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**Environmental Justice Policy**

For the purposes of this RFR, “Environmental Justice” is based on the principle that all people have a right to be protected from environmental hazards and to live in and enjoy a clean and healthful environment regardless of race, color, national origin, income, or English language proficiency. Environmental justice is the equal protection and meaningful involvement of all people and communities with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of energy, climate change, and environmental laws, regulations, and policies and the equitable distribution of energy and environmental benefits and burdens.

The following questions are voluntary and will not impact eligibility. Answers to these questions help MDAR track progress towards the goals set forth in the [2021 Environmental Justice Policy](https://www.mass.gov/doc/environmental-justice-policy6242021-update/download), and the [2022 Environmental Justice Strategy](https://www.mass.gov/doc/eea-environmental-justice-strategy-english/download), which require MDAR to a) report the amount of public funds used in Environmental Justice Communities, and b) track the number of new applicants for grant programs from Environmental Justice Communities and BIPOC Farmers. More information can be found in Attachment X. MDAR encourages stakeholders to provide feedback on the Environmental Justice Policy and Strategy, by visiting [mass.gov/environmental-justice.](https://www.mass.gov/environmental-justice)

Environmental Justice Questions

1. Has the applicant applied for MDAR Funding Programs before this current application?

[ ] Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I don’t know

1. Has the applicant received funding from any MDAR Funding Programs?

[ ] Yes [ ]  No [ ]  I don’t know

1. Select one or more of the racial categories below:

[ ]  American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous [ ]  Middle Eastern or North African

[ ] Asian/South Asian [ ] Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

[ ] Black or African American [ ] White

[ ] Other:

*Please state with understanding that the races above may not be reflective of everyone.*

1. Select one or more of the ethnic categories below:

*Answers to the following questions are optional. This information will not in any way affect your eligibility for MDAR programs and is used for statistical purposes only.*

[ ] Not Hispanic or Latino [ ] Hispanic or Latino

[ ] Other:

*Please state with understanding that the races above may not be reflective of everyone.*

1. Are any applicants a Historically Underserved Farmer?

*Please check any of the following categories that apply based on* [*these USDA definitions*](https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/getting-assistance/underserved-farmers-ranchers)*.*

[ ] Limited Resource Farmer [ ] Socially Disadvantaged Farmer

[ ] Beginning Farmer [ ] Veteran Farmer

1. If you feel that this application did not allow you to fully explain the diversity of the applicant for this grant (whether you are applying as an individual or on behalf of an entity), please explain here: