Green Jobs Corps – Creating a New Generation of New Haven Environmental Justice Leaders
A Proposal to the EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
Common Ground – New Haven Ecology Project
EJSG THRESHOLD ELIGIBILITY FORM

This form will be used primarily to determine if you meet all the eligibility requirements. You must address the following areas:

1) **Applicant Eligibility.** Incorporated non-profit organizations including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions; federally recognized tribal governments; or tribal organizations……. ☑

My organization is located within the same region, territory, commonwealth, or tribe that the proposed project will be located (identify)..... ☑

In addition, eligible applicants must demonstrate that they have worked directly with the affected community.

The following entities are **INELIGIBLE** to receive a grant. However, we encourage partnerships with these organizations for technical assistance:

• colleges and universities;
• hospitals;
• state and local governments and their entities;
• quasi-governmental entities (e.g., water districts, utilities)*;
• national organizations and chapters of the aforementioned organizations**;
• non-profit organizations described in Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code that engage in lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995;*** and
• Organizations acting only as “fiscal agents”

* Generally, a quasi-governmental entity is one that: (1) has a close association with the government agency, but is not considered a part of the government agency; (2) was created by the government agency, but is exempt from certain legal and administrative requirements imposed on government agencies; or (3) was not created by the government agency but performs a public purpose and is significantly supported financially by the government agency.

** National organizations are defined as comprising of one centralized headquarters or principal place of business that creates and controls the mission, structure and work carried out by its chapters or affiliates.

*** Funds awarded under this announcement may not be used to support lobbying activities or any activities related to lobbying or the appearance thereof.

2) **Qualified Environmental Statutes.** Below is a list of qualified environmental statutes. Each project, **including projects addressing community climate resiliency**, must include activities related to **at least one** of the Qualified Environmental Statutes listed under Section I.C. Any failure to clearly and conclusively identify and cite at least one of the federal statutes in your work plan may result in your project not being considered for award.

• Clean Water Act, Section 104(b) (3)..... ☑
• Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442(b)(3) .....□
• Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a) .....□
• Clean Air Act, Section 103(b) (3)..... ☑
• Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a).....□
• Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20(a) .....□
• Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203.....□

3) **Eligible Activities**. The project must carry out eligible activities under one of the above referenced environmental statutes. Explain how the project is tied to the local environmental, public health and community climate resiliency (if applicable) issue in the affected community (see Section I. C).

Proposed projects must not be used for the purposes of routine program implementation, implementation of routine environmental protection restoration measures, or completion of work which was to have been completed under a prior grant…… ☑

4) **Required Documents.** Use this checklist to ensure that you have submitted all required documents.

• EJSG One-Page Threshold Eligibility Form..... ☑
• SF-424, Application for Federal Assistance (Form in Appendix B).....☑
• Key Contacts Form (Form in Appendix C) .....☑
• Work plan (Optional template in Appendix D) .....☑
• Detailed Budget (Template and example in Appendices E and F) .....☑
• Performance Measures (Template and example in Appendices G and H).....☑
• Resumes of the PM and Other Key Personnel .....☑
• Quality Assurance Project Plan Questionnaire (Appendix I) .....☑
• Proof of Nonprofit Status ..... ☑