

Chelsea Human Services Collaborative
Chelsea, MA**\$19,940**

The group is a community based, grassroots organization. The mission is to develop a citywide constituency to protect and expand open space in Chelsea, improve its parks, and maximize its environmental, recreational, historic and scenic resources.

The objective of this project addresses the environmental and public health hazards and quality of life issues associated with a 100,000-ton rock salt receiving, storage and distribution sites located on the Chelsea Creek. The purpose of this project is to halt expansion of Eastern Minerals and ultimately eliminate environmental hazards through a two-pronged approach, regulatory and direct community action based on public health, environmental and nuisance criteria.

Committee for Boston Public Housing, Inc.
Roxbury, MA**\$20,000**

The Committee for Boston Public Housing (CBPH) is a nonprofit, tax-exempt multi-cultural organization of Boston public housing residents and supporters who are committed to social and economic justice for low income families. The mission of CBPH is to ensure that residents secure the resources and build the organizational capacity required to develop strong, safe, and healthy public housing communities through grassroots community organizing, leadership development, and coalition-building.

The objective of the committee's project will address the poor air quality, deteriorating building conditions and prevalence of asthma in Boston's public housing developments through education, training and community organizing.

TELLUS INSTITUTE
Boston, MA**\$20,000**

Tellus Institute is a Boston based nonprofit organization founded in 1976 to address environmental and energy issues. Tellus uses community-based initiatives to address sustainability, equity, environmental protection, and environmental health, with projects focused on environmental justice, facility siting, and watershed protection. They empower minority and low-income communities to shape programs and policies to build a healthy and sustainable future for all.

The objective of this project is to educate nurses who will work in the community setting about environmental justice issues and provide several community-based organizations in Boston with a student group project that links environmental justice with environmental health in their neighborhood.

**New England Aquarium
Boston, MA****\$19,998**

The New England Aquarium opened in 1969 as a private nonprofit corporation. It was the first modern aquarium in the United States. In 1992, the board of trustees adopted a new mission with a focus on environmental stewardship and community outreach and developed Aquarium 2000, a long range plan for programmatic and physical expansion of the Aquarium. In response to this new mission, the Aquarium has developed a series of community access and youth programs. These programs serve two broad institutional goals: (1) to diversify their audience and their workforce and (2) develop the next generation of aquatic scientists and environmental leaders.

The objective of this project is to advance the Aquarium's mission. The following activities will be implemented under this project: conduct a survey of environmental leaders to identify key environmental leadership skills; recruit 60 teens from community-based teen programs to participate in the Environmental Leadership Academy; develop a program format and schedule to meet the needs of all partners; hold two cycles of environmental leadership Academy Workshops; evaluate the program's impact on teens and develop strategies for disseminating and institutionalizing the Program.

**Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE)
Roxbury, MA****\$20,000**

Neighborhoods Against Urban Pollution (NAUP) is a collaboration of six Boston-based neighborhood organizations and environmental nonprofit. Their goal is to support resident activists in low-income and minority communities in their efforts to develop local environmental leadership and the capacity to achieve healthy and sustainable neighborhoods.

The objective of this project is to institutionalize the partnerships among the various resident-driven environmental efforts across Greater Boston's EJ communities. Through conferences, workshops, and direct assistance, NAUP will help these groups gain the knowledge and tools they need to think critically about the regional connections and actively participate in regional initiatives. Specific issues targeted will include brownfields, small polluting businesses, and air quality.

**John P. Holland Elementary School
Dorchester, MA****\$12,000**

The Holland Elementary School is part of the Boston Public School System, and is located in Dorchester, one of Boston's most ethnically diverse neighborhoods. In 1997 the Holland School was granted \$250,000 from the city to design and construct a new schoolyard through the School

Yard Initiative (SYI).

The objective of this project is specifically intended to bring the classroom to the outdoors. However, the educational programming component of this endeavor is left up to the schools themselves. This project will actively engage the educational and residential community at the start in the design process with learning modules developed through cooperative brainstorming between stakeholders (parents, students, teachers) and enlisted experts (urban planner, education consultant, environmental justice specialist and scientist). While the schoolyard is not a Superfund site, its inner urban location and the neighborhood's long history of industrial use gives it many of the characteristics of Brownfields sites. This whole project will encourage communities to identify their priorities for the use of such sites that lend themselves to educational and recreational purposes thereby achieving the legislative intent of CERCLA's site liability reduction techniques to encourage neighborhood revitalization and community empowerment.

New Hampshire

The Way Home, Inc. **\$20,000**
Manchester, NH

The Way Home, is an incorporated, nonprofit, social service organization. The Way Home's mission is to help low income households obtain and keep safe, affordable housing with direct housing assistance services; empowerment of low income tenants; and advocacy for community involvement in low income housing issues.

The objective of this project is to (1)- identify necessary improvements in communication and coordination among stakeholders; facilitate communication and create partnerships to address disproportionate, and adverse environmental exposures. (2) Build community capacity, identify local environmental justice problems and involve the community to design and implement activities to address these concerns.

Connecticut

Christian Activities Council, Congregational (CAC) **\$20,000**
Hartford, CT

CAC is a nonprofit, charitable organization aimed to develop resources and programs for those in need and to reform inequities in social and economic systems in the Greater Hartford area. The objective of this project is to develop a five-week curriculum for children in grades K-6 on the theme of environmental justice in partnership with teachers, environmental professionals, nonprofit community organizations and community leaders. The goal of the curriculum is to combine academic skill development with the study of environmental justice.

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**Connecticut Fund for the Environment
New Haven, CT****\$18,000**

Connecticut Fund for the Environment, Inc. (CFE), is a private, nonprofit organization that is made up of 3,000 members. CFE's staff of six, Board of Directors, and a network of volunteer scientists and attorneys, advocate for the environment. CFE works closely with the community leaders where necessary, to provide legal expertise and advice, and develop environmental solutions to problems relating to air, water, solid waste, land use and transportation.

The objective of this project will focus on affected communities in New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport. Their activities will include: introduce CFE's pro bono attorney network as a potential tool for resolving environmental justice issues in the affected communities; increase community awareness of environmental hazards and the rules regarding those hazards; help members in affected communities to identify and respond productively to environmental violations in their neighborhoods.

Maine**PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION
Old Town, ME****\$19,700**

The Penobscot Indian Nation is a federally recognized tribe located in the east central portion of Maine. The Penobscot Reservation begins approximately 12 miles north of Bangor, nearest urban area, and immediately adjacent to the city of Old Town. Over the last two decades, the Penobscot Nation has established various programs for the provision of health and social services to the members of the Penobscot community.

The objective of this project will allow the Penobscot Nation Health Department (PNHD) to obtain the necessary training to understand, recognize, and address potential health problems in tribal members who eat contaminated fish from the Penobscot River and other tribal lakes and ponds. It will expand the Nation's ongoing efforts to prevent, reduce and eliminate mercury, dioxin and other contaminants in their water resources.

Rhode Island**Keep Providence Beautiful
Providence, RI****\$20,000***

Keep Providence Beautiful is a nonprofit educational organization that was incorporated in 1982. Its mission is to promote a cleaner, safer Providence through education, public awareness,

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These funds will be used to continue Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation's Lead Paint Poisoning Project, and to extend it by providing follow-up assistance for families identified as living in apartments where children are at risk of lead paint poisoning. The project goals include increasing the capacity of tenant association members to develop and implement activities to ameliorate the problems of lead poisoning in the community.

INFORM**\$20,000**

New York, NY

Through their partnership with the Rutgers University Environmental Law Clinic, INFORM aims to work with local environmental justice groups in the East Ward section of Newark to reduce the potential exposure of industrial toxic chemicals by encouraging the industrial facilities operating in those communities to use more environmentally safe materials and processes. They seek to enhance community understanding of the environmental and public health issues through better use and interpretation of information available under the NJRTK Act.

H.A.C.E.R.**\$19,998**

New York, NY

The purpose of the project is to help community members in the Bronx and northern Manhattan identify environmental justice priorities through a series of five education/communication seminars and provide Family Day Care Providers, through workshops and materials, information on lead poison that will be conveyed and disseminated to parents producing a multiplier effect.

Harlem Environmental Impact Project**\$20,000**

New York, NY

This project seeks to expand HEIP's environmental justice outreach to develop a new intensified childhood lead poisoning prevention program. The program includes a monitoring initiative with a new computer data-base connected to some of the partnering groups, a larger world Wide web site for information distribution and educating Harlem community members on all vital environmental issues impacting this low-income minority community.

New Jersey

Citizen Policy and Education Fund of NJ**\$20,000**

Hackensack, NJ

This project is a pilot program to examine and implement innovative ways to improve enforcement of lead paint abatement laws. The organization's goal is to involve tenants,

particularly the parents of lead poisoned children and community leaders in a campaign to educate landlords of lead poisoned properties about their abatement responsibilities as well as about the availability of low-cost loans for lead abatement.

The Environmentors**\$20,000****Princeton, NJ**

This project will match inner-city high school students with science and environmental professionals to work together more than eight months on environmental research projects. Through this project, 40 students from Trenton High School-one of New Jersey's most under served schools-will address environmental problems affecting their community's health and well being.

Ironbound Community Corporation**\$17,488*****Newark, NJ**

The Ironbound Community Information, Education and Training Project will be aimed at the 45,000 people who live in the industrial Ironbound section of Newark. The purpose of this project is to continue ICC's environmental justice work in the community including promoting timely and effective remediation of parks, recreational facilities, Superfund sites, and NJDEP Known Contaminated Sites.

Isles Inc.**\$20,000*****Trenton, NJ**

The purpose of Isles' Urban Brownfields Project is to identify and facilitate communication among all parties affected by remediation and redevelopment of brownfield sites in Trenton, NJ. In addition the project proposes to educate citizens about environmental justice issues in their community and develop methods for including the voices of low-income minority citizens in the cleanup of industrial sites.

New Jersey Environmental Law Center**\$4,000*****Newark, NJ**

In cooperation with the Rutgers Law Clinic and La Casa de Don Pedro, the Environmental Law

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Center of New Jersey will assist residents of the Enterprise Community in the North Ward of Newark, New Jersey to become familiar with environmental protective measures related to brownfields and Superfund site remediation standards.

Virgin Islands**St. Croix Environmental Association****\$20,000****St. Croix, VI**

The purpose of this project is to educate the residents of Machuchal, a predominantly low income minority community located on St. Croix's south shore, about the potential health effects of exposure to the emissions from a nearby oil refinery. The refinery will be expanding its operations to include a new coker that will process low grade Venezuelan crude oil. The residents of Machuchal will be educated as to what the coker process is, what additional toxic emissions will be released and what, if any, health risks may be involved.

The objective of this project is to Educate Bellevue Avenue residents about the environmental threats to their health and steps they can take to make their homes and neighborhood safer from contaminants and disease. Activities will include recycling, testing of drinking water and soil for lead and combating the problems of rodent infestation through education about proper solid waste disposal.

Region III

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814-5027**

Delaware**Environmental Stewardship Training and Mentoring Project****\$18,000****Milford, DE**

This project is a one week intensive program that 1) provides at risk high school students with an aesthetic experience of their environment; 2) exposes students to environmental justice issues applied to several environmental statutes/Acts; 3) provides training on environmental monitoring, scientific method, leadership and public participation skill building; 4) provides mentors to help participating students to be involved with a community based environmental justice issue or project; and 5) produces a training manual for community-based groups to conduct similar projects such as this one. This project involves the collaboration of four groups.

Wilmington Environmental Information Project**\$19,989 Wilmington, DE**

The Urban Environmental Center will staff an information center, assist in the development of three urban environmental discussion groups for Wilmington residents, and provide significant outreach in education on environmental justice issues of concern to the people of the City of Wilmington, DE. Wilmington has long been the home of a number of industrial firms that are a cause for significant concern for the community. The local neighborhood planning councils, community groups, local government, academic institutions, and other advocacy groups have voiced their concern for the environment of Wilmington in light of the significant changes in the environment due to increased industrial development over the years. The City finds itself in the midst of significant development and a call for greater education and enlightenment of the community. Through a series of activities the community will become more aware of the impacts of short-term as well as long-term changes in the environment, identify community concerns, and will devise a plan of action for addressing the problems identified

Washington, DC

The Eco-Communications Network **\$20,000**
Washington, D.C. 20020

This project looks at the environmental justice issues which affect the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area in the areas of water and air quality, lead, solid waste, safe drinking water, and toxic dump sites. This project encourages partnerships between the various grassroots organizations and concerned individuals. In addition, it provides two forums for the discussion of environmental justice issues in the region: 1) the Regional Environmental Justice Collaborative meetings allow municipalities, churches, organizations, and citizens to work together cooperatively and 2) the weekly television series on various environmental issues allows community participation in discussions and exposes the community to environmental concerns throughout the region.

Anacostia Environmental Justice Project: From Blight to Beautification **\$19,996**
Washington, DC

The goals of this project are: 1) to educate members of the community as to how they can prevent pollution of their neighborhoods and the Anacostia River; 2) to promote and maintain a cleaner and healthier community; 3) to develop an environmental justice movement in Anacostia; 5) to educate residents about the dangers of dumping of hazardous substances and harmful substances into the stormdrains in the Anacostia; 6) to hold two town meetings on environmental issues; and 7) to educate the community about the harm to the community being caused by litter. These goals will be mainly achieved through the efforts of middle school students who will work along with the community to address the various issues. Photo exhibits, community meetings, slide presentations, and community outreach activities will be used to achieve these goals.

**Lydia's House
Washington, DC****\$20,000**

Lydia's House, in partnership with the Student Conservation Association, Inc., will develop and implement a Junior Rangers Program. The Program will assess the effects of soil erosion, water and air pollution on trees, shrubs and plants in the Anacostia/Congress Heights neighborhood; and evaluate the impacts that these pollution sources have upon the Oxon Run Creek, Anacostia and Potomac Rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. The Junior Rangers will work with local environmental experts and activists in the assessment of environmental impacts upon the media cited above. Students will conduct a number of hands-on activities in order to gather appropriate environmental data that may be used to educate and to empower the children and the community at-large.

Maryland**Environmental Justice Empowerment Project
Baltimore, MD****\$20,000**

This project addresses the problem of lead poisoning in Baltimore City. The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning currently has several resource centers in Baltimore City neighborhoods to provide resources and information to the community on lead poisoning. Through this project, the Coalition hopes to creating more resource centers and to expand current centers to further offer families access to a lead-safe housing registry, HEPA-vacuums, cleaning kits, and the CLEAR Corps program.

**Parks and People Foundation
Baltimore, MD****\$20,000**

Baltimore City has one of the highest age-adjusted mortality rates when compared to rural, suburban, and city residents in other regions (US Department of Health and Human Services, Health in the United States 1995, DHSS Pub. No. 96-1232). Kids Grow will address EJ issues of interest to students considering their urban environment. These issues will include those related to land, air water, and natural and community resources. Focus is placed upon urban non-point sources, stream ecology, and household pollutants such as lead-based paint and radon. The program will allow urban students to work collaboratively with other local environmental programs to address environmental and EJ problems in Baltimore, to teach thee youth about these problems in their communities, and will stimulate greater community involvement in the identification of the problems and the discovery of solutions to these problems. Environmental Justice and Environmental Science experts will partner with the students to assist them with the interpretation of data, to share knowledge, and to develop environmental partnerships for work on projects of mutual interest.

New Jersey

Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project **\$20,000**
Trenton, NJ

The Northeast Environmental Enforcement Project is a regional association of regulatory, law enforcement, and prosecutorial agencies from fifteen northeast states and territories. Through the incorporation of a segment on Environmental Justice issues into the NEEP's training course, the Field Investigations Training Course for Regulators and Investigators, this project will educate state and local government enforcers on the issue of environmental justice, why it is important to enforcement, and how enforcement agencies can have a long-term impact on the community. The project also includes the design of a bilingual brochure template for distribution by state and local agencies to affected minority and economically disadvantaged communities. This brochure, which can be customized for specific communities, will provide communities with information on environmental hazards, assistance on how to remedy these problems, and contacts from state and federal enforcement programs for technical assistance.

Pennsylvania

Montgomery County Health Department **\$18,450**
Norristown, PA

As the Montgomery County Health Department enters its seventh full year of operation with the continuing mission of assuring the provision of services that promote, protect, and preserve the public's health, it plans to set up a program of community education, information and enlightenment on local environmental issues in the predominantly low-income and minority community of Norristown. This community which lacks the capacity to remedy its local environmental problems, will be the recipient of intense environmental education, community outreach, public participation, and overall environmental awareness activities aimed at empowering this deserving community. Through workshops, conferences, field trips, and other outreach and educational activities, residents, policy makers and other community stakeholders will be brought together in an effort to identify, prioritize, and address local environmental concerns. The George Washington Carver Community Center will serve as a focal point for these activities.

Region IV **For more information please contact Region IV Environmental Justice Coordinator Connie Raines at (404) 562-9671**

North Carolina

Charlotte Organizing Project
\$19,000

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Charlotte, NC

This project is designed to screen children in three (3) day care centers for lead levels, and conduct lead screening of drinking water in Charlotte's inner city, minority neighborhoods.

Tennessee**Vollintine-Evergreen Community Association****\$20,000*****Memphis, TN**

The objective of this project is to provide educational services and research on environmental justice issues needed to empower the residents of the community in the Superfund process.

University of Tennessee**\$20,000*****Chattanooga, TN**

The objective of this project is to promote cooperation among local businesses, industries, state and federal agencies, universities, and community leaders in South Chattanooga for the purpose of designing and implementing pollution prevention approaches to protect the long-term environmental health of the community.

American Environmental Health Studies Project**\$20,000****Knoxville, TN**

The objective of this project is to assist and support disenfranchised communities in Oak Ridge in understanding the complexities of health and environmental issues by conducting workshops for predominantly African-American communities in Oak Ridge, TN.

Georgia**Save the People****Brunswick, GA****\$20,000***

The objective of this project is to teach environmental enforcement laws to the community by conducting seminars and training sessions on how they work, and how they impact the community directly and indirectly.

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Florida**Farm Workers Association of FL****\$20,000****Apopka, FL**

This project is designed to educate farm workers to the dangers of pesticides, their safe use and overall reduction. Health problems relating to pesticides and field sanitation will be identified.

Florida International University**\$20,000****N. Miami, FL**

The objective of this project is to form a coalition in the socio-disadvantaged community of Little Haiti to address the health consequences of inadequate sewage, illegal garbage dumping, uncapped sewage lines and lead exposure.

Kentucky**Justice Resource Center****\$20,000****Shelbyville, KY**

The objective of this project is to train community activists, community organization board members and Sunday school teachers about the relationships between environmental exposures and environmental diseases.

Democracy Resource Center**\$20,000****Lexington, KY**

The objective of this project is to assist the low-income African-American community of Rubbertown participate in decisions involving point and non-point source pollution under the Clean Water Act, and toxic air emissions under Title V of the Clean Air Act.

Appalachian Networking Project**\$20,000****Middlesboro, KY**

This project will coordinate citizens training and disseminate information on environmental laws and regulations, permitting requirements, public participation processes, and waste disposal activities to citizens living in the central Appalachian mountains.

Alabama

Coalition United to Save the Environment (CURE) **\$20,000**
Attalla, AL

The objective of this project is to complete a wellhead protection study and management plan to protect the town of Ridgeville's municipal water supply from potential contamination. The project will also educate the public and businesses on protecting groundwater resources.

TN Valley Research Conservation & Development Council **\$20,000**
Minority Environmental Education
Decatur, AL

This project will develop and present environmental education programs to schools and communities in rural areas that have minority concentrations.

Mississippi

Phil-Am Association of Central MS **\$20,000**
Philadelphia, MS

The objective of this project is to initiate a paper recycling project and conduct reduces, reuses and recycling initiatives by promoting hands on training and public education programs for low income, disadvantaged families and elementary school students in Kemper County, MS.

Citizens for Environmental Justice
\$20,000*
Savannah, GA

The objective of this project is to develop and manage an Environmental Institute for Youth.

Region V **For more information, please contact Region V Environmental**
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Illinois

Neighbors United for Progress **\$20,000**
Belleville, IL

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The objective of this project is to prevent and reduce lead poisoning in children under the age of six living in five townships in St. Clair County. The project will: (1) identify children in partnership with the local health department; (2) coordinate and train low-income families on the causes, prevention, reduction and elimination of lead-based paint in their homes; (3) train and assist building code inspectors in the community about testing for lead-based paint in homes occupied by children under the age of six; (4) develop a local database identifying all the resources available in the area that address lead poisoning; and (5) create a St. Clair County Lead Clearinghouse that would maintain and distribute lead-based poisoning information, including data on homes that have been tested and made lead-safe.

Project Vida **\$20,000**
Chicago, IL

This project is designed to develop a community-based air sampling program, in the predominantly Hispanic community of Little Village, utilizing the “bucket brigade” method developed nationally by Citizens for a Better Environment. The project objectives include: (1) to establish a “bucket brigade” network comprised of neighborhood residents and provide training necessary for the network members to employ the “bucket brigade” method; (2) to identify pollutants from point sources; and (3) to develop a pollution prevention plan that will be based on the data collected, in partnership with neighborhood residents, community-based organizations, local industry, Citizens for a better Environment, the Waste Management Resource Center of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago’s School of Public Health.

American Lung Association **\$9,464**
Chicago, IL

American Lung Association will conduct Home Assessments in the predominantly low-income and African-American community of West Garfield Park, concerning asthma, lead and asbestos, in partnership with Bethel New Life.

Indiana

Carver Community Organization **\$20,000**
Evansville, IN

The objective of this project is to provide education and outreach for low-income and minority neighborhoods in Evansville, Indiana, concerning the assessment of environmental hazards in the community and the development of a strategy to promote a sustainable community.

Michigan

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**East Michigan Environmental Action Council
Detroit, MI****\$20,000**

East Michigan Environmental Action Council will work with 10 grower groups in the Detroit Farmers Cooperative to conduct soil tests on their garden sites. This project will include: (1) consulting with experts from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ), and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to determine a list of compounds that are found on sites and that pose risks for human exposure; (2) provide stipends to community workers to be trained to do site histories and to do soil sampling; (3) to analyze soil tests and work with the grower groups to develop recommendations about strategies to address any problems that are found; (4) to organize a community workshop, in partnership with DEWJ, to disseminate information about the Farmers Cooperative soil tests and discuss action strategies for others to learn more about soil contamination risks and how-to conduct a risk assessment for their garden sites; and (5) to develop written resource materials to be made available as guidance to Detroit gardeners about soil assessments, contamination, and how people can garden safely and produce and consume food free of contaminants.

Minnesota**Clean Water Fund
Minneapolis, MN****\$20,000**

The objective of this project is to reduce health threats posed to Hispanic fieldworkers via exposure to agricultural chemicals and other occupational hazards. The project will provide bilingual information and education to Hispanic fieldworkers on how-to avoid unnecessary exposure to chemicals and will provide direct training to migrant health and legal providers on workplace and home safety issues, in an effort to reduce unnecessary pesticide exposures and other health hazards among the Hispanic farm workers' community.

Ohio**Ohio Environmental Council
Columbus, OH****\$13,627**

This project will facilitate an urban stream restoration project of Alum Creek working with the predominantly low-income and minority community of the Northeast side of Columbus. The project will: (1) educate the community on point source pollution, including training on how-to

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access TRI data; (2) provide a nonpoint source pollution workshop for northeast area residents; and (3) involve the community in the design and implementation of activities that address nonpoint source pollution, including storm drain stenciling, construction site monitoring and water quality monitoring.

Wisconsin

Pierce County Health Department **\$19,980**
Ellsworth, WI

The Pierce County Health Department will conduct research, education, prevention and remediation activities associated with drinking water contamination surrounding old closed landfills in Pierce County. The project would involve the identification of wells within a one-half to one mile radius of old landfills, collection of water samples, water sample analysis for VOCs and other contaminants, public informational meetings and the development of strategies to address remediation of contamination problems, in partnership with the State Department of Natural Resources' Solid Waste Division.

Social Development Commission**\$20,000****Milwaukee, WI**

This project will employ a community-based, low-tech approach to reduce the frequency, duration, and severity of elevated blood lead levels between Head Start children and their siblings. The project will facilitate communication, collaboration and partnerships with the City of Milwaukee Health Department, Wisconsin Citizen Action Parents Against Lead, and the City-wide Head Start Parent Involvement Program. The project will provide lead risk reduction training for Head Start parents and lead reduction pantries will be established at the four neighborhood Head Start sites.

Hmong-American Partnership**\$20,000****Appleton, WI**

The Hmong-American Partnership will provide education and outreach for the Hmong-American community concerning the Lower Fox River Cleanup Project and Health Consumption Advisories for fish in the affected areas, in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Wisconsin Division of Public Health.

Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission **\$19,895**
Odanah, WI

This objective of this project is to address the concerns of methyl mercury contamination of walleye in ceded territory lakes. The project will provide information on fish contaminant levels to the membership of eleven tribal governments. The project will also provide a practical and culturally sensitive approach to minimize health risks and will target women of child bearing age and parents.

Region VI

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Arkansas

Newton County Resource Council
20,000
Jasper, AR

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Newton County, Arkansas Dumpsite Clean-Up and Recycling Education Project. The Newton County Resource Council proposes to create a partnership among local residents, NCRC, Newton County government, State and Federal agencies to begin to address the illegal dump site. A series of meetings with these stakeholders will be held to make everyone aware of the extent of the dump site pollution problem and explore long term solutions. NCRC will involve the community in cleaning up five to ten of the illegal dump sites adjacent to the Buffalo National River. They will implement a recycling/solid waste disposal education program in the community and at the local schools. The council also proposes to create a county wide solid waste committee to address current and future dump site and solid waste problems.

White River Environmental Protection Association
Elkins, AR

3,840

WREPA will produce a monthly newsletter that will address environmentally sensitive information and will raise community awareness about local and state issues pertaining to environmental injustice in the rural community of Durham-Elkins and other small Northwest Arkansas communities.

New Mexico

Amigos Bravos, Inc.
20,000
Taos, NM

Amigos Bravos proposes to develop the Watch Initiative (WI) as a part of their ongoing Red River Reclamation Project. The WI will contract technical experts to analyze the permitting processes

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and all related documentation, devise a technical strategy for assuring the best possible reclamation plan, to conduct research and provide information for the Report on Mining Impacts and provide the technical foundation for community input at negotiations with representatives of the mining industry and regulatory agencies. The project will include three community workshops and training sessions to educate the public on environmental justice issues on the Red River watershed, to articulate a vision of a healthy Red River and the necessary steps to achieve this goal, to provide comprehensive training for local community members to utilize available data sources and develop reclamation priorities. Community organizing efforts and meetings with individuals in the community will be ongoing throughout the course of the initiative.

River Watch Network**\$20,000****Taos, NM**

The River Watch Network provides technical and organizations assistance to river monitoring and protection groups. In this project, RWN will work with the Taos Pueblo and the Pueblo community to provide them with basic epidemiologic tools and training; and empower the Pueblo communities to monitor their own health. The objectives are to train TPEO staff and community volunteers in designing, administering and analyzing data from cross-sectional epidemiologic health and river water use surveys; provide expertise in interpreting epidemiologic data and in understanding and prioritizing health risks; to help coordinate community meetings to disseminate resulting information and provide advice on community risk reduction strategies; and, to train the TPEO staff on how to train other Pueblos in the use of this assessment tool.

New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)**\$20,000***

This EJ Environmental Education Initiative project is to develop environmental curricula for use in schools by working with 20 selected teachers in the Española Valley area through a series of workshops (the majority of the population is Hispanics surrounded by three Native American Pueblos). The North Railroad Avenue Plume site located in this community is on the National Priorities List and education on the superfund issues will be provided to the teachers and students. NMED will work with the school systems of the City of Española and the three pueblos (Santa Clara, San Juan and Pojoaque to identify interested teachers. Guidance from Regions 7 and 8 will be sought as they have developed a National Environmental Education and Training Center and an outreach Program in Ethic Communities, respectively. 5 major tasks have been identified for this project: 1) develop request for proposals and select a contractor to organize and facilitate workshops; 2) identify existing environmental education programs and gather information on program content and implementation; 3) identify interested teachers; 4) develop workshops with contractor and teachers– hold four workshops during the school year and gather curricula ideas during the workshops; and 5) conduct a week-long summer workshop to fully develop

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environmental education curricula for use during the following school years.
(This grant was supplemented by additional funding from the region)

Oklahoma**Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma****\$20,000****Caddo Tribe Community Recycling Project****Binger, OK**

Develop integrated waste management plans, including recycling, to deliver to the tribal complexes. Waste management seminars will be provided for tribal leaders, community members, business and civic organizations. In this recycling project, the tribal and community members will develop an understanding of the options available for solid waste; develop an understanding of how the “reduce, reuse, and recycle” concept effects their lives and the community; and cooperate in the collection and proper disposal of hazardous household waste. The community will have knowledge of, the need for, and contribute to the recycling project. The project will be sustainable within a short developmental period and a reduction in the amount of illegal dumping will be attainable.

Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma**\$ 19,160****Ponca City, OK**

This project will identify and remedy two environmental issues, air and water. The Ponca Office of Environmental Management Technician will implement the project. Activities will include, meetings with the community, the business committee, and various environmental agencies (including ITEC and EPA, Region 6) to discuss the issues and design implementation plans to improve the air and water. The Tribe will assess technical assistance from ITEC, CONOCO, Inc., EPA, Region VI, and other relevant agencies; they will conduct research and assess other statewide tribal environmental justice documents to assist in designing a Ponca-specific environmental justice document. Brochures and other printed materials will be developed and disseminated to educate the community. Once comments from all involved are received and incorporated, the document will be presented to the business committee for final approval/adoption.

Texas**American Institute for Learning****\$ 17,305****Austin, TX**

The Fort Branch watershed project is to collect additional data on the watershed for the City of

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Austin's GIS database; significantly improve the Fort Branch watershed model by overlaying more environmental information; train 8-12 at-risk youths on a broad range of watershed and water quality issues with a specific focus on the use of GIS; facilitate a minimum of six workshops on watershed issues through community groups and three local elementary schools increasing the awareness of at least 200 adults and children; improve the capacity of residents to become advocates for environmental equity by improving knowledge around specific watershed information and resources such as GIS; improve environmental quality through creek cleanup and stream bank restoration.

**Esperanza Peace and Justice
San Antonio, TX**

\$ 20,000

The project proposes to sponsor two environmental justice workshops at Sam Houston and E. Central High Schools that will include an approach to Youth Leadership San Antonio to discuss project goals and encourage their participation. Up to four participants will be funded and taught soil and water sampling techniques, how to design brochures, how to survey their peers and other residents for brownfields redevelopment ideas, organize a "toxic tour," town meeting or brownfields cleanup and learn how to use the Internet to research environmental issues. In addition to Texas Watch training, the project proposes to teach residents and students how to access Internet information on pollution in the community available in the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and the Toxic Release Inventories (TRI). At least one town meeting will be held in the target neighborhood of one of the J.T. Deely coal burning power plants, to discuss how the City Public Services's power plants affect East San Antonio's air and water quality. A brochure, based on public data and input from residents, will also be published for distribution to the Eastside residents, CPS board members and other local stakeholders such as District 2 Councilman Mario Salas.

**Galveston-Houston Association for SMOG Prevention (GHASP)
Houston, TX**

\$ 20,000

A chapter of the Mothers for Clean Air will be developed for the Barrett Station area. The fifth-graders in the community will be educated on the hazards of water pollution and significant local air pollution. Activities of the project will include, testing water samples, sponsoring an environmental justice air toxics tour and workshop, training members of Mothers for Clean Air to access Geographic Information Systems and Toxic Release Inventory databases, and helping fifth-graders produce a photographic essay about pollution.

**South Central Partnership for Environmental Technology Education
Brownfields Community Education Project
Port Arthur, TX**

\$ 20,000

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The purpose of this project is to begin the development of the community and educational infrastructure necessary for the residents and businesses of Port Arthur's West End to benefit from the environmental and economic opportunities offered by the brownfields program. Through a brownfields workshop, the public's understanding and the economic redevelopment opportunities of brownfields will be increased. This project will attempt to provide Mentors Outlining Definitives for Earthly Living (MODEL) a minimal amount of financial resources so that it can more effectively serve as a West End community environmental/economic education resource.

Wiley College **\$19,695**
Rural Karnack-Area Community Environmental Justice Education Project
Marshall, TX

The goal of this project is to enhance existing collaboration among Karnack High School, the Caddo Lake Institute, Wiley College and a community stakeholder's committee - the Karnack Environmental Awareness Group (KEAG). The project will build rural-area community-based expertise on environmental issues relating to clean and safe drinking water. The objectives are to: provide the community with scientific information and education concerning the quality and source of their groundwater drinking water (well water); provide opportunities for residents to dialogue and collaborate with environmental scholars on the effects of various water pollutants on humans, focusing on the disproportionate number of low-income minorities and families who live near the Longhorn Army Ammunition Plant (a superfund site); and, train KEAG in the identification and alleviation of possible well-water pollution hazards that threaten or may cause acute or widespread health problems.

Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) **\$20,000***
Houston, TX

This EJ project is designed to assist minority and low-income communities in Jefferson, Harris and Bexar Counties, in health/safety measures to be employed in locations having close proximity to Superfund sites. Neighborhood meetings will be held to introduce the community awareness tool and allow opportunity for neighborhood input/education. Distribution of the public participation manual (TNRCC's programs and procedures for public participation) to organizations, schools, libraries, etc., making it easily accessible to local communities. After identifying and listing Superfund sites, description and location, TNRCC will produce, distribute and display an educational/awareness tool. This tool will be a replica of the one currently being developed for the Houston Fifth Ward Area. Information will be gathered from schools, parents' association, neighborhood, local government, and local environmental groups, then, adapted to meet the need of the particular community. This tool includes safety precautions for children and parents, as well as dispel any false perceptions. A 1-800 number will be included with local contact information. Neighborhood meetings will be conducted to introduce and distribute the tool. (This grant was supplemented by additional funding from the region)

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The project will address two main areas. First, the train-the-trainer program will facilitate the dissemination of information valuable to small communities with wastewater problems. Secondly, the train-the-trainer program will empower community leaders to resolve issues that could be leading to the overall decline of the community, its public health, and its environment. In addition, the “assessing” curriculum will prepares local officials to think critically about issues facing their communities, and helps them make informed decisions concerning wastewater options.

St. Louis University School of Public Health **\$20,000**
St. Louis, MO

This project is intended to raise awareness and educate of low income immigrant communities who are not proficient in English and have little knowledge about various environmental hazards in their homes. The environmental hazards addressed by this project include lead exposure, indoor air pollution and household hazardous products. The target communities are Hispanic, Vietnamese, Russian, and people from Bosnia and Hertzegovina. Evidence shows that low income and minority groups, specially their children, are disproportionately exposed to a variety of environmental health hazards in the home.

Barton County Health Department Services **\$19,980**
Barton County, MO

The purpose of the project is three-fold. First, Barton County will perform sewage surveys in 14 unincorporated areas in the county, composed of predominately low income families, to identify sewage problems areas. After the surveys have been evaluated and the problems areas identified, the people in the areas will be advised on what remedial actions are available. Secondly, the county will perform limited lead assessments and provide technical assistants to citizens that request these services. The county also will provide test kits for indoor air assessment. In addition, the county will assist with analyzing and interpreting test results as it relates to radon, carbon monoxide and formaldehyde.

American Youth Foundation **\$19,870**
St. Louis, MO

This project will create and test tools that will enable Community-Based workers to inventory current levels of household hazardous wastes and common disposal methods. The project also will provide direct education, environmentally sound alternatives and suggestive best practices for household hazardous waste disposal. The overall purpose for the project is to raise public and political awareness about the public safety hazards posed by household hazardous wastes (HHW) and the need for a permanent solution to HHW disposal. The project also seeks to impact the content of the solid waste stream and to reduce emissions of HHW into sewers, storm drains and urban waterways.

Great Rivers Alliance of Natural Resource Districts (GRAND) \$20,000
Village of North Lilbourn
St. Louis, MO

North Lilbourn citizens are actively working through their village planning process, with the assistance of local, State and Federal agencies, to address the need for a recycling program. A recycling program will help meet a number of concerns identified and prioritized during various planning meetings, including the lack of recycling information and resources, health needs, lot cleanup and fire safety. Neighborhood clean-up days are scheduled throughout the 1998 calendar year, when residents will take scrap aluminum, copper and concrete to various designated recycling facilities. This will be the first recycling program within New Madrid County MO.

Nebraska

Nebraska State Recycling Association \$19,945
Omaha, NB

This project will build on the results of the on-going Environmental Justice, Green Building, and Geographical Information system (GIS) projects. The Nebraska State Recycling Association is conducting these projects in concert with established Omaha Neighborhood Associations, business organizations, institutions and government agencies. The goals of these projects are to increase property ownership rates among minorities and apply sustainable methods to inner city redevelopment projects. This project will improve communication and cooperation among Environmental Justice stakeholders and increase the capacity of neighborhood organizations to identify and address various environmental concerns. The objective is to make useful environmental and ownership data readily accessible to neighborhood leaders.

Iowa

Iowa State University Agricultural and Biosystems \$19,987
Engineering
Ames, IO

The objectives of this project are four-fold: 1) develop a user-friendly decision support system to enhance local- and Regional-level analyses of Environmental Justice concerns; 2) integrate disparate environmental, socioeconomic, health data outcomes to evaluate the relationship between race, income, disease incidence rates and environmental hazards in Iowa and in Des Moines area; 3) develop a training program to build capacity of Regional, State, and Community-Based Environmental Justice organizations in the use of GIS to identify and analyze Environmental Justice issues; and 4) initiate an outreach and educational program to increase community awareness of local and Regional Environmental Justice issues and concerns within the EPA Region

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**Siouxland District Health Department
Sioux City, IO****\$20,000**

This project is a continuation of Warning Against Toxic Carbon Monoxide for Hispanics (WATCH) program. The intent of this program continuation is to incorporate, further, non-English speaking minorities to the protection afforded by education and awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide gases produced by commonly used everyday household appliances and equipment. The goal of this project is to continue identifying needed improvements in communication and coordination among affected interested group. Project will continue to enlist the cooperation of local consumers and the Siouxland media including English, Spanish and Asian community groups and immigrants. The second goal will be to continue educating minorities in the community about the dangers of carbon monoxide and assist them in protecting themselves.

Region VIII **For more information, please contact Region VIII Environmental
Justice Coordinator, Elizabeth Evans at 303-312-6053**

Colorado**Cross Community Coalition
\$19,860
Denver, CO**

The Colorado People's Environmental and Economic Network (COPEEN) was formed to bring together grassroots organizations of people in communities of color and/or low-income communities to work together on environmental justice issues. COPEEN will work with local grassroots groups to raise community awareness of the effort by Earth Resource Mining Company to re-open the Miser Mine in Jasper, Colorado. COPEEN will work with community groups in the San Luis Valley to identify environmental justice issues arising from plans to re-open the mine, as will continue to inform targeted communities about information related to Miser Mine. COPEEN will hire a part-time staff person who lives in the area who will oversee the project.

**Earth Force
\$20,000
Denver, CO**

Front Range Earth Force is one of four national demonstration sites launched in May of 1997 by Earth Force, a national youth-driven nonprofit organization based in Alexandria, Virginia. Front Range Earth Force supports the Community Action and Problem Solving (CAPS) Program, which provides middle school youth opportunities to strengthen their environmental and civic

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knowledge, attitudes and skills by addressing environmental problems in their communities. This grant will partially support CAPS projects in ten low-income, minority communities in the Denver metro area and will provide 45 educators with a background in environmental justice and concerns that exist in these target communities.

Grand Valley Earth Coalition**\$18,651****Grand Junction, CO**

The Grand Valley Earth Coalition is a grassroots group formed in 1990 for the purpose of providing education and information to the public regarding environmental issues. The Grand Valley of Western Colorado does not have a stable household hazardous waste education program or a facility for collection of household hazardous waste. The area is separated from information transfer by the Rocky Mountains; information and funds for support are not as readily available. As the valley has grown so has the burden of household hazardous waste entering the local landfill, increasing the risk of contamination of the Colorado River. The Grand Valley HHW Program will target the entire community to offer a comprehensive household hazardous waste education program focusing on purchasing habits and disposal, in order to decrease the risk of contamination.

Mi Casa Resource Center for Women**\$20,000****Denver, CO**

Mi Casa was founded in 1976 to provide quality employment and education services that promote economic independence for low-income, predominantly Latina women and youth. The population served by Mi Casa is both minority and low-income, and may be exposed to higher levels of toxic pollutants in their environment. The grant will be used to expand Mi Casa's focus. The enhanced program will continue to emphasize personal and career development, but also stimulate community involvement and leadership development specifically around environmental issues. The young women who will participate in the program will research and present information to their communities and will create action plans for the environmental issues they identify.

San Juan Basin Health Department**\$17,624****Durango, CO**

The Air Quality Advisory Council (AQAC) was formed as an advisory body to the San Juan Basin Board of Health in November 1997, due to concern about the disproportionate share of impact from a nearby commercial railroad borne by the predominantly Hispanic South Durango neighborhood. The grant will help continue AQAC's work; coordinating workshops for sharing information, surveying concerns of residents, fostering public meetings to present findings of local stakeholders groups, and providing access to air and water quality data collected and analyzed by

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local organizations and state agencies as well as assisting in interpretation of this data.

Montana

Eastern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (EPRCD) **\$20,000**
Sidney, MT

The EPRCD is a nonprofit organization governed by a council of 66 members representing cities, tribes, counties and conservation districts within a 16-county area in northeastern Montana. The grant is for two components associated with the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Municipal and Rural Water Supply System: public information for the non-reservation community, and formation of the off- reservation water district. Its first goal is to facilitate communication and strengthen partnerships to address disproportionate exposure to poor drinking water. a second goal is to build community capacity and understanding that water quality can be improved. Finally, the project will provide better public access to data about water quality in the area.

Eastern Plains Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc. (EPCRD) **\$20,000**
Sidney, MT

The EPRCD, along with the Lower Missouri River Coordinated Resource Management Group (LoMoCRM) intend together existing data that is scattered among various agencies and organizations pertaining to water quality in the project area. The information will be compiled to determine what additional data is needed for a comprehensive report. Finally, EPRCD will complete any additional water quality assessments needed to finalize a report that can be used to design a justifiable and responsible conservation plan to address water quality issues. This information will be disseminated through the use of newsletters, radio, and television stations in the area. The grant will fund a part-time watershed coordinator.

North Dakota

Clean Water Fund
\$20,000
Fargo, ND

The Clean Water Fund is a nonprofit research and education organization promoting the public interest since 1978 on issues related to water, waste, toxics and natural resources. The “Partnerships For Pesticide Safety Project” is a targeted training and educational outreach program resigned specifically for North Dakota’s Hispanic farm worker population in an effort to prevent exposures to pesticides and other occupational hazards. To implement the project, CWF will

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develop partnerships with stakeholders, including farmers, state agricultural officials, and farm workers to develop and implement a field training program focused on pesticide and workplace safety. This bilingual training program will guarantee that farm workers receive the necessary training to protect themselves from occupational health threats while also ensuring that farmers are complying with worker safety training regulations as required under the federal Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

South Dakota

Jobs and Environment Campaign/ Oglala Lakota **\$20,000**
Pine Ridge, SD

The goal is to increase resources to the Oglala Lakota Nation to develop capacity to protect groundwater and manage pesticides on their lands. In partnership with the Oglala Lakota Nation, the Jobs and Environment Campaign will develop a fully functioning and effective environmental protection program in the area of groundwater protection and pesticides management. This will take the form of a Tribal Pesticide Management Plan for five specific pesticides: alachlor, metolachlor, atrazine, cyanazine and simazine.

Utah

Utah Society for Environmental Education **\$20,000**
Salt Lake City, UT

The Utah Society for Environmental Education (USEE) is a nonprofit organization that develops public awareness and knowledge about the environment, and provides the public with skills needed to make informed decisions, to solve problems, and to take responsible actions. The "Jordan River Stewardship Project" will educate and empower residents of one of Salt Lake's lowest income communities, providing them with the skills needed to address environmental justice issues related to clean water and solid waste. In the northern corridor of the Jordan River, which is the target area for this project, broken glass, empty barrels, and other signs of degradation are common. The grant will increase the amount of education and support USEE can provide the community by conducting specific outreach presentations, working closely with schools and increasing the amount of support offered to community groups.

Utah Society for Environmental Education **\$17,280**
Salt Lake City, UT

The purpose of the Gateway Environmental Justice Project is to produce a comprehensive report that explains environmental risk information collected by USEE from Salt Lake City and Utah's Department of Environmental Quality. USEE will disseminate this information to stakeholders in

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the Gateway District in a series of public meetings. The report will provide stakeholders with information about risks in Gateway, who is at risk, and how to mitigate the risks, including possible submission of Community Development Block Grants and initiating clean-up projects.

Wyoming**Wyoming Energy Council, Inc.
Laramie, WY****\$20,000**

WEC will address environmental exposure to poor indoor air quality and potentially hazardous waste in low income households of Albany County, particularly those including children or the elderly. WEC will partner with local community organizations to mutually increase understanding of indoor pollution and its harmful effects. Direct information, on both indoor pollution and the local organizations involved in addressing it, will be provided through articles and public service announcements in the local media. WEC will operate a toll-free hot-line, and will conduct public meetings.

Region IX**For more information, please contact Region IX Environmental
Justice Team at 415-744-1565****Arizona****BorderLinks
Tucson, AZ****\$19,700**

Local community leaders in Nogales, Arizona and Nogales, Sonora will participate in four weekend workshops that will focus on environmental problems associated with waste disposal in the Nogales Wash, which runs south to north through both cities. Participants will also learn to recognise other environmental problems, gain a better understanding of relevant laws, and learn how to work together to address the problems. The project will be done in cooperation with local health clinics, local environmental groups, and members of the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ).

Diné Care, Inc.**\$20,000**

Education on the causes and effects of radiation exposure on health, welfare, and the environment. Currently there are over 1,200 abandoned and mostly unreclaimed mines on Navajo reservation land and many Navajo people are unaware of the health risks associated with exposure to uranium radiation. The Northern Arizona Navajo Down Winders Committee will hold community forums at local service centers and Chapter Houses which serve as congregation places for Navajo communities. The forums will incorporate traditional perspective on teaching indigenous people and translations of technical language and concepts into Navajo. Through this combination of culturally appropriate methods, this organization hopes the community will be able discuss

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traditionally taboo subjects relating to sickness and death.

California

Center for Third World Organizing **\$20,000***
People United for A Better Oakland (PUEBLO)
Oakland, CA

Residents of East Oakland are concerned about the proximity of a large residential neighborhood to environmental toxins resulting from a concentration of industrial and commercial facilities, railroad tracks, and a major freeway. SAFE HEALTH will address the broad-scale pollution of the environment by training community members to document sources of potential pollution, to prioritize their concerns about the greatest environmental health threats, and to partner with government in assuring adequate emergency response systems are in place and that public health needs are being met.

El Festival del Pueblo de Monterey **\$16,000**
Seaside, CA

Pesticide use and regulation in Monterey County Schools. The leading industries in Monterey County, tourism and agriculture, are significant users of pesticides and primarily employ low-income, particularly Spanish speaking, individuals. In addition, Monterey County Schools do not have guidelines in place on pesticide use. Community members are concerned that minority children and youth, and their families in Monterey County are at high risk of exposure to pesticides. This grant will help the Monterey Bay Spanish Speaking Indian Council will distributing information to teachers and parents on pesticide use in the workplace and help institute a dialogue with the school district on the need for reducing the use pesticides in areas where small children routinely play.

Environmental Center of San Luis Obispo
\$19,980
San Luis Obispo, CA

ECOSLO will work to minimize environmental health risks facing farmworkers and to facilitate and improve communication and coordination among the county's environmental health stakeholders and farmworker support groups. Surveys of at least 300 farmworkers and their families will provide new information to regulatory officials, public agencies, and non-profit service organizations on household hazardous materials and pesticide use. Survey participants will be drawn from Migrant Head Start, Promotoras Comunitarias (non-profit support program for Latina women) and FUERZA (a county nonprofit Latino support organization).

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Greater Bakersfield Community Housing Resources Board **\$20,000**
Bakersfield, CA

Kern County Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition. Lead poisoning hazards disproportionately affect low income and minority families. This project will expand public health education and community outreach activities on environmental lead to low income and minority families with children. Free swab testing and free capillary blood testing will be provided to residents. In addition, neighborhood leaders such as teachers, clergy and community association members will be trained to instruct residents to test their housing (including possibly contaminated items and cookery) for lead content, as well as preventative healthcare and post poisoning follow-up.

Imperial Valley College **\$19,999 ***
Imperial, CA

The New River flows from Mexicali, Mexico north through Imperial County and winds through low income residential and agricultural areas to the Salton Sea -- one of the most important flyway in North America for migratory birds. This program is geared towards the mostly low-income population of Hispanic farmworkers and their children. Workshops will provide high school and community college teachers with curriculum on water pollution and solid waste issues that integrates lectures, field trips, and job shadowing. Students will monitor New River water and research ponding techniques and bio remediation as a ways to address agricultural runoff and other pollution. Learning these "real world" procedures will provide minority students with skills to apply to careers in environmental management.

Los Angeles Educational Partnership **\$19,970**
Los Angeles, CA

Bilingual community based effort to control toxic dumping. The purpose of this project is to develop citizen involvement to eliminate environmental abuses in Pacoima through community-based education, advocacy, monitoring, and clean-up efforts. Community members will be trained to become inspectors on watch for illegal dumping of waste in their communities. Pacoima Beautiful will work to encouraging residents to be proactive with environmental problems, to get involved in planning and implementing regular clean-up days in neighborhoods, and to develop projects to "green" local schools.

People's Community Organization for Reform **\$19,940**
and Employment (People's CORE)
Los Angeles, CA

Pesticide research and education project. Residents in two multicultural communities in Los

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Angeles are concerned that the health risk of pesticide exposure may be worse for children attending schools that are located in areas where refineries, chemical plants and smog contribute to high levels of air pollution. People's CORE will determine the scope of pesticide use in 7 schools in Carson, and 5 schools in other parts of the City of Los Angeles by requesting, reviewing, and analysing monthly pesticide use reports. Presentations and workshops will be coordinated with teachers, parents and school administrators to share information on pesticide use in the schools and identify ways to limit children's exposure to pesticides and other toxic substances.

San Jose State University Foundation **\$20,000**
San Jose, CA

This project will provide residents of Richmond, California with accurate environmental monitoring data. Community workshops will focus on dispelling the myths about 'toxics' and 'environmental racism' and train community members on where to find information about toxics. The targeted audience is low-income minority residents living near Superfund sites in Richmond, California.

San Fernando Valley Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. **19,344***
Pacoima, CA

Lucha Ambiental de la Comunidad Hispana (LACH) is an informal group of low-income Latino residents of Val Verde who formed in 1995 in response to concerns about the possible adverse health effects of a landfill in their community. This grant will help develop LACH build its capacity as an organization through activities such as bi-monthly meetings, training for members on effective communication skills and working with environmental data, and developing and implementing action plans and publishing a bilingual environmental newsletter.

HAWAII

Hawaii's Thousand Friends **\$20,000 ***
Honolulu, HI

This project will work to improve communication and opportunities for collaboration between mainstream environmental groups, Native Hawaiians and lower income residents, government agencies, and local decision-makers within the City and County of Honolulu -- the 11th largest metropolitan area in the U.S. Workshops will focus on the decision-making process of the State Legislature, City and County Council, and other agencies and on prioritizing environmental justice issues in this community. The priority is to assist Native Hawaiian and low-income residents in understanding local decision-making processes, in monitoring and evaluating local land use proposals, and in strengthening their voices in the decisions that impact their lives and culture.

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**Waipi'o Valley Community Association
Honoka'a, HI****\$19,500**

Waipi'o Valley is a agricultural area with a high percentage of low-income and Native Hawaiian practitioners who farm, fish and gather food from streams and the ocean. This community-based program will gage, monitor, and survey streams, in order to support stream restoration in the Waipi'o watershed on the island of Hawaii. The project addresses ongoing environmental justice issues related to water allocations, shortages and pollution, conflicts over riparian and native Hawaiian rights, and environmental and public health risks in rural communities.

Nevada**Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony****\$19,113**

The relationship between the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe's solid waste disposal lagoon system and the ground water and water delivery system on the tribe's reservation is currently not known. The lagoon system is within five feet of the ground water level and is less than a 1/4 mile from the main water delivery system on the tribe. This project will allow the tribe to study the situation, to correct any potential problems, and to educate the tribal residents about how the lagoon system may impact their water quality.

**Walker River Paiute Tribe
Shurz, NV****\$19,950**

The tribe will assess the scope of environmental damage caused by ordnance contamination from naval aircraft bombing on the reservation. They will research land contamination, ordnance solid wastes, and risks and effects on human health. This information will aid tribal leaders in the decision making process and improve communication with U.S. Department of Defense. The project also includes outreach and education workshops for community residents on potential hazards that lie underground.

Region X

For more information, please contact Region X Environmental Justice Grants Coordinator Susan Morales at 206-553-4029 or Environmental Justice Program Manager Joyce Kelly at 206-553-4029

Alaska**IRA Tribal Government of St Paul
St Paul Island, AK****\$20,000**

A Bering Sea Coastal Alaska Native Community Workshop to build communication, address

research needs, and identify criteria and protocols for toxic research in the Bering Sea Region.

Chugachmiut, Tatitlek and Chenega Bay**\$20,000****Anchorage, AK**

To build tribal capacity in the small communities of Tatitlek and Chenega Bay for coastal area management and decision making in the continued preservation of subsistence and cultural coastal area resources. The project will include a workshop in each community and the development of a tribal guide to the legal protection of coastal area resources.

Idaho**Valley Family Health Care,
Payette, ID****\$20,000**

This project intends to provide community based education to Hispanic migrant and seasonal farm workers, and family members about human health and safety threats in the environment. The focus will be on issues impacting farm workers such as the use of contaminated drinking water, use of improper methods of storing or consuming drinking water, and improper disposal of chemicals and sewage which further contaminate water supplies.

**Nez Perce Tribe
Lapwai, ID 83540****\$19,975**

Lead based paint education and awareness outreach program to address the environmental and occupational lead hazards on or near the reservation boundaries with regard to children six and under. The focus will be a lead awareness month of activities through use of culturally related educational materials, and to establish protocol among contacts for questions and complaints of lead exposure.

Oregon**Environmental Justice Action Group
Portland, OR****\$18,874***

The proposed education and outreach project focusing on the Northeast Portland residents will work to address local environmental justice problems and solutions through an intensive door-to-door campaign, distribution of a quarterly newsletter, and by providing access to data available through the geographic information system.

**Urban League of Portland,
Portland, OR****\$20,000**

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The Urban League proposes the expansion of its Lead Poisoning Prevention Program to the religious community in North/Northeast Portland and to ensure Medicaid providers comply with childhood lead screening guidelines. The goals will be to increase participation in the decision-making processes of local programs, and increase the numbers of at-risk children screened for blood lead levels.

Coquille Indian Tribe **\$17,850**
North Bend, OR

The Tribe proposes to design and construct a stormwater treatment facility to treat runoff, protect water quality in the cranberry farm irrigation pond and downstream, restoring wetland functions and erosion control. The target audience, including a low-income housing development on the reservation, along with areas of Barview and Charleston, will become stewards through training and involvement in monitoring the area.

Washington

YMCA of Greater Seattle **\$19,983**
Seattle, WA

A YMCA Earth Service Corps Program to engage low income youth and youth of color from Seattle's inner city neighborhoods in activities that will help them develop an awareness of local environmental justice problems. The activities include student chosen service learning projects, presentations to elementary schools, and an environmental symposium.

Community Coalition for Environmental Justice (CCEJ) **\$20,000**
Seattle, WA

An outreach, education, and research project focusing on the South Park community. Based on responses from the community, the proposed activities would include designing fact sheets, coordinating a community forum, and conducting workshops on accessing and interpreting environmental and health data, pollution problems in the neighborhood, and on the how the Clean Air and Water Acts are enforced.

Muckleshoot Indian Tribe **\$19,688***
Auburn, WA

The purpose of the project is to provide the Tribe with technical expertise to be better informed on the ecological and human health protectiveness of proposed cleanup projects. This information will enable meaningful participation in three different cleanup projects within the Duwamish, Tribe's Usual and accustomed Fishing Area.

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe **\$20,000**

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Sequim, WA

A proposal to prepare two short publications that provide factual, scientific and legal information to the Northeast Olympic Peninsula general community about the environmental goals and activities of the Tribe and cooperating entities. Training and stipends to a designated tribal member would also be provided for participation in public and interagency environmental forums.

**Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
LaConner, WA****\$20,000**

This proposal aims to promote an understanding of the role of Tribal governance in environmental protection and to build community cooperation. Through a series of discussions facilitated to encourage open dialogue, this project will identify confrontational issues that can then move into mediation of the identified conflicts.

**Tacoma Urban League, Inc.
Tacoma, WA****\$20,000**

This proposal is for a one year community based preliminary study to correlate the effects of indoor air pollution and the incidence of asthma in the Salishan low income and minority community. Environmental health intervention and prevention strategies will be addressed through public outreach, training, education, health care, and other corrective measures involving students and community members.

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