



**Receive up to \$150K in Grant
Funding to Help Cleanup Your
Community**

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Webinar

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Welcome Today's Speakers



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Agenda

- Introduction
 - Department of Toxic Substances Control
 - Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative
- Overview of TAG
- Eligibility
- Allowable Activities
- Next Steps
- Q&A

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Department of Toxic Substances Control

What is DTSC?

Department of Toxic Substances Control

- Part of California Environmental Protection Agency
- 1,000 scientists, engineers, toxicologists, chemists, geologists, etc.
- Regulates more than 35,000-40,000 entities to prevent release of hazardous waste, clean up contamination, and ensure hazardous waste is handled safely



**Department of
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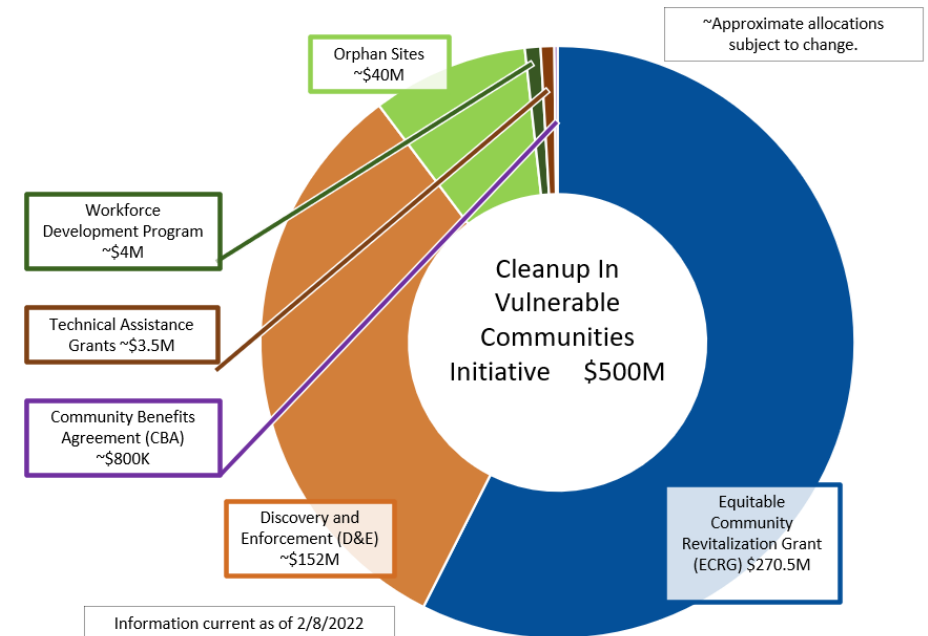
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Cleanup in Vulnerable Communities Initiative

Cleanup In Vulnerable Communities Initiative (CVCI)

The CVCI:

- Signed in 2021, by Governor Newsom
- Provides \$500 million over four years funding to protect people and the environment, prioritizing Environmental Justice Communities
- Paves the way to safer, healthier communities through programs that advance environmental equity- TAG
- Increases DTSC's accountability and transparency



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Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)

What is the Technical Assistance Grant?

- A grant to provide vulnerable communities with professional and scientific resources to engage and advocate for community needs in environmental cleanups
- Grants can range between \$40,000-\$150,000 to help communities hire a **Technical Advisor (TA)***



*This is a reimbursement based grant with an option for Advance Payment

What is a Technical Advisor?

- A Technical Advisor (TA) is a person that meets the qualifications to provide the grantee with an unbiased, independent review of Cleanup Site-related information.
- A TA has technical expertise, skill, and ability to understand environmental data and communicate that information to the interested community
- A TA has education, training and experience in a relevant field
- TA's are chosen by the grantee
- Advisor activities will be directed by the grantee



What can I do with TAG funds?

Hire a qualified independent Technical Advisor to:



Interpret and help explain complex environmental reports/data



Meet with the community to discuss the site, the environmental data and the clean up plan



Lead community science



Conduct community confirmation sampling

What is Community Science?

- Community Science is scientific work undertaken by members of the general public in collaboration with, or under the direction of professional scientists
- Provides opportunity for community to:
 - Ask their own questions
 - Participate in community confirmation sampling, perimeter site tours, and laboratory tours
 - Learn about sampling through tutorials
 - Advocate for themselves



What kind of sampling can a Technical Advisor do?



Community Confirmation Sampling is designed to ensure that site-related contamination has not migrated beyond the Cleanup Site boundary, to confirm that the site has been properly characterized and its boundaries adequately delineated, and/or that it has been cleaned up to applicable clean up levels*

*Community Confirmation Samples can be collected by the TA or can be collected as Split Samples by the Responsible Party's Consultant or DTSC staff working on the project, as directed by the community.

What else can I do with TAG funds?

Activities conducted by the grantee (do not exceed 20% of the total grant):

- Grant planning
- Procurement
- Website development
- Grant administration
- Reporting



How does the community benefit?

Better understanding of technical reports can empower the community to influence the cleanup process and be active participants in the investigation and cleanup of contaminated sites in their communities.

Technical reports can include:

- Sampling workplans and reports
- Feasibility studies
- Cleanup plans
- Risk assessments
- Remediation completion reports
- Operation and maintenance reports



How do I engage the community using TAG?

Encourage public participation by:

- Hiring a community meeting facilitator
- Holding community meetings to discuss the cleanup site
- Sharing information about the project through community outreach



Who should apply for TAG?



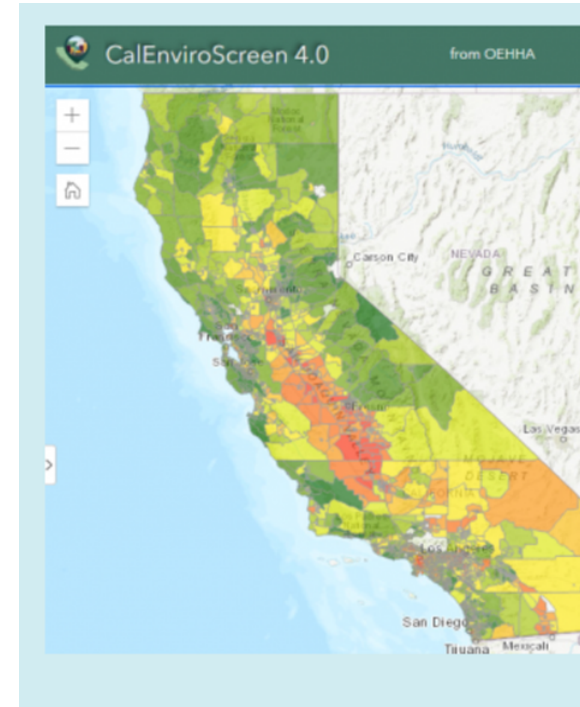
- **Community groups** that are qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations or that have a 501(c)(3) nonprofit fiscal sponsor can apply
- **Tribal groups** are also eligible and do not require 501(c)(3) nonprofit status

The grant manager must live in the community where the funds are allocated.

What is an Eligible Community?

Any community within a 5-mile radius of an active DTSC cleanup site **AND** meets one or more of the criteria listed below:

- A [CalEnviroScreen](#) (CES) percentile of 75% or higher
- A CES poverty percentile of 50% or higher
- A tribal community



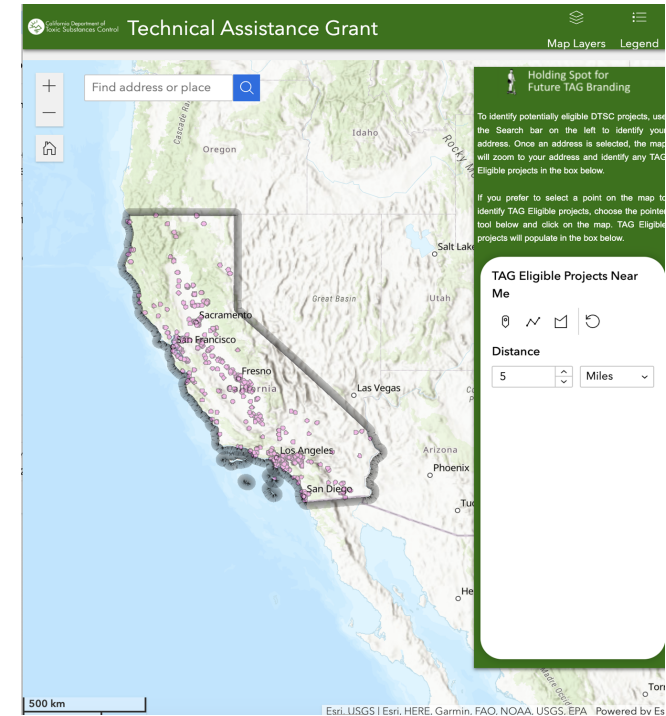
[CalEnviroScreen 4.0 | OEHHA](#)

How do I find an Eligible Site?

Use the [Technical Assistance Grant Site Mapping Tool](#) to:

- Determine the CES and poverty percentile of your community
- Find an eligible site within 5 miles of your community*

*Only one grant will be awarded per site but a community may apply for more than one grant for different sites.



We encourage organizations to partner on a common site!

TAG Schedule

- Applications will be accepted beginning in **December 2023 through January 2025** on a rolling basis
- The earlier you apply, the longer you will have to spend your funding and make an impact in your community

If application is submitted by:	Funding Term
March 31, 2024	Up to 36 months
April 1, 2024- January 15, 2025	Up to 24 months

Apply for TAG!

Applications will be accepted online via DTSC's Fluxx TAG Portal

Applicants will be required to provide:

- Proof of eligibility (petition letters or letters of support and letter of intent; proof 501(c)(3) or fiscal sponsorship)
- A list of proposed tasks, budget and timeline (see next slide)
- Responses to questions related to:
 - Capacity to manage the grant
 - Approach to community engagement
 - How a TAG would help fulfill community objectives



Develop Tasks, Budget and Timeline

Sample Tasks, Budget , and Timeline table:

Task	Budget	Timeline (Approx)	
		Start	End
Technical Advisor	\$35,000	April 2024	December 2025
Laboratory Costs	\$7,500	June 2024	July 2025
Activities Conducted by the Grantee (no more than 20% of the total grant)	\$10,000	March 2024	January 2026
Community Engagement and Language Accessibility	\$12,000	June 2024	July 2025
Other	\$5,000	March 2024	July 2025
Total	\$69,500		

Advance Payment

Eligible applicants can apply for an **Advance Payment** option, to receive up to 25% of the TAG before allowable expenses are incurred

To find out more about advanced pay,

Contact:

DTSC_TAGprogram@dtsc.ca.gov

The Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)

Residents deserve clean, healthy, and safe neighborhoods to live, work and play in.

CCLR is ready to provide TAG application and grant support:

- Set up an appointment to meet with us (Spanish and English)
- Email us at tag@cclr.org



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Learn More!

Visit the [DTSC TAG Website](#) for:

- TAG Guidelines: full eligibility rules, requirements, limitations
- Factsheets in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- [Email list sign up](#)

Connect with CCLR for no-cost TAG application assistance & eligibility and application review

- Schedule an appointment for application support
<https://calendly.com/tag-help>



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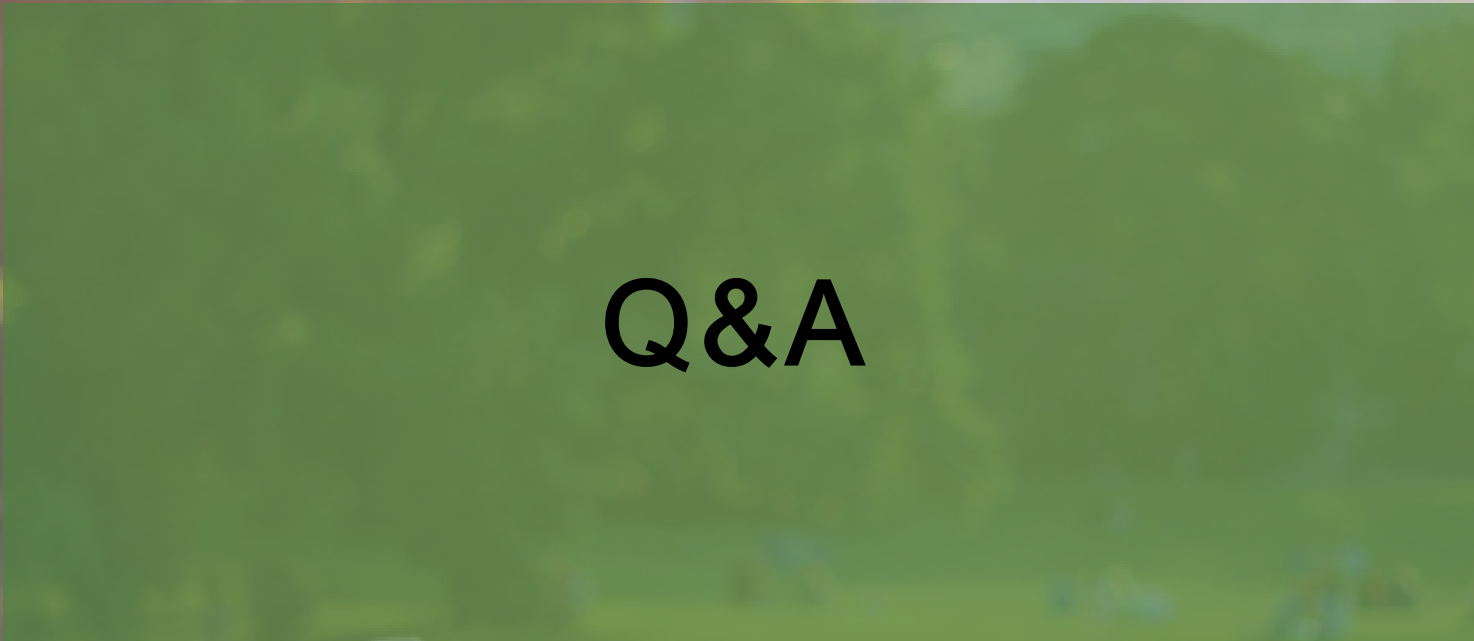
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Q&A