Community Lawyering for Environmental Justice Part 7: Connecting Communities with Federal Funding

November 1, 2023 12:00 pm — 1:30 pm (90 minutes)

Presentation Agenda

1. General Introductions & Logistics (5 minutes)

2. Panelist Introductions (20-30 minutes)
   a. Bios
   b. Discussion of their work in this space (5-7 minutes each)

3. Discussion Topics (30 minutes)
   a. Agency Implementation of Federal Legislation
      i. Upcoming $2B appropriation (largest EJ program in history)
   b. Clarifying language: what do terms like ‘disadvantaged community’, or ‘overburdened community’ really mean?
      i. Agency tools
      ii. Guidance documents
      iii. Implications of Affirmative Action case (Students for Fair Admissions)
      iv. Inclusion of Tribal Nations
   c. Practical/technical advice on how to access federal money
      i. Money going directly to states v. competitive grants
      ii. What is the competitive grant process? How are evaluative criteria established? Who is eligible to apply?
      iii. How do communities find what grants are available?
      iv. Are there ways for communities to get involved at the state level?
   d. Policy Implications
      i. Are burdens or benefits concentrated in particular geographic areas?
      ii. Consequences of this legislation on broader environmental, energy, and social goals

4. Audience Questions (remainder of time)