

Sierra Club Maryland Criteria for Funding

Jemez Principles- Equity Values

Criteria

- **The following aspects will be strongly considered in reviewing funding requests / grant applicants:**
 - The proposed project would facilitate the inclusion of communities that are underrepresented in the Maryland Sierra Club and/or in environmental advocacy efforts and decision making processes.
 - Proposed project requests funds to make programs/events more accessible and inclusive to everyone. This may include funds that remove barriers to people with disabilities, people that speak different languages, people with childcare needs, people that need transportation to get to events, etc. in order to participate.
 - Proposed projects include environmental justice initiatives and/or work with communities fighting for environmental and economic justice.

- **Grant applicants and applications shall meet the following requirements:**
 - Shall be a Maryland resident or an organization based in Maryland.
 - Shall fit within Sierra Club's mission, including Sierra Club's [equity goals](#) and [policies](#) including having a measurable environmental or public health impact: result in reduction of pollution, greenhouse gas, preservation or stewardship of land, air and water.
 - Proposed project may include issues for which the Maryland Chapter does not have an active campaign.
 - Application should clearly define the project, timeline, and how resources will be used.
 - Applicants will disclose what resources are currently accessible to them/their organization and how critical the need is for Maryland Sierra Club funding, including any requests for funding from other divisions of Sierra Club for the same project.
 - Proposed project events shall be open to all.