simple to administer

Applicant Credibility

- ▶ Central Illinois based
- ▶ Strong community support
- ▶ Skilled leadership
- ▶ Experience with similar grants
- ▶ Leadership from under-represented groups
- ▶ Capacity
- ▶ Past successes

Project Benefits

- ▶ Recruitment plan
- ▶ Break down barriers to participation
- ▶ Serve geographies in the **Communities of Concern**
- ▶ Provide details on beneficiary selection
- ▶ Create jobs and build wealth
- ▶ Replicable model
- ▶ Benefits at the highest levels

Proposals due Monday,
January 13, 5PM CDT

For More Information

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