**Match Waiver Compliance Guidance**

Please use the following guidance to verify if your proposed project or program qualifies for match waiver approval:

1. Check to see if the scope of work delivers 100% of the funding/program benefits to disadvantaged communities as defined by [EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities](https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?useExisting=1&layers=f3be939070844eac8a14103ed6f9affd).

The EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities Map [includes](https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=f3be939070844eac8a14103ed6f9affd):

* Any census tract that is included as disadvantaged in [CEJST](https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/#3/33.47/-97.5),
* Any census block group at or above the 90th percentile for any of [EJScreen](https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/)’s Supplemental Indexes when compared to the nation or state, and/or
* Any geographic area within Tribal lands, as included in EJScreen

*If yes, continue with project as proposed or scale down as necessary. If no:*

1. Check to see if the scope of work delivers 100% of the funding/program benefits to communities with census block groups at or above the 80th percentile for any of EJScreen’s Supplemental Indexes when compared to the nation or state.

*If yes, continue with project as proposed or scale down as necessary. If no:*

1. Check to see if the scope of work delivers 100% of the funding/program benefits to communities with census block groups at or above the 90th percentile for Climate Change Risks as defined by EJScreen Climate Change Data (Flood Risk, Wildfire Risk) or other climate change/risk vulnerability maps such as[: CDC Heat & Health Tracker](https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/Applications/heatTracker/), [Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation](https://resilience.climate.gov/), [National Risk Index Map](https://hazards.fema.gov/nri/map).

*If yes, continue with project as proposed or scale down as necessary. If no:*

1. Check to see if the scope of work delivers 100% of the funding/program benefits to disadvantaged communities as defined by a [State EJ Mapping Tool](https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/related-tools) (scroll down).

*If yes, continue with project as proposed or scale down as necessary. If no:*

1. Seek alternate solutions: a) Consider other factors and other sources of information such as health-based information, local knowledge, proximity and exposure to environmental hazards, susceptible populations, unique exposure pathways, and other federal, regional, state, and local data; b) Extend educational/outreach programs to reach neighboring disadvantaged communities; c) Focus workforce development opportunities on disadvantaged communities, provide transportation options to project locations; and/or d) Contract with minority businesses for project work when possible.