



Thriving Communities Grantmaking Program

EPA Region 10

How to use EJScreen and FAR Screen Tools
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Agenda

What we'll cover today

- 01 Welcome
- 02 **Accessing EPA EJScreen**
- 03 Using EJScreen in the Application Process
- 04 **Finding Your FAR Score**

Objectives

Our goals for today

- Gain basic understanding of the EPA EJScreen and FAR tools
- Find your project area in EJScreen
- Find data to support your application

EJScreen Overview



EPA EJScreen 5 Min Overview

www.epa.gov/ejscreen

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EJScreen: Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool



EJScreen is EPA's environmental justice mapping and screening tool that provides EPA with a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and socioeconomic indicators.

EPA is committed to protecting the environment and public health in low-income, tribal and other overburdened communities by integrating environmental justice in all programs, policies and activities. [Learn more about Environmental Justice at EPA.](#)



Using EJScreen in the Application Process




Section 4: Community & People Served



4. Community & People Served



Please go to this [link \(EJ Screen\)](#) to select the location where your proposed project will occur. Under the "Places" icon (upside down black tear drop in the upper left corner ) , select the "Designated Disadvantaged Communities" tab, and then select the "EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities" subtab. Once here, locate your proposed project address to determine whether or not the target population is an EPA IRA Disadvantaged Community.

Special Consideration for Target Population Identification
Underserved and disadvantaged communities are defined by Executive Order 13985. Please consider the following definition while answering the questions in this section.

"populations sharing a particular characteristic, as well as geographic communities, that have been systematically denied a full opportunity to participate in aspects of economic, social, and civic life...". This includes communities such as Black, Latino, Indigenous, and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; children, the elderly, members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality. For purposes of this RFA, "underserved communities" also include "environmentally overburdened communities" (that is, communities adversely and disproportionately affected by environmental, climate, and human health harms and risks including remote, rural, and urban communities), and disadvantaged communities.

According to EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities Tool (EJScreen), does this project primarily serve underserved and disadvantaged communities?*

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

According to EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities Tool (EJScreen), does this project **primarily** serve underserved and disadvantaged communities?

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Do you agree or disagree with the EJScreen tools findings? Please tell us more.
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Section 5: Environmental Justice



5. Environmentally Burdened Areas

Does your proposed project take place in an Environmentally Burdened area?

5. Environmental Justice

▲ Required

Please go to this link <https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/> to identify the project location Environmental Burden Indicators.

Select the "Environmental Burden Indicators" tab to view the list and identify if your proposed location falls into these categories. Please use the county/tribal area within Region 10 where your proposed project will be primarily located.

Indicators that are at or above the 80 percentile in one or more Environmental Burden Index indicators are considered environmentally burdened.

You will not be scored on your alignment to the environmental burdens, we are asking to understand the full context of the community you intend to serve. If you do not see the environmental factor addressed in your project listed here, please tell us in your own words the issue you are addressing.

Does your proposed project take place in an Environmentally Burdened area? Please select any indicators below that are in your primary project location that are at or above the 80th percentile.*

Environmentally Burdened Indicator*

Particulate Matter 2.5
Ozone
Nitrogen Dioxide
Diesel particulate matter
Toxic Releases to Air

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Using EJScreen to find Environmental Burden Indicators



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Do you agree or disagree with the Environmental Burden Index Indicator findings? Please tell us more.
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What is the environmental justice issue you and your project community will address with the proposed project?*

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6. Geographic Information

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Section 6: Rural Areas



6. Does your project serve a rural area?



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Primary Location

In which state within Region 10 will your proposed project be primarily located in? (Please list primary)*

In which Zip Code within Region 10 will your proposed project be primarily located? *

Rural is defined as an area that is up to 50,000 people that are 60 minutes or more from an urban area of 50,000 or more people. (See Criteria [HERE](#) for Defining Four Frontier and Remote Area Levels)

Are some or all of the people your project serves located in a rural area? *

- All
- Some
- None

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- All
- Some
- None

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Using the FAR Score



For the next question,

1. Please go to this link to determine the frontier and remote (FAR) score for your proposed project: [Am I Rural? Tool - Rural Health Information Hub](#)
2. On this site, enter the zip code or county for the primary location of your proposed project (upper left corner of the screen).
3. Once you enter your zip code or county, click "**Run Report**"
4. Scroll down to the section titled: "Frontier and Remote Area (FAR)", to get your FAR score (Level 1-4).
5. Enter your FAR score on the application.

You will not be evaluated on your FAR score. We are asking to understand the full context of your project.

According to the Rural Community <https://www.ruralhealthinfo.org/am-i-rural>, what is your Frontier and Remote Area (FAR) Level 1-4 for the area where your proposed project would do most of the work? *

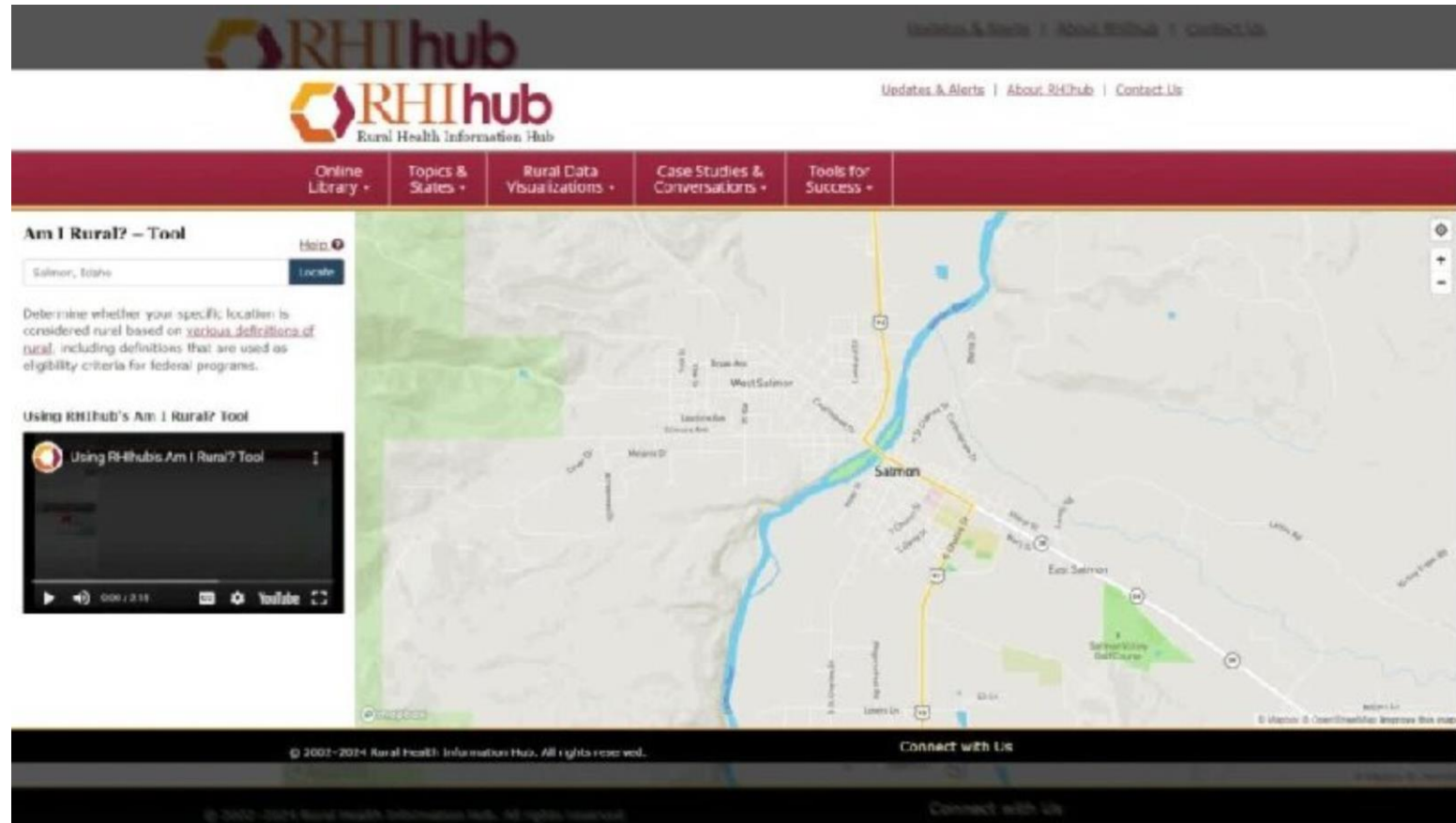
FAR Level/Score*

- FAR Level 1: Remote from urban areas of 50,000 or more people
- FAR Level 2: Remote from urban areas of 25,000 or more people
- FAR Level 3: Remote from urban areas of 10,000 or more people
- FAR Level 4: Remote from urban areas of 2,500 or more people
- Not located in a Frontier and/or Remote area

What is your Frontier and Remote Area (FAR) Level 1-4 for the area where your proposed project would do most of the work?*

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Finding the FAR Score



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Am I Rural? – Tool

Salmon, Idaho

Determine whether your specific location is considered rural based on various definitions of rural, including definitions that are used as eligibility criteria for federal programs.

Using RHIhub's Am I Rural? Tool


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Finding the FAR Score

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Additional Resources



Contact Us!

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EPA Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers

Types of Technical Assistance

- Grant Proposal Writing and Preparation Assistance
- Managing Federal Grants (e.g. accounting policies, controls)
- Identify Funding Sources to Apply for (federal, state local, private)
- Navigate SAM.gov and Grants.gov and other portals related to grants
- Developing partnerships and coalitions to conduct outreach



**Northwest
Environmental
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Application Announcements and Support

Philanthropy Northwest's Thriving Communities Website:

<https://philanthropynw.org/epa-environmental-justice-thriving-communities-grantmaking-program>

- Sign up for updates/newsletter
- Frequently asked questions
- Upcoming (and recorded past) webinars
- Available Office Hours (post webinars) and 1:1 with Program Officers
- Send any questions to thrivingcommunities@philanthropynw.org or contact a Program Officer

Thank you!



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