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NIH Environmental Justice Initiative

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Executive Order 14096 - Secretary Becerra's Request:

- Coordinate across NIH to assist OEJ in identifying specific resources to advance Environmental Justice. Identify three strategic and transformative EJ actions:



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Renewal of the Environmental Health Disparities (EHD) Centers

- **NIMHD (lead), NIEHS, and NICHD currently support 3 EHD Centers** focused on better understanding how environmental factors (e.g., air and water quality) and social determinants of health (SDOH) contribute to health disparities
- **The EHD Center renewal is a key activity of the NIH EJ Working Group** where we hope to grow the program with additional ICO support
- Next generation of EHD Centers will have a specific emphasis on environmental justice



Center for Native American
Environmental Health Equity
Research



Maternal and Infant
Environmental Health Riskscape
(MIEHR) Research Center



Maternal and Developmental
Risks from Environmental and
Social Stressors (MADRES)

Environmental Justice Scholars Program

Overview

- **Bring to NIH scholars with diverse expertise and knowledge of EJ**, composed of leaders from academia, health care, public health, and community-based organizations.
- **Scholars will work with NIH staff to address a range of environmental justice issues** such as environmental and occupational health disparities, racial equity, and climate-related research.
- **Scholars will receive a stipend** based on need and time commitment and will be hosted by a participating ICO.

Outcomes

- Increased awareness of and skills to address EJ issues
- Advance EJ-related research, programs, or other NIH/ICO projects
- Grow and strengthen a network of EJ resource experts
- Contribute to NIH's goals to support underserved and under resourced communities

Activities

- **Education and Training**
 - Host internal and external seminars
 - Develop workshops and training courses
- **Public Engagement**
 - Develop infographics
 - Write journal articles, opinion pieces, commentaries, and blog posts
- **Data Collection, Analysis and Utilization**
 - Establish or inform dataset workbooks
 - Conduct portfolio analyses

Stipend

- Scholars will receive a stipend of up to \$25,000
- Scholars will also receive travel support to in-person meetings

Environmental Justice Training Program

Community Training Program, Researchers & Staff Training Program

Key Objectives

- **Community Training Program:** Build the capacity of at-risk communities to address current and emerging environmental threats through customized and tailored trainings on environmental health data access and use, and evidence-based research design.
- **Researcher and Staff Training Program:** Train NIH staff and researchers on the fundamentals of environmental justice, health disparities, community engaged and participatory research, and citizen science.

Specific Aims

- **Community Training Program**
 - Design resources to build community capacity to address environmental threats.
 - Serve as a resource and partner to community stakeholders
- **Researcher and Staff Training Program**
 - Design resources focused on community-based participatory research, implementation science, cultural competency and environmental justice training

Activities

- **Community Training Program**
 - Develop working partnership to collaboratively develop customized trainings
 - Support community-level environmental health research activities and initiatives
- **Researcher and Staff Training Program**
 - Develop and propose new approaches and opportunities for researcher-community engagement
 - Develop EHD and EJ training resources

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ICO Commitments as of 6/24/2024

Activity 1: EHD Centers	Activity 2: EJ Scholars	Activity 3: EJ Training
NCI	FIC	NCCIH
NICHD	NCCIH	NIA
NIDCD	NIA	NIEHS
NIEHS	NIAID	ODP
NIMHD	NIAMS	
	NIDCR	
	NIDDK	
	NIEHS	
	NIMH	
	NINR	
	NIH/OBSSR	
	NIH/ODS	



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Discussion & Questions



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Thank you!



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