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**From:** Julie Cerqueira [jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org]  
**Sent:** 6/14/2021 2:58:06 PM  
**To:** Katims, Casey [Katims.Casey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: For our next call

Yes that's right. We won't have that list for a while so I'm interested mostly in timing and process generally for the things you do have authorities for (assuming there's some general process across relevant programs!)

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US Climate Alliance

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**From:** Katims, Casey <Katims.Casey@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 13, 2021 6:26:54 PM  
**To:** Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>  
**Subject:** RE: For our next call

Sure, happy to chat on this! Thinking some of these may need congressional action, so knowing the specific list you're looking at would be helpful.

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**From:** Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 11, 2021 11:55 AM  
**To:** Katims, Casey <Katims.Casey@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** For our next call

Hey Casey,

For our next check-in, one of the things I'd like to get your thoughts on is EPA's openness and process to making changes to programs (like DERA) to make it possible for states to better use those funds. We are planning conversations like these over the summer with each of the agencies and Congress to see if some reforms could be made to allow states to better utilize stimulus resources and it'd be helpful to know what the process is and how long it takes. We could use DERA as the example and then once I have the short list of programs we are thinking about (and make sure we understand the authorities), I can send that to you to discuss internally. I think we are a few weeks away from a broader discussion though.

If that doesn't make sense, feel free to call 😊

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Message

**From:** Julie Cerqueira [jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org]  
**Sent:** 6/23/2021 11:56:50 PM  
**To:** Katims, Casey [Katims.Casey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: DERA cycle

Thanks!

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**From:** Katims, Casey <Katims.Casey@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 7:43:51 PM  
**To:** Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>  
**Cc:** Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** DERA cycle

Julie: Please see below information that is responsive to your question yesterday regarding the DERA grant funding cycles. Let us know if you have any further questions on this!

Thanks, Casey

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The grant cycles for each of the different kinds of grants/rebates under the DERA program vary. As an example, the timeline for the National DERA grants is pasted below. The important dates for the other DERA grant programs including State Grants, Tribal and Insular Area Grants, and School Bus Rebates are linked below. Each DERA program roughly sticks to the same timeline each year.

### National DERA Grants Important Dates

Activity	Date
<a href="#">Request for Applications (RFA) CLOSED</a>	Thursday, January 14, 2021
Information Session Webinars <a href="#">Presentation Materials (PDF)</a> (31 pp, 1.1 MB, February 2021)	Webinars held on January 26, February 3 and February 11
Deadline for Submittal of Questions	March 5, 2021 at 4 p.m. (ET)

Activity	Date
Questions and Answers (PDF)(37 pp, 430 K, March 10, 2021)	
Deadline for Applications	Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. (ET)
Notification of Selected Applicants	April-May, 2021
Funding of Awards	June-October, 2021

Important dates:

- National: <https://www.epa.gov/dera/national#dates>
- Tribal/Insular Area (currently open): <https://www.epa.gov/dera/tribal#dates>
- State: <https://www.epa.gov/dera/state#fund16>
- Rebates: <https://www.epa.gov/dera/rebates#dates>

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**From:** Julie Cerqueira [jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org]  
**Sent:** 6/24/2021 1:30:49 PM  
**To:** Katims, Casey [Katims.Casey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: ECOS EJ task force

That's helpful, thanks. We'll reach out to them to coordinate since we have a longstanding equity and just transition WG (which does NOT do EJ). The governor is also committed to make an equitable transition court to their climate policies so it's actually helpful that they have an EJ working group that we could leverage.

Thanks

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**From:** Katims, Casey <Katims.Casey@epa.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 24, 2021 9:04:10 AM  
**To:** Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>  
**Subject:** RE: ECOS EJ task force

Hi – quick clarification, it is not a joint work group between EPA and ECOS, it is an internal work group just at ECOS. We plan to leverage the work group's infrastructure to enable dialogue between EPA and ECOS but need to be careful that we are not formally part of its organization! All of their states' environmental secretaries are ECOS members so I think the best way to flag for governors' offices is to let them know their state agencies are likely already involved through ECOS, and encourage them to talk to their agency leaders for more info.

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**From:** Julie Cerqueira <jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 23, 2021 9:27 PM  
**To:** Katims, Casey <Katims.Casey@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** ECOS EJ task force

Casey, do you know who the ECOS lead on the EPA-ECOS EJ working group is? Just want to flag it for our states.

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**From:** Julie Cerqueira [jcerqueira@usclimatealliance.org]  
**Sent:** 8/17/2021 7:54:12 PM  
**To:** Katims, Casey [Katims.Casey@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: USCA/EPA Check-in

Hey Casey, I don't have anything for you today. Is there anything you wanted to connect on?

**Julie Cerqueira | U.S. Climate Alliance**

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Julie Cerqueira  
**Sent:** Friday, February 5, 2021 5:09 PM  
**To:** Julie Cerqueira; Katims, Casey  
**Subject:** USCA/EPA Check-in  
**When:** Tuesday, August 17, 2021 4:00 PM-4:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).  
**Where:**

Will add teams/zoom info before each call for security purposes