

Special Bulletin: Jacob Burney Will Connect with Community Developers at the NACEDA Summit

The 2022 Inflation Reduction Act provided \$3 billion for Environmental & Climate Justice Programs and \$27 billion for the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, both administered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Our [Special Bulletins](#) alert you as funding and other opportunities become available for community-based development organizations. Applicants and grantees will be seeking community-based nonprofits as partners.



EPA Environmental Justice Grants Division Director Jacob Burney will address community development association professionals from across the country at the [NACEDA Summit](#), which will be held on October 23-25 in Atlanta, Georgia. The summit is hosted by the National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA) in partnership with Georgia Advancing Communities Together.

Burney will engage with community development association professionals during three separate opportunities on October 25.

- **Presentation on EPA Environmental Justice grants, projects & programs** — During this special session, Burney will provide a detailed overview of the EPA's Environmental Justice grant funding and technical assistance which will channel resources to community-based nonprofits in underserved and overburdened communities, and he will engage in Q&A.
- **“Environmental Justice & the Vital Role of Community Developers” session** — Jacob Burney will join Staci Berger of the Housing & Community Development Network of New Jersey and Mary Scott Balys of the Opportunity Finance Network in a discussion of the billions of dollars that are targeted to community-based nonprofits through EPA Environmental Justice Block Grants and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund.
- **Office hours** — Summit participants can stop by to ask Jacob Burney questions. This is a special opportunity for community development leaders who are interested in applying for environmental justice grants, developing partnerships, engaging their members in programs and partnerships, and providing capacity building for local nonprofits.

The summit will feature keynote remarks by Nathaniel Smith of the Partnership for Southern Equity. Smith was a leader in creating the Justice40 Accelerator, which provides organizations with innovative front-line community climate projects with assistance to better position them to pursue and win federal funding.

[Registration](#) is open for the NACEDA Summit. Register by Friday, September 8 for the discounted early-bird rate.