

1999 AWARDS

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE
SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM**

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<http://www.epa.gov/oeca/oecj/grlink1.html>

1999 Awards Under the Small Grants Program

Total Funds: \$1,490,000

(*funded with
Superfund)

Grants Awarded: 95

Region 1

For more information, please contact Region 1
Environmental Justice Small Grants Coordinator,
Ronnie Harrington, at 617-918-1120
Total Awards: \$143,482

Maine

*Community Development in a Sustainable Residential Development
Project* \$15,000

Route 3, Box 450

Aroostook County

Houlton, ME 04730

Contact- Shari Venno

(207) 532-4273

The Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians is a small American Indian tribe located in Aroostook County in Northern Maine that was federally recognized in 1980. Since then HBMI has adopted the traditional form of Tribal Council/Tribal Chief government and has acquired 800 acres of land held in trust by the federal government.

The objective of this project is to support the development and implementation of a community planning process designed to familiarize and involve the community in sustainable development concepts and their applications; to train interested tribal members in a sustainable development construction technique.

New Hampshire

Merrimack County Air Quality Awareness Project

\$15,0
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4 Park Street, Suite 403

Concord, NH

Contact- Jan Pendlebury

(603) 225-2097 ext. 20

New Hampshire Citizens Alliance (NHCA) is an organization that has sought to educate and empower NH residents by conducting research and publishing reports on issues of interest; hosting educational forums; sharing information through printed materials and the media; meeting with people in communities seeking to improve access to quality health care. NHCA’s mission is to help ensure a voice for consumers in policy decisions that affect the quality of all lives. By organizing consumers, informing people about issues and offering training and assistance to empower citizen leaders, NHCA strives to engage consumers in shaping key policies and institutions.

The purpose of the Merrimack County Air Quality Awareness Project is to create and implement a local organizing model that: develops a vehicle to gather data on potential health risks associated with poor air quality; creates new alliances between organizations, agencies and individuals to facilitate communication and information-sharing; informs people about air quality issues, builds leadership at the community level, and engages those citizens often left out of policy debate; and creates new avenues to raise awareness about environmental issues, ultimately leading to policy reform

Connecticut

Superfund and Brownfield Community Education Project

\$15,000

**835 South Main Street
Waterbury, CT 06710
Contact- Samuel Arroyo
(203) 591-1063**

The South End Revitalization Corporation is located in the “South End” section of Waterbury, Connecticut and is bounded by Interstate 84 to the North, Route 8 to the West, Madison Avenue to the South, and Sylvan Avenue/Rose Hill to the East, This neighborhood is a mixture of residential (60%), industrial (30%), with a small concentration of commercial businesses located predominantly on South Main Street and Baldwin Avenue. Generally this area is classified as “undesirable”, most often citing a fear of crime, drug dealing, deteriorated housing, and mixed ethnic populations.

The objective of this project is to enable the community to deal appropriately with all sectors involved to make this area investment ready. After research,

youth will be hired to go door-to-door on environmental health assessment and to conduct environmental health assessments and risk mapping utilizing the GIS provided by the EPA.

Massachusetts

Boston Neighborhood Recycling Campaign

\$15,000

**29 Temple Place
Boston, MA 02111
Contact- Vivien Watts
(617) 292-4821**

Recycling Initiative Campaign (RIC) is an organization that was incorporated in 1992. RIC has worked to reduce trash in Massachusetts by encouraging corporations, the Commonwealth, and municipalities to implement strategies to reduce, reuse, and recycle our wastes. RIC’s mission is to work with citizen groups to boost recycling and waste prevention in their communities. RIC provides background information on successful components of recycling and waste prevention programs. RIC helps citizen groups plan campaigns and connects them to a larger statewide network of other recycling activists, officials, and professionals.

The Recycling Initiative Campaign’s (RIC) Boston Neighborhood Recycling Campaign (BNRC) objective is to boost the recycling rates in three Boston communities: Dorchester, East Boston, and the South End where the target audience is primarily residents of low-income neighborhoods. These communities also include people of African-American, Vietnamese, Haitian-Creole, and Latino descent. Due to multiple languages spoken in these neighborhoods, Urban Recycling programs face particular challenges. The project will help decrease the amount of solid waste in landfills or burnt in incinerators by increasing neighborhood recycling rates. Through educational outreach, RIC will create models that will help inform and improve the city’s overall program.

Healthy Schools Networking

\$14,982

**458 Bridge Street
Springfield, MA 01103**

**Contact- Susan DeMaria
(413) 731-0760**

The Western Massachusetts Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (Western MassCOSHH) is a private, non-profit, community-based organization that has been educating employees on health and safety issues in the workplace for over 25 years. Incorporated in 1991, Western MassCOSHH has expanded the original coalition to include labor unions, community groups, educators, health care professionals, legal experts, and health safety professionals. The mission of the organization is to create a safe and healthy environment throughout all the work sites. It has sponsored numerous regional conferences on health and safety issues, and has published and distributed a comprehensive book on workers' compensation, *Hurt On the Job: A Guide to the Massachusetts Workers' Compensation System*.

The objective of this project is to coordinate Environmental Team building at the Springfield School District level and at individual schools. Western MassCOSHH will work with the District to identify five (5) of the 41 Springfield schools to implement their services; they will survey each selected school to identify environmental problems including its hazardous materials, waste management systems, and pest management strategies; provide a train-the-trainer program on the *Tools for Schools*; facilitate the western regional arm of the Healthy Schools Network Coalition (HSN); and implement the institutionalization of hazardous materials and waste management systems.

Rhode Island

Environmental Justice Action Project

\$13,500

**115 Empire Street
Providence, RI 02903
Contact- Karen Feldman
(401) 751-3086**

Youth In Action, founded in October 1997, is Rhode Island's first non-profit organization created and controlled by community youth. Their mission is to make the community better by supporting local youth to develop as leaders and run their own organization.

The objective of this project is to offer 5 intensive training sessions to 10 youth about environmental issues plaguing the neighborhood. Youth In Action will create a multilingual survey for use in door-to-door outreach. They plan to reach 100 families through door-to-door outreach; and work with families on an individual basis with health concerns. They will also coordinate community forums for residents to get together and plan collective ways to address environmental injustice.

Waverly Street: Implementing an Urban Environmental Model **\$15,000**

**385 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903
Contact- Laura Archambault
(401) 351-6440**

Keep Providence Beautiful, Inc. (KPB) is a non-profit educational organization that was incorporated in 1982. KPB's mission is to promote a cleaner, safer Providence through education, public awareness, partnerships and community outreach activities. By working in partnership with neighborhood groups, community centers, schools, city and state government, businesses, other non-profit agencies and volunteers, KPB serves as a catalyst for neighborhood and community involvement and development, respectively.

The purpose of this project is to address the environmental health concerns of the Waverly Street community through a model developed and implemented

on Bellevue Avenue where specific concerns are: lack of greenery, urban air pollution, rodent infestation, litter, solid waste disposal/recycling. The objectives include envisioning a design for the streetscape; training information distribution, and education about solid waste disposal, recycling, urban trees, air pollution, and rats; planting trees and flowers; and distributing trash cans/recycling bins.

CIRCLE OF CARING, INC.

***Mass Military Reservation Superfund Site/Cape Cod Minority
Community \$20,000*
Engagement Coalition Project***

P. O. Box 1034

Mashpee, MA 02649

Contact - Maria Turner

(508)539-2164

The Circle of Caring was founded in 1989 by a Native American mother as a support group for families dealing with substance abuse problems. Incorporated as a non-profit, the organization's success has lead to an expanded scope of its services, and now operates a summer camp for youngsters and after-school sports and academic assistance programs, as well as media access through local cable programming.

This project will research community-based multi-level communication needs and translate and integrate environmental management decision-making information for minority residents specifically Mashpee Wampanoags and Cape Verdeans who live contiguous to the Massachusetts Military Reservation, Cape Cod, MA. Research support will be provided to help residents understand the impact of the MMR Site on their lifestyle, livelihood and property and will enable them to participate more fully in environmental management options being discussed for the MMR.

HOUSATONIC RIVER INITIATIVE

***Hazardous Waste Identification and Community Awareness Research
Project \$18,980****

20 Bank Row #206

Pittsfield, MA 01201

Contact - Timothy Gray

(413)499-6112

The Housatonic River Initiative (HRI) is a non-profit organization that has

served the community surrounding the Housatonic River in Berkshire County since 1992. HRI's mission has been to educate and create an effective public involvement campaign and to participate in clean up decisions that affect the community.

The 256 acre General Electric industrial plant in Pittsfield represents 10 Massachusetts Tier One hazardous waste sites and is about to begin years of remediation work. The goal of this project is to research and document neighborhood concerns and research health issues in the community. Concerns that have been raised by citizens living around the plant are air quality, water quality, soil contamination, groundwater contamination, landfilling and health issues. A door-to-door survey will be conducted to research these concerns and identify community perceptions on the existence and effects of hazardous wastes in their neighborhoods. At the conclusion of the research and evaluation of the research results this information will be disseminated back to the community through cable TV, a newsletter and a research publication.

Region 2 **For more information, please contact Region 2
Environmental Justice Coordinator, Melva
Hayden, at 212-637-5027
Total Awarded: \$118,823**

New York

***Project ACCESS: Farmworker Action for Safe Healthy Food and
Environment* \$14,000**
Centro Independiente Trabajadores Agricolas (CITA)
32 Main Street
P.O. Box 78
Florida, NY 10921
Contact: Leslie Schwindt
(520) 577-6390

About 90% of the 12,000 farmworkers in New York's Hudson Valley consists of Latino immigrants from Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean. CITA reports that the American farmworker community includes some of the poorest people in the country with an average annual income of \$7,000 for a family of four. Moreover, the average life expectancy for American farmworkers is age 55. This may be attributed, in part, to their

close, daily contact with chemical pesticides. In order to address this situation, CITA has proposed a three prong program to help farmworkers in the New York Hudson Valley protect themselves from dangerous pesticides while also helping to improve food safety.

First, CITA will work to monitor growers' compliance with EPA's Worker Protection Standard (WPS). In 1998, CITA conducted a survey of farmworkers in order to ascertain the level of WPS compliance in the Hudson Valley and reported the results to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The NYSDEC, however, questioned the scientific validity of the data. Therefore, CITA will perform a new study during the 1999-2000 growing season and enter the information into a versatile computer database.

Second, CITA will expand its leadership program to train 12 more farmworker leaders ("voceros"). This will include an intensive process that will teach the 12 new voceros about leadership, advocacy, organizational skills, and pesticide awareness. Once they are trained, these voceros can act as powerful leaders and representatives in the farmworker community who can teach others about pesticides, serve on the boards of key regional organizations, and facilitate the WPS compliance data collection.

Third, CITA will continue to build its partnerships with regional and national farmer, environmental, and sustainable agriculture organizations. This will enable the various people affected by pesticide use to communicate and provide support to one another.

Greenpoint/Williamsburg Environmental Education Project

\$14,000

**Council on the Environment, Inc.
51 Chambers Street, Room 228
New York, NY 10007
(212) 788-7904**

Since 1995, the Council on the Environment has been empowering students to improve environmental conditions in their low-income, racially diverse community through the Greenpoint/Williamsburg Environmental Education Project. This has been accomplished through training students about how to reach out effectively to community residents, businesses, and government officials. The requested funding will cover the cost of a staff member to work with students in two area schools. At one school, students will deal with air quality issues by conducting air monitoring projects, educating local residents, and advocating for better air monitoring and enforcement. At the second school, students will focus upon issues surrounding industrial toxics by evaluating their use within the community, educating area residents, and working with two major local polluters to reduce toxic chemical use. In the past, a similar program was successful in assessing and reducing toxic chemical use in area autobody shops.

Hunts Point Community Composting Pilot Program (HPCCPP)

\$14,300

**The Point Community Development Corporation
940 Garrison Avenue
Bronx, NY 10474
Contact: Majora J. Carter
(718) 542-4139**

The Point Community Development Corporation (CDC) proposes to initiate a year-long study that will actively involve the Hunts Point community in the implementation of a pilot composting program. For the first month, CDC will monitor the volume and weight of the unseparated solid waste output of 25 volunteer households. Then, CDC will educate members of these households about effective composting techniques and supply

them with carbon-filtered compost containers. Three times per week, the separated compost material will be picked up, measured, and deposited at CDC's composting facility for its Henry Font Memorial Garden. This effort will allow CDC to produce a report that will evaluate the effectiveness of a residential compost program in reducing the City's overall solid waste output. The long-term goal of the program is to educate and encourage Hunts Point residents to adopt composting as an effective means to improve environmental conditions in their own community. Hunts Point has a primarily low-income, minority population that has been impacted by several environmental issues related to solid waste generation and transfer stations.

Community Monitoring Urban Watershed Project

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***Arbor Hill Environmental Justice Corporation**

**200 Henry Johnson Boulevard
Albany, NY 12210
Contact: Leigh Foster
(518) 463-9760**

This initiative will target the Arbor Hill community which includes five predominantly African American neighborhoods in Albany, New York that have been impacted by an array of environmental issues over the past few years. The project's major activity will involve the gathering of data on point and nonpoint pollution sources that are impacting the water quality of the Patroon Watershed. The overall goal will be twofold: informing the larger community about local environmental conditions and educating young people about important ecological issues. These objectives will foster the immediate and long-term involvement of the residents in effectively advocating for the improvement of their community. Investigations will be conducted by community members and focus upon water and soil contamination. Special attention will be given to the areas within the vicinity of the Mercury Refining Facility Superfund Site and the Patroon Creek, which is utilized for recreational purposes. Analyses of the data collected will help assess the impact of current land use trends and serve to influence future regional development and cleanup decisions.

New Jersey

Community Outreach to at Risk Urban Residents and Anglers in the Arthur Kill section of the Newark Bay Complex

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County of Union, Division of Environmental Health

**300 North Avenue, East
Westfield, NJ 07090
Contact: Kevin Schuerman
(732) 382-5585**

The Arthur Kill Section of the Newark Bay Complex is a contaminated brackish water system which supports aquatic life found in both fresh and marine waters. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has issued fish and crab consumption advisory guides for this area. However, language barriers and limited access to traditional media outlets have left some subsistence fishers and urban anglers unaware of these warnings. Therefore, the County of Union, in coordination with the NJDEP and the City of Elizabeth, has proposed a project to reach out to these individuals. The program's efforts will include the production of a Spanish language video for women's health clinics, educational workshops held at community organizations and churches, and direct contact with fishers along the waterfront. This will be supplemented by printed handouts and permanent metal warning signs. In this manner, local residents and fishers will be educated about protecting their own health and preserving the waterway by participating in government waste disposal and pollution prevention programs.

Local Environmental Empowerment Project (LEEP)

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Newark Environmental Coalition

**569 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard
Newark, NJ 07102
Contact: Tiwana Steward-Griffin
(973) 353-5695**

Newark, New Jersey consists of many minority and poor communities that are located in the midst of industry, major highways, and numerous sites that are contaminated with hazardous waste. Newark’s city government is currently creating a new Master Plan which will guide the city’s long-term growth and development. LEEP will work to ensure that the residents are given a proper voice in the design of the Master Plan. The project will facilitate communication amongst stakeholders by sponsoring community forums with city planners and educating residents through bilingual literature and public meetings. In this way, program coordinators hope to encourage the maximum informed public input. LEEP also will advocate for a Master Plan that preserves and expands open space and recreational lands while also providing for environmentally sound brownfield redevelopment.

Virgin Islands

The Bovoni Reef and Injustice to Nature (BRAIN) Coral Project

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Boys and Girls Club at Bovoni

Box 502188
St. Thomas, VI 00805
Contact: Dr. Janet Rommell
(340) 778-8990

The Bovoni Landfill, located in the U.S. Virgin Islands has been the site of illegal dumping, wetlands destruction, and many fires over the past 20 years. According to the Boys and Girls Club at Bovoni, most of the local residents who live in low-income public housing nearby the landfill are unaware of the possible effects that such activities may have on human health and the environment. In coordination with the Reef Ranger Project and a trained scientist, the organization proposes to monitor the water quality at the seashore and lagoons around the dump. This will be integrated into an environmental education program which will cover marine ecosystems including coral reefs and mangroves; soil, air, and water quality; and local environmental justice issues. Instruction will include workshops as well as hands-on experiences/camping at the Virgin Islands Environmental Resource Station (VIERS). Approximately 50 students will participate in the program along with adult councilors/chaperones. After completing their training, the students will share their newly-acquired knowledge with their communities through public presentations.

Puerto Rico

Community Education and Organizing for the Prevention of Health

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Problems Related to Pesticide Use in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico

Comité Pro Costa Ventana, Inc.

P.O. Box 561-244

Guayanilla, PR 00656-9762

Contact: Austre Falche

(787) 835-5593

The municipality of Guayanilla, Puerto Rico has over 21,000 residents, 69% of which live below the poverty level. The community and its coastal resources have been particularly impacted by pesticide spraying at the nearby 1,200 acre farm operated by the Tropical Fruit Company. The Comité Pro Costa Ventana, in accordance with its founding mission, will use the requested funding to continue its efforts to educate residents about pesticide-related health and environmental issues. This will include community workshops, translating and distributing important technical literature and data, and publishing three newsletters. Through training seminars, the organization will also empower the residents to advocate effectively for the preservation of the local environment and protection of human health. The organization plans to bring stakeholders together through scheduled meetings and ensuring that the pesticide issue remains a high-profile concern. This will be accomplished by maintaining contact with local and federal government agencies as well as the news media.

Region 3

**For more information, please contact Region 3
Environmental Justice Coordinator, Reggie Harris,
at 215/814-2988**

Total Awarded: \$141,147

Pennsylvania

Delaware Riverkeeper Network, Schuylkill Riverkeeper

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American Littoral Society

**Schuylkill Riverkeeper
P.O. Box 459
Saint Peters, PA 19470
Contact: Chari Towne**

This project will aim to empower the local citizens to take action against the negative environmental and economic impacts resulting from past mining of anthracite coal in the Schuylkill River’s headwaters. The focus is on the impacts of the scarred landscape and abandoned mine drainage both on the land and water. The project sets forth the following goals for developing environmental leaders for environmental justice: 1) To enhance critical thinking, problem-solving, and active participation of residents of the Schuylkill’s headwaters region in environmental issues; 2) To enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems. The project will empower the citizens by educating them by distributing fact sheets, offering workshops, offering stream walks.

Environmental Justice through Vacant Land Transformation and Education

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The Village of Arts and Humanities

**2544 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19133
Contact: Lily Yeh**

The Village has been working with neighborhood residents, local schools, public housing developments, various city agencies and other organizations to reduce the amount of vacant land in the neighborhood. The Village will build community capacity to identify and to address local environmental justice problems by training neighborhood residents and providing access to the tools and materials they need to transform vacant land into green spaces. The Village will also help residents sustain their projects and gain a deeper understanding of local environmental issues through environmental education workshops.

West Virginia

McDowell Board of Parks and Recreation

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McDowell Board of Parks and Recreation, Inc.

Dorothy Horne, Executive Director
70 McDowell Street., Suite 301
Welch, WV 24801

This project will aim to improve the water quality in the Elkhorn Creek and its tributaries by developing an integrated sewage and waste management plan. It will also develop a recycling plan, which will give the local citizens an understanding of the “reduce, reuse, and recycle” concept. They will also work closely with the communities involved to increase participation and awareness of the problems and potential solutions.

Virginia

Environmental Equity Information Institute

\$14,999

53 Wythe Creek Road, Suite B
Hampton, VA 23666-1368
Contact: Dr. Babafemi Adesany

This project is offering a community in Southampton County, Virginia technical and educational support in the operation of a community well and associated wastewater treatment facility. The project will provide training, environmental education, and continuing assessment and technical support to the community in maintaining and

operating two facilities. The project will provide the community with access to clean drinking water and a safe wastewater facility. The goals of this project are: 1) Enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems; 2) Educate the community on clean water and waste disposal issues; 3) Provide continuing environmental pollution prevention education to the community through a series of meetings and workshops.

Health and Environmental Risks Awareness Project (HERAP)

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Boat People S.O.S., Inc.

**2800 Juniper Street, #3
Fairfax, VA 22031
Contact: Dr. Nguyen Dinh Thang**

This project focuses on environmental justice issues for Vietnamese refugees in Northern Virginia because they live in old homes and suffer disproportionate exposure to radon and lead contamination. The goals of this project are: 1) Build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems and involve the community in the design and implementation of activities to address radon and lead contamination; 2) Enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems and generate information on pollution in the community. These goals will be achieved through educational workshops as well as identifying and assessing pollution sources of radon and lead to empower the Vietnamese refugees with needed information.

Washington, DC

Community Environmental Education Initiative

\$15,000

National Association of Minority Political Families, USA, Inc.

**6120 Oregon Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20015
Contact: Ferial Bishop**

The purpose of this project is to conduct four environmental justice/environmental health education workshops in four states. The workshops will inform the National Association of Minority Political Families, USA in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority about various environmental justice issues in African American communities. The project will 1) build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems and involve the community in the design of activities to address these concerns; 2) enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems and generate information on community pollution. The workshops will address the major environmental statutes.

Anacostia Environmental Justice Project: From Blight to Beautification

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**Anacostia Coordinating Council, Inc.
2401 Chignon Place, SE
Washington, D.C. 20020-5819
Contact: Philip E. Pannell**

The goals of this project are as follows: 1) to identify examples of particularly egregious blight of public spaces and to raise community consciousness so that citizens will be empowered to adopt plans and actions to ameliorate or to eliminate them 2) to raise community consciousness regarding issues facing the Anacostia River 3) to have Anacostia public school students involved in the project by their engaging in community meetings, presentations, outreach, developing brochures, and forming an environmental justice organization. These goals will be accomplished through town meetings and printing and distributing brochures.

Maryland

Anacostia Watershed Society

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Anacostia Watershed Society

**4302 Baltimore Avenue
Bladenburg, MD 20710
Contact: Robert E. Boone**

This project is creating a program to identify ten teachers and one of their class of students in an intense study of the Anacostia River. The goals of this project are as follows: 1) Build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems and involve the community in the design and implementation of activities to address these concern. Enhance critical thinking, problem solving and active participation of affected communities; 2)Enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems and generate information on pollution in the community. These goals will be accomplished by presenting educational slide shows, a planning a restoration event, and a river tour.

Washington/Baltimore ACORN Environmental Empowerment Project

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Arkansas Institute for Social Justice

**1800 N. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Contact: Mitchell Klein**

The Institute for Social Justice sponsor's the Washington/Baltimore ACORN Environmental Empowerment Project, which works to increase lead poisoning awareness amongst the communities. The goal is to expand the outreach efforts by doing presentations for parents on lead poisoning, doing regional training for grassroots leaders, and building partnerships between advocacy organizations, neighborhood institutions, and ACORN members.

Environmental Justice Legal Education Center

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University of Maryland Foundation, Inc.

**500 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Contact: Sherrilyn Ifill**

The Environmental Justice Legal Education Center (EJLEC) is a community service and empowerment enterprise for low-income communities in the State of Maryland. This project is working to improve the communication between the community groups in Maryland and stakeholders to resolve environmental justice problems. EJLEC wants to promote the independence of communities by teaching them technical skills to obtain the public information and knowledge they need to be effective. A second goal is to build EJLEC trainers from within and amongst the communities who utilize the Center's services. A third goal is that the EJLEC wants to build capacity for communities to develop proactive plans for the future of their communities by building partnerships amongst the stakeholders.

Region 4 For more information, please contact **Region 4 Environmental Justice Coordinator, Connie Raines, at 404-562-9671**
Total Awarded: \$252,000

Alabama

Neighborhood Services, Inc.

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700 8th Avenue, West
Birmingham, Alabama 35204
Contact: Rayanthnee U. Paterson
202/251-0734

This is a research project on the health effects of lead in household products (i.e., lead based paint) and the health effects of airborne lead emissions on low-income and African-American children in the relevant geographic area and disseminate those finding. The target population of this project resides in the 35204, 35211, 35212 and 35214 zip codes. The project seeks to reduce the frequency and severity of lead poisoning in the target population.

Committee Against Pollution

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**P. O. Box 1523
Anniston, Alabama 26202
Contact: David Baker
256/237-4948**

This is a research project on the current health status of residents of West Anniston. The project will survey the community on the solid waste incineration process and analyze the results and inform the community. The community is located near Anniston Army Depot a site on the National Priority List.

Florida

Farmworker Association of FL, Inc.

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**815 S. Park Avenue
Apopka, Florida 32707
Contact: Sis. Gail Grimes
407/886-5151**

This project will address high exposure to pesticide, workplace health and safety, and reduction of pollution among low-income minority populations of farm workers in Central and South Florida. Project SAFE is a statewide project to provide training to farmworkers, and to those given the task of applying pesticides.

Georgia

Center for Democratic Renewal

\$20,000
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**P. O. Box 50469
Atlanta, Georgia 30302
Contact: Beni Ivey**

(404)221-0025

The Newtown Environmental Justice Project in Gainesville, Georgia will research (including surveys) to document the problems of toxins and their relationship to diseases. The grantee will conduct community meeting and seminars with consultants and lawyers to disseminate the results. The project also seeks to reduce the contaminations of the clean water supply and reduce the exposure to solid waste.

Kentucky

Keep Kentucky Clean Project
Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest

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50 Lair Street
Mt. Vernon, Kentucky 40456
Contact: Dr. Albert Fritsch
(606)256-0077

The project seeks to build community capacity in the target area by identifying the effective programs (local recycling centers, mandatory waste pickup, surveillance systems, and anonymous reporting of illegal dumping). Through surveys and educational efforts ASPI will influence positive change in solid waste management practices. ASPI also seeks to enhance community understanding of the need for replacement of straight pipes. This will be accomplished by conducting workshops on building dry composting toilets and terraced artificial wetlands in areas unsuited for septic systems and where people of low economic means have the building skills to construct these devices.

Coalition for Health Concern, Inc.

\$20,000

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**1091 U.S. 641 North
Benton, Kentucky 42025
Contact: Corinne Whitehead
(502)527-1217**

The project will research to develop a data base on chemical toxic/dioxin exposure in young adults and children. A database report on the findings will be developed and distributed to the community. The project will conduct a Health Screening Campaign that will identify local environmental justice health problems and involve the neighborhoods in the design and participation in the health screening. The affected community is located near two local superfund sites (Calvert City Industrial Complex and U.S. DOE Uranium Enrichment Facility).

Environmental and Community Health Organization, Inc.

\$20,000

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**4956 Pritchard Lane
Independence, Kentucky 41051
Contact: Susan C. Patton
(606)356-8700**

This project will research on the relationship between environmental hazards and the health of the community in Yellow Creek. The results will be analyzed and made available to the community residents and decision-makers. The community's water supply and their environmental surroundings were contaminated by several identified toxic chemicals from the Middlesboro Tannery.

Mississippi

Citizens Reinvesting in Shaw

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P. O. Box 467
Shaw, Mississippi 38773
Contact: Roger D. Carter
(601)754-2414

This is a training project in a minority and underprivileged community on the dangers of lead poisoning in homes. The community is affected by substandard housing that contains varying forms of lead contamination. The project will train on pollution prevention and pollution reduction techniques.

Medical Survey Data Entry
Jesus People Against Pollution

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P. O. Box 765
Columbia, Mississippi 39429
Contact: Charlotte L. Keys
(601)736-0686

This is a research project that seeks to utilize 30,000 notarized health surveys collected from residents during a massive community effort. The project will develop a data base that will analyze the cross-sectional epidemiological health and water use surveys. The results will be made available to the community. The community is located near Newsom Brothers/Old Reichhold Chemicals a site on the National Priority List.

North Carolina

Partner for Environmental Justice

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St. Ambrose Episcopal Church
813 Darby Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27610
Contact: Rev. R. Franklin Gose
(919)557-6477

The Wetlands Restoration Project by a grassroots interracial organization seeks to; (1) Remove 50 years of accumulated trash from the Neuse River and restore wetland areas; (2) Create an Environmental Education Park to train schools, colleges, and government on the essentials of caring for wetlands and (3) Provide educational materials such as community newsletters on wetland maintenance.

Shaw University

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118 East South Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601
Contact: Ademola L. Ejire
(919)546-8204

The project will implement an environmental justice education and research center on the campus of Shaw University to serve Southeast Raleigh, where 50 percent of the city's African-American population resides. The Center will; (1) work with grassroots organizations to design and implement research projects, depending on the pollution prevalent in the area, (2) disseminate results to the community through community meeting, seminars and newsletters, and (3) provide hands on experience and engage

students (high school and college) in learning research techniques.

South Carolina

College/University of Charleston, Dept. of Geology

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**58 Coming Street
Charleston, South Carolina 29424
Contact: June Mirecki
(843)953-8278**

This is a research project on the relationship between lead abatement methods and lower lead levels in the bloodstream of the residents. The lead abatement method used will be capping and re-vegetating of affected residential soils of 10 houses within the 29403 zip codes. The results will be disseminated to the community through community meeting.

ReGenesis, Inc.

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**505 North Street
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29306
Contact: Harold Mitchell**

(864)582-0766

The Arkwright/Forest Park Environmental Justice Project will support three research projects on the IMC fertilizer plant and Arkwright landfill superfund sites. The project will continue and expand existing research on health surveys of residents, former employees and families of the superfund site. The results will be disseminated to the residents through a monthly newsletter.

Tennessee

Legal Services of Upper East Tennessee Inc.

\$14,000

**P. O. Drawer 360
Johnson City, Tennessee 37605-0360
Contact: William Francisco
(423)928-8311 Ext. 25**

This project will conduct the Tennessee Pesticide Awareness Project, a statewide effort to train farmworkers on how to; (1) Avoid the harmful effects of exposure to insecticide, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides, and fertilizers; (2) Respond to pesticide exposure; and (3) Reduce the use of pesticides. The project will seek to provide farmworkers the information they need to avoid and respond to pesticide exposures.

American Environmental Health Studies Project

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**12 Ashbury Lane
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830
Contact: Sandra Reid
(423)481-0326**

This project will continue the research work of developing a toxic mapping program to enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems and generate information on pollution in the community. The research results will be shared with the community for the purpose of imparting a basic understanding of environmental issues, health effects from toxic exposure, regulation and resources, and how they impact the low-income and minority communities around Oak Ridge Reservation Superfund Site.

Region 5

**For more information, please contact Region 5
Environmental Justice Coordinator, Karla Owens, at 312-
886-5993
Total Awarded: \$89,976**

Illinois

Trust for Public Land

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**200 West Madison, Suite 2400
Chicago, IL 60606
Contact: Christine Slattery
(312) 427-1979**

The objective of this project is to improve communication and coordination among stakeholders to address the issue of inadequate park land by performing needed environmental assessments and acquiring a 5-acre brownfield site to expand Chinatown Park. To build community capacity to identify environmental justice problems and involve the community in activities to address on-going management and monitoring of dumping and water quality at Chinatown Park by creating partnerships with local community and environmental groups, as well as local schools, to coordinate educational tours, clean-up and monitoring events at Chinatown Park and the adjoining expansion site.

Indiana

Environmental Justice Resources Center

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Carver Community Organization

100 East Walnut Street
Evansville, IN 47713
Contact: James Mosely

The objective of this project is to establish an Environmental Justice Resource Center which would provide a centralized clearinghouse for education, research and environmental information. The Center will have a readily accessible body of information to enhance the community's understanding of environmental indicators and data, children's health information and would include an ozone/water quality database exchange program which identifies stationary sources of pollution utilizing an interactive database program. This project will train local community members to utilize available data sources. One of the primary goals of the Center is to identify areas of environmental justice concern by integrating demographic and environmental information and disseminating it in plain English.

Indianapolis Urban League

\$15,000

850 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Contact: John Mundell
(317) 630-9060

The objective of this project is to develop a GIS database overlaying air emissions data, modeled precipitation data, demographic data, and health and sensitive population data. This database will be used in four ways: (1) to assess where and to what extent low-income and minority populations are exposed to a greater proportion of industrial emissions; (2) to develop a preliminary health risk assessment of specific key sectors of Indianapolis known to be low-income, mixed race, and close to industrial and Superfund sources; (3) to provide the GIS database to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, the Marion County Department of Health and the Indiana State Department of Health in order to facilitate their environmental health-based decision-making processes; and (4) to make the database available to the public and present environmental information via two workshops.

Ohio

Earth Day Coalition

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**3606 Bridge Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44113
Contact: Anjali Mathur
(216) 281-6468**

This objective of this project is to deliver a set of environmental problem solving training modules designed to create a critical thinking framework in community residents and leaders in four target neighborhoods. These training modules focus on environmental justice and sustainability, environmental problem solving and risk assessment, environmental regulations and information access, and the use of the Internet as an information resource. The project will also implement outreach activities for the Sustainable Cleveland Environmental Health Action Guide among neighborhood organizations and through communication media.

Lorain County Neighbors Protecting Our Environment

\$15,000

**1055 Foster Avenue
Elyria, OH 44035
Contact: Pauline Leboda
(440) 284-0077**

This objective of this project is to implement a program to enhance residents awareness and understanding of the environmental and health risk exposures, to educate and inform the residents concerning the regulatory scheme for environmental and public health concerns, including the gathering of data and enforcement proceedings, and to organize a community network to address the environmental issues present in Elyria.

Tribal Lands

Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission

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**P.O. Box 9
Odanah, Wisconsin 54861
Contact: Jim Thannum
(715) 682-6619**

The objective of this project is to address tribal concerns regarding the potential for increased mining development and how it will affect the viability of natural stands of wild rice and will have human health implications for tribal members. The project will sample wild rice roots and seeds from lakes adjacent to potential mining sites, test for contaminants, and develop GIS maps and fact sheets to effectively communicate information regarding heavy metal contamination of wild rice. Also, the project will identify information shortfalls regarding wild rice contaminants.

for lakes harvested by tribal members and assist tribal governments to develop plans to undertake tribal testing programs to meet the needs of their respective Indian nations.

Region 6

**For more information please contact Region 6
Environmental Justice Team Leader, Olivia
Balandran, at 214-665-7257
Total Awarded: \$ 132,928**

Louisiana**South Central Planning and Development Commission****\$ 14,963****P.O. Box 846****Thibodaux, LA 70302****Contact: Kevin Belanger or Pam Roussel****(504) 446-0514**

The Commission proposes to develop and coordinate efforts of a regional solid waste committee to examine potential benefits from establishing a regional solid waste authority/district and the potential benefits of a regional landfill facility in a rural, south central Louisiana population. The project will improve communication and coordination between local parish representatives, such as stakeholders and the public, regarding solid waste disposal, solutions and alternatives, recycling and composting, pollution education, and best management practices for prevention of water pollution.

Concerned Citizens of Agricultural Street Landfill, Inc.**\$ 16,000*****#59 Gordon Plaza Drive****New Orleans, LA 70126****Contact: Peggy GrandPre****(504) 947-1882**

This community-based grass-roots organization is requesting funds to sponsor a program of research and awareness for a 100 % population of African-American citizens living on and around the Agricultural Street Landfill superfund site. The primary objectives are to conduct surveys on the target group, gather and research appropriate data to educate the community and to promote community outreach.

New Mexico

Border Environmental Health Coalition

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P.O. Box

Mesilla Park, NM 88047

Contact: Victoria Simons

(505)522-4813

The purpose of this project is to develop a prototype program that will assist low-income, mostly Hispanic communities analyze and cope with environmental health and justice issues. A community member will be trained as an environmental health resource person to implement activities. The training will include learning specific technical skills such as testing water for residual chlorine and nitrates, collecting water samples for subsequent testing in a laboratory, interpreting laboratory analysis reports, and purifying and storing water. In turn, these skills will be demonstrated to community members so they can test their own water to detect contamination.

Southwest Environmental Center

\$ 15,000

1494A S. Solano Drive

Las Cruces, NM 88001

Contact: Kevin Bixby

(505) 522-5552

The purpose of this project is to educate the public about the dimensions and consequences of pesticide use in New Mexico, to empower New Mexicans, especially residents of low-income Hispanic communities and farm workers along the New Mexico/Mexico border, and to protect themselves and the environment from unwanted pesticide exposure. The products of this project will include an informational booklet and brochure, a short video highlighting information specific to agricultural pesticide use, a directory of individuals and organizations with pesticide-related expertise, and a series of public outreach meetings.

Texas

Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas

\$ 15,000

Route 3, Box 640

Livingston, Texas 77351

Contact: Darrell Batiste

(409) 563-2142

The primary focus of this project will be to develop a Solid Waste Management Plan for the Tribe. The project will also fund efforts to clean up and properly dispose of materials from illegal dumping that has been occurring on the Tribal lands. With educational activities, brochures and seminars relating to illegal dumping and clean up activities, the Tribe and surrounding community can address this significant source of water pollution on the lands.

Charlton-Pollard Neighborhood Association

\$ 15,000

1104 Sherman Street

Beaumont, Texas 77701

Contact: Ron Goodman, Dawayne Keeling

(409) 832-7617, ext. 225

The Association seeks to address environmental issues of public safety and quality of life within the Charlton-Pollard Neighborhood. The Neighborhood is comprised of 95% African-American, mostly single parent households, with an average income of approximately \$20,000. The program will focus on improving the communities' ability to identify local environmental justice problems by hosting environmental workshops and seminars, by involving the community in critical thinking, problem-solving and active participation through group discussion and interaction between local, state and federal resources, by enhancing the communities' understanding of environmental and public health by providing factual information during awareness conferences, and by teaching methods of monitoring air quality in the neighborhood.

Esperanza Peace and Justice

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922 San Pedro
San Antonio, Texas 78212
Contact: Enrique Valdivia
(210)732-7262

The purpose of this project is to educate the large African-American community in South and East San Antonio about the resources available to them to remedy neighborhood environmental conditions. The residents of the community will monitor and shape environmental conditions and policies. The project goals include at least two workshops to educate residents on Brownfield issues, at least one workshop to educate residents on environmental justice issues, and one conference presenting a report on the Aztec Superfund Research Project's Environmental Justice Assessment.

Esperanza Peace and Justice

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922 San Pedro
San Antonio, TX 78212
Contact: Enrique Valdivia
(210)732-7262

Research and report on an environmental justice assessment of neighborhoods adjacent to the Aztec superfund site. The neighborhoods comprise largely of African-American citizens. The assessment will determine whether the Aztec site is located within a community disproportionately impacted by adverse environmental conditions. Research will also be conducted to assess the watershed where the Aztec site is located to determine whether the watershed is disproportionately impacted.

Mothers for Clean Air

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3015 Richmond, Suite 270

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**Houston, TX 77098
Contact: Jane Laping
(713)526-0110**

The purpose of this project is to establish a third chapter of “Mothers for Clean Air” in Houston’s Fifth Ward, which comprises of low income (82.5%) African-Americans. Five superfund sites are within two miles of this area, three are on the national priorities list and the remaining two are on the State’s list. The NPL Superfund sites are; Many Diversified Interests, Inc. (MDI), North Cavalcade Street, and South Cavalcade Street. Early in the chapter organization process, officers will be trained in accessing environmental databases and public health information through the Internet to determine the extent of pollution in their community. Through a partnership with the Clean Air Coalition, MFCA will provide a one-day advance ozone alert to elementary schools in the area. The first activity will be to sponsor a public environmental justice workshop and tour covering topics that effect Fifth Ward, including: ozone, particulate matter, air toxins, and hazardous solid waste. An Environmental Defense Fund representative will conduct a workshop on using the EDF data base called Scorecard.

Region 7 **For more information, please contact Region 7
Environmental Justice Coordinator, Althea Moses, at
(913) 551-7649
Total Awarded: \$107,500**

Iowa

Dallas County Public Health Nursing

\$15,000

**2423 Willis Avenue
Perry, IA 50220
Contact: Terry Brooks
(515) 993-5803**

The purpose of the Dallas County Public Health project is to screen and test minority and low income children 1 to 5 years of age in the county at high lead risk. The child population of the county is estimated to be 2,584 (approximately 28% of the population). The minority population of the county is estimated at 15%. Almost all housing available to the minority income population of the county was constructed prior to the 1940's. Construction during this time period was at the height of lead based paint usage. It is estimated that 42% of the homes in Dallas County have lead hazards, which is greater than the national average. This project will screen up to 1,200 children and provide testing for 300 high risk children including follow-up visits to children with high blood lead levels.

Kansas

Leadbusters, Inc.

\$15,000

**P.O. Box 3098
Kansas City, KS 66103
Contact: Cindy Singer
(913) 338-4628**

The Leadbusters project will focus on environmental awareness and an educational campaign to address lead contamination and lead poisoning prevention in the Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Project activities will include educational outreach and training for health care and social services professionals, property owners, educators, technical service providers and the general public. The targeted audience will include professional health care and environmental agencies and organizations, technical service providers

including abatement workers, contractors and inspectors, community organizations and social service providers, property owners and Realtors, educators, daycare providers and children, and other members of the general public, especially the parents of children in high-risk areas. The project also will include a “train-the-training” model as part of its approach to preparing community residents and the organizations that serve the community how to understand the dangers of lead contamination, methods of hazard control/abatement and the medical screening/treatment and hazard control resources.

Missouri

Wyman Center

\$15,000

600 Kiwanis Drive

Eureka, MO 63025

Contact: Bridget D. Lenhardt

(314) 938-5245, ext. 235

The Wyman Center project is a community-based Field Science Academy addressing clean water and solid waste issues as they relate to the environment locally, regionally and globally. The target audience is approximately eighty at risk 4th and 5th grade Peabody Elementary School students and ten adult teachers. The Field Science Academy goals include: 1) to provide up to approximately eighty at risk 4th and 5th grade students with an experimental and aesthetic experience of their environment; 2) to expose participants to various EJ issues on clean water and solid waste including worm composting and paper making’ and 3) to provide hands-on training for adults emphasizing understanding of environmental-related concepts, as well as the understanding of and responsibility of environmental stewardship.

Bridging The Gap, Inc.

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435 Westport Road

P.O. Box 10220

Kansas City, MO 64171

Contact: Mark Carr

(816) 561-1087

The Bridging The Gap project, called the Metropolitan Environmental Youth Academy, will place 10 adolescent low income youth in an intense weekend training retreat. The specific weekend educational training program will address the natural cycles of the Earth and how we connect with those cycles thus addressing issues such as: neighborhood cleanliness, proper use and disposal of household hazardous wastes, waste reduction, resource conservation, recycling and energy efficiency. After completion of the weekend retreat, participants will be given summer community projects designed to demonstrate: 1) how an individual's actions impact others within their community in foreseen and unforeseen ways; 2) being responsible for one's own actions; and 3) concrete ways to demonstrate responsible actions in their community.

Operation SafeStreet

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**City Hall, Suite 422
1200 Market Street
St. Louis, MO 63103
Contact: Velma A. Bell
(314) 622-3444**

Operation SafeStreet Team Sweep Environmental Education (TSEE) project proposes to educate and train Team Sweep youth volunteers on how they can use recycling as a viable alternative to solid waste removal. TSEE currently tackles the problem of litter and trash removal on a neighborhood by neighborhood, block by block basis. The centerpiece of the program is the small army of dedicated neighborhood volunteers who donate their time on a weekly basis to keep their neighborhoods clean and free from unwanted trash. The Team Sweep program is comprised of a majority of African American youths whose ages range from 8 to 14 from lower to moderate income households. The majority of Team Sweep youth attending public schools do not receive environmental education as part of the curriculum. The TSEE pilot project proposes to expand existing pollution prevention activities through providing technical expertise, education and hands-on training in two at-risk communities.

Metropolitan Energy Center

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**3808 Paseo
Kansas City, MO 64109**

**Contact: Kenneth Watt
(816) 531-7283**

The Metropolitan Energy Center (MEC) has worked since 1994 with the community based approach for neighborhoods to meet their environmental justice needs. These needs are seen in the area low-income communities of color lacking the political and economic clout to prevent dumping sites from being placed in their neighborhoods and the problems created by the higher densities of polluted air and water. MEC holds that direct participation of the residents is essential in activities that will empower them to reverse this destruction. Based on its passed experience MEC proposes to develop a tool kit that neighborhoods can use to develop their own environmental justice efforts through a community based approach. The kit will draw from the experiences of MEC to develop a collection of information and organizational approaches accompanied with real-life examples that apply directly to the neighborhoods. Goals the kit are to address in relation to Environmental Justice goals are: 1) improvement in communication and coordination among stakeholders; and 2) enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems. The kit will consist of: 1) a workbook, 2) CD Rom presentation, 3) Video version of the presentation, and 4) a Website. The community targeted is metropolitan Kansas City in both Kansas and Missouri, with emphasis on low-income neighborhoods of color.

Junior College District of

\$20,000*

**the Mineral Area, MO
P.O. Box 1000
Park Hills, MO 63601
Contact: Shawn Grindstaff
(573) 518-2153**

The St. Francois Mountains Environmental Policy Institute, based at Mineral Area College proposes to address the environmental justice issues related to disadvantaged citizens of Madison County, MO. Key areas are locations of lower cost housing located near the closed mines in this area. Housing located near the closed milling and smelting areas impact the families living in the area with exposure to mine waste contamination. Lack of education and awareness has led to continued interaction with mine waste, including inaction resulting in erosion and water pollution. The target audience will be citizens of Madison County that either live or regularly interact with exposed tailings in areas in an area encompassing the communities of Fredericktown, Cobalt Village, Mine La Motte, Junction City, and unincorporated county sites. The proposed plan will focus

on:

1. Full development, implementation, and institutionalization of a Madison County Environmental Roundtable as a viable, public policy group dedicated to education, open communication, and community problem-solving, and
2. Development of the Madison County Mine Waste Restoration Initiative which will include education programs and organic test plot research targeted at area students, civic groups, and citizens near mine waste sites.

The success of this project will be measured on the formation of the Roundtable and Restoration Initiative, which will turn into a long-term public communication and education network.

Region 8

**For more information, please contact Region 8
Environmental Justice Project Officer, Nancy
Reish, at (303) 312-6040
Total Awarded: \$99,596**

Colorado

Boulder Energy Conservation Center

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Boulder, CO

**Contact: Mona L. Newton,
(303)441-3278**

The purpose of this project is to meet with the affected group of low-income residents of Columbine Mobile Home Park that are exposed to diesel emissions from the Boulder Valley School District bus depot and poor air and water quality from Sombrero Marsh which is located 50 yards east of the homes. Through this grant they will work with the school district and property managers of the Sombrero Marsh to identify options to reduce pollution that is generated by the buses and the Marsh. They will hold a series of meetings with affected groups, research the issues as needed and work with stakeholders to identify solutions.

Costilla County Committee for Environmental Soundness

\$15,000

San Luis, CO

**Contact: Rose Mendoza-Green
(303)672-3213**

The proposed Costilla County Economic Development Council grant will ensure community involvement to monitor gold mine impacts on San Luis water quality in this predominantly Hispanic area. The program will design a contamination response plan to ensure that the local community is capable of reacting to ground and surface water quality problems, and develop a program to train and educate the community about prevention of contamination of the San Luis' municipal drinking water supply. To ensure project success and public participation, these tasks will be necessary: 1) hold monthly

meetings, 2) facilitate a monthly newsletter, 3) conduct a mid-year County commissioners meeting, and 4) hold a community forum during month seven.

Montana

Blackfeet Tribe

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Browning, MT

**Contact: Gerald Wagner
(406)338-7421**

The proposed Blackfeet Tribe project is to provide Environmental Education to the community to bring about change in how minority and low-income families handle and dispose of hazardous substances from their homes and yards. The goals of the project are to: 1) Organize an Environmental Fair for school grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, and 2) Use the Fair as a mechanism to educate children on safe handling, storage, disposal, and recycling of hazardous household and automotive materials; and for the parents to commit to teaching their children about removing hazardous materials from their homes and yards.

North Dakota

Clean Water Fund

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Fargo, ND
Contact: Sherry Shadley
(701)235-5431

(BNBEE), is designed to reduce occupational health threats among Hispanic farmworkers by implementing "on-farm" training programs focused on pesticide and workplace safety. The BNBEE will also identify necessary improvements in communication and coordination among all stakeholders by implementing a bilingual training program to guarantee that farmworkers and farmers receive the necessary training. Using the highly effective "Train-the-Trainer" model, the BNBEE Project seeks to build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems affecting farmworkers and farmers in the Red River Valley Region of North Dakota.

South Dakota

North American Indian Legal Services (NAILS)

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Lake Traverse Reservation, SD

**Contact: Brenda J. Bellonger
(303)989-5487**

A design team made up of Reservation community members and a professional consultant will be assembled to facilitate communication and education about reservation environmental issues, provide input on the content of community meetings, set specific objectives for meetings, develop meeting theme, commit to a list of success criteria, specific meeting action goals will be established and an agenda developed. An Elders advisory group will consult on probable past activities that may have led to existing contamination of soil and water. Activities to involve participants at consultation meetings will include: brainstorming; prioritizing of current environmental pollution; identification of issues/concerns; panel discussions; and small group interaction. An assessment survey of current environmental pollution and past actions conducted to address pollution will be conducted. Recommended solutions proposed by participants to the problems identified will be put in a written summary report. A strategy to promote a sustainable community environmental consultation process will be developed.

Utah

City of Logan Dept. of Environmental Health

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Logan, UT
Contact: Jill L. Galloway
(435)757-2154

With this grant, the Dept. of Environmental Health will facilitate communication between the city government, the local university, community businesses, and the Hispanic community. The department intends to print pamphlets written in Spanish on the following subjects: 1) household hazardous waste, 2) water/wastewater, 3) recycling, and 4) composting. All Logan City departments (Water/Wastewater, Streets, Light & Power, Environmental Health, Safety, Police, etc.) will be informed and educated in means of effectively communicating with the Hispanic people. Articles and advertisements on the services, changes, and events related to the environmental issues, listed above, will be posted in the local Spanish newspaper. In so doing, the DEH will enhance the Hispanic community's understanding of the environmental and public health issues that the County is addressing.

Utah Federation for Youth, Inc.

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Salt Lake City, UT

**Contact: Anya Szegvari
(801)538-4357**

The proposed project will be PeaceTrees SLC, 2000 Phase III. In this project 60 culturally diverse young people-14 to 19 years old- under the direction of the Utah Federation for Youth will be involved in: 1) Facilitating a Hazardous Waste Disposal Drive in the largest community along the Jordan River, 2) Disseminating information in the target community, Glendale Area, concerning the disposal of solid and hazardous waste in English, Spanish and Tongan, 3) Sponsoring workshops and demonstrations to show methods and resources for recycling, conservation, composting, etc., 4) Planting native trees along the bank of the specified stretch along the Jordan River, 5) Planting 1,000 seedlings in Millcreek Canyon, upstream from project site, for bank stabilization, and 6) Receiving training in environmental best practices, communication, conflict resolution, multi-cultural success, and leadership.

Wyoming

Wyoming Energy Council, Inc.

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Laramie, WY

**Contact: Steven Lieske
(307)742-0313**

Wyoming Energy Council's (WEC) proposed project addresses environmental exposure to poor indoor air quality and potentially hazardous and solid waste in low income households in Carbon County, Wyoming, particularly those including young children or the elderly. WEC will join in partnership with local community organizations to mutually raise the understanding of indoor pollution and its harmful effects, and to establish the communication links necessary to identify and help those low income households most in need. Also, community understanding will be enhanced. 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 question and referral hot-line. Public meetings will be conducted. Qualifying citizens will be eligible for direct services.

Region 9

**For more information, please contact Region 9
Environmental Justice Coordinator, Romel
Pasqual, at 415-744-1212
Total Awarded: \$199,995**

Arizona

International Sonoran Desert Alliance

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**201 Esperanza Avenue
Ajo, AZ 85321
Contact: Reynaldo Cantu
(520)387-6823**

The International Sonoran Desert Alliance (ISDA) is a community-based, grass-roots organization who has become a public advocate for all the small towns of the border zone within the Sonoran Desert Bioregion. The proposed project will target thirty students (fifteen from each side of the border) who will actively participate as core members in two new chapters of the Roots-Raices Youth Program in Calexico, CA and Mexicali, BC. This core group will serve as a generating source of information/education to elevate public awareness in regards to their environment and culture, linking natural resource conservation, economic prosperity, and community well-being.

California

American Lung Association of the Central Coast

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**174 Carmelito Avenue
Monterey, CA 93940
Contact: Jill Levine
(831)373-7306**

The American Lung Association of the Central Coast (ALACC) will use the EJ Small Grant to implement a Tools for Schools program in the Watsonville and Salinas areas, two agricultural communities where access to health care is limited and rates of asthma are significant. Combined, the population in these communities is 159,950 and an estimated 13% live in poverty. School enrollments exceed 45,000 in 78 elementary through high schools. The Tools for Schools kits are designed to educate school staff on indoor air quality issues, and help use pollution prevention measures to stop air quality problems before they start. The mission of the ALACC is to prevent lung disease, promote lung health and protect air quality for all people living in the Central Coast Counties of Santa Cruz and Monterey, particularly communities in low income and minority areas.

America's Economic Development Venture for Area Neighborhoods, Communities & Enterprises **\$19,995***
**1202 Philadelphia Street
Whittier, CA 90601
Contact: Steve Torres
(562)789-5699**

America's Economic Development Venture for Area Neighborhoods, Communities, and Enterprises (ADVANCE) is a nonprofit community based organization whose mission is to create economic development opportunities in a region that faces many economic and environmental challenges. ADVANCE will work with the community of low income neighborhood and people of color community impacted by the San Gabriel Valley Superfund Site in Southern California. The project aims to increase the awareness and access of the community in the environmental decisions that affect their community. ADVANCE will focus on the impacts of groundwater contamination on the health and safety of the community. Through this project, ADVANCE, will outreach efforts with the community, develop and distribute bilingual (Spanish/English) information kit on environmental issues, and conduct surveys with the community to assess the impact and effectiveness of this project.

Concerned Citizens of South Central LA **\$20,000***
**4707 So. Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90011
Contact: Melodie Dove
(323)846-2505**

Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles (CCSCLA) is a grassroots community based organization working for social, economic and environmental justice. CCSCLA services the Vernon

Community of South Central Los Angeles, which is home to several contaminated sites, including a federal superfund site. CCSCLA will work to empower and educate the community on environmental issues and concerns related to the cleanup of the Jefferson Middle School site and other contaminated sites in the community. CCSCLA will conduct public forums, develop informational materials, and build community leadership, including youth leadership, through direct outreach and training on environmental justice issues.

Coronado Neighborhood Council (CYCLE) \$15,000
342 11th Street
Richmond, CA 94804
Contact: Judith Henderson
(510)233-1415

The Community Youth Council for Leadership and Education (CYCLE) is a non-profit, community-based youth-serving organization initiated by the Coronado Neighborhood Council. CYCLE's target audience will be low-income youth, comprised primarily of African American, Latino and Southeast Asian who live in close proximity to an industrial complex. CYCLE will assist with the design and implementation of an organic urban garden and worm farm. Utilizing the incentive of paid work experience they will research information and technical data concerning the presence of chemical and pollutants in ground water and well water. The project will produce information, reports and workshops, to demonstrate the differences in responsible planning and corporate pollution.

Haz-Mat Connections \$20,000*
186 Maddux Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94124
Contact: Olin Webb
(415)822-8132

Haz-Mat Connections is a non-profit organization serving the Bayview Hunters Point District of San Francisco. Bayview Hunters Point is home to a majority of the city's industrial uses and houses two of the city's superfund sites. Haz-Mat Connections will develop a comprehensive approach to improving the health, the environment, and the economy of Bayview Hunters Point. Haz-Mat Connection will be working with researchers, medical professionals, and scientists from the local universities and colleges to conduct air quality studies and develop a community health survey to assess the environmental health of the community. In addition, Haz-Mat Connection will develop a community science education program for the community and youth to assist in the research efforts.

Korean Youth and Community Center \$15,000
680 South Wilton Place
Los Angeles, CA 90005
Contact: Jenni Cho

(213)365-7400, ext. 118

As a non-profit, community-based organization, the Korean Youth and Community Center (KYCC) will work with the target population of Korean cleaners to reduce/eliminate the disproportionate exposure to perchloroethylene (perc) by enhancing their understanding of the health issues related to perc, and introduce the wet cleaning process, how wet cleaning can reduce/eliminate perc emissions, and the current and proposed regulations regarding perc. KYCC will conduct tours, workshops, and create a bilingual video on wet cleaning to introduce to the community.

Lao Family Community of Fresno, Inc. \$15,000
4904 E. Kings Canyon Road, Suite 281
Fresno, CA 93727
Contact: Pao N. Fang
(559)453-9775

The Central Valley area of California is one of the largest farming and agricultural areas in the country. Use of pesticides have contributed to a wide variety of environmental problems, including water and air contamination, as well as human health concerns. The Lao Family Community of Fresno, Inc. is a nonprofit organization whose aim provide services to the Southeast Asian (Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese, Cambodian) population of Central Valley. The Lao Family Community, Inc. will increase the awareness of environmental issues to the growing Southeast Asian community in the Valley. The organization will develop multi-lingual educational brochures on environmental issues, provide educational workshops to increase the community's understanding of environmental issues, and conduct multi-lingual radio talk shows on water, air and toxic waste issues.

Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas, Inc. \$15,000
611 So. Rebecca Street
Pomona, CA 91766
Contact: Mily Trevino-Sauceda
(909)865-7776

Lideres Campesinas is a private, non-profit, statewide organization dedicated to bettering the lives of farmworker women and their families. The purpose of this project is to develop the skills of 15-20 farmworker women to serve as community advocates and educate other farmworker women on how to protect themselves, their families and their communities from the health dangers (pesticide poisoning and hazardous field sanitation conditions) facing farmworker families.

Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital \$20,000*
789 Lombardi Ct., Suite 205
Santa Rosa, CA 95407
Contact: Jo Sandersfeld

(707)547-2308

The Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, in collaboration with the Southwest Citizen's Cleanup Coalition (a community group), and county and state agencies, are working to provide residents of the Roseland District of Santa Rosa, CA, with the skills and information to participate in the decision making process related to the clean-up of soil and groundwater contamination. The Roseland District is a low income, multi-cultural community where over 21 languages are spoken, and home to several contaminated sites, including the California State McMinn Superfund Area. The project aims to build community leadership and will conduct outreach efforts to the community by establishing a community environmental program with Roseland Elementary School, and through an existing Citizen's Cleanup Coalition.

Hawaii

Pulu Hale O Nanakuli Resident Association **\$15,000**
87-1606 Farrington Highway
Nanakuli, HI 96792
Contact: Michael Rohrer
(808)668-4750

Pulu Hale O Nanakuli (PHON) is a resident association representing 220 low income residents of Nanakuli Home on the Wainae Coast on Oahu. PHON will help to build community based leadership to empower low income residents to address environmental pollution of land and water resources in Nanakuli. Nanakuli residents will develop programs and workshops in recycling, composting, and aquaculture. This project will also raise community awareness and youth involvement by participating in neighborhood beach clean-ups.

Nevada

Elko Band Council **\$15,000**
511 Sunset Street
Elko, NV 89801
Contact: Davis Gonzales
(415)744-1233

The Elko Band is a constituent Band of the Te-Moak Tribe of Western Shoshone Indians of Nevada, located in Northeastern Nevada. Through this program the Band Council plans to identify and communicate with the community at large on the environmental issues that effect the Elko Indian Colony, by facilitating and sponsoring newsletters, workshops, and community meetings on safe drinking water, solid waste disposal and pesticides.

Region 10

**For more information, please contact Region 10 Environmental Justice Program Manager, Joyce Kelly, at (206) 553-4029.
Total Awarded: \$169,840**

Oregon

**Environmental Justice Action Group
PO Box 11635
Portland, OR 97211
Contact: Anna Aguilar
(503)283-6397**

\$20,000*

Portland's North/Northeast community, one of the State's most racially diverse neighborhoods, faces significant and disproportionate impacts from superfund sites and brownfield hazards. EJAG will continue to compile data regarding environmental hazards in the community and understand the processes for community involvement on these issues. This project will help build long-term community leadership through involving community members and teaching them how to use and interpret GIS and other data sources to identify hazardous sites and potential risks impacting their neighborhood. EJAG will also collect information on successful models of community efforts that can be adopted locally, and conduct research by collecting information through door-to-door community surveys, and other efforts tailored to the particular needs of the neighborhood. The objective is to ensure continued informed community involvement in decision-making and to provide access and training on research.

**Urban League of Portland
10N. Russell Street
Portland, OR 97227
Contact: Alan Hipolito
(503)280-2628**

\$15,000

Many low-income children and children of color in Portland continue to live, learn and play in lead-contaminated environments. Lead poisoning is one of the most common childhood diseases, and children of color are disproportionately affected. The Urban League's project will expand to Portland's other distinct, at-risk communities: Spanish-language, recent immigrant, and labor communities. The overall goals are to encourage informed communities to access public-sector and other community-based programs, and to be involved in the policy decisions and development of strategies for lead poisoning prevention.

Urban League of Portland
10N. Russell Street
Portland, OR 97227
Contact: Alan Hipolitó
(503)280-2628

\$10,000*

The project will support research and development of a case study on how the Clean Water State Revolving Fund can be applied to redevelopment efforts in one of the State's most racially diverse neighborhoods. The North/Northeast neighborhoods face significant and disproportionate air pollution and brownfield hazards. This research will be used in outreach and strategy development to incorporate tools for community site clean-up.

Willamette Riverkeeper
408 SW 2nd Ave, Suite 210
Portland, OR 97204
Contact: Don Francis
(503)223-6418

\$20,000*

The last twelve miles of the Oregon's Willamette River, also called Portland Harbor, is a heavily industrialized area contaminated by heavy metals, pesticides and industrial chemicals. The local communities in this northern section of Portland are primarily ethnic minorities and low-income neighborhoods who depend on the area for food and recreation. The Riverkeeper will focus on researching and analyzing regulatory and technical issues and data pertaining to the site cleanup, and produce and distribute information material for the community highlighting the research results. Presentations to community groups and individuals will be based on sharing the research results and to identify community needs to ensure the best Harbor cleanup plan.

Washington

My Service Mind of Northwest
8627 S. Tacoma Way
Lakewood, WA 98499
Contact: Mandy Hea Ma
(253)584-5615

\$14,957

This purpose of this project will be to increase awareness and prevention of hazardous health risks among low-income Korean-American senior and youth immigrants in Pierce, Kitsap, and King Counties. There are approximately 80 Korean-American churches in this region with more than 10,000 low-income youth. The goal will be to increase awareness of the dangers, proper usage, and disposal of everyday household products, harmful effects of second hand smoke and radiation. The activities will include sponsoring a pick-up trash event, create pamphlets on toxic consumer products, submitting articles and

holding discussion panels.

American Lung Association of Washington
2625 3rd Avenue
Seattle, WA 98121
Contact: Chetana Acharya
(206)441-5100

\$14,960

The environmental health condition in some Seattle low-income communities are poor and include indoor air pollutants which may trigger asthma and allergy episodes. The main goal is to provide Holly Park residents, a public housing neighborhood that is being converted into a mixed-income housing development, with training to become Master Home Environmentalist volunteers. Residents who complete the training will develop a variety of job skills and be able to share their knowledge with the community on making safer and smarter product choices, such as using less toxic products and products with less packaging. The goal is to encourage informed decision making to help bring about healthier home environments.

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community
P.O. Box 817
La Conner, WA 98257
Contact: Lauren Rich
(360)466-7280

\$10,267

The goal of this program is to foster community involvement in an inclusive comprehensive environmental planning process. The role of the Tribal governance in protecting air, land, and water quality, affects both native and non-native reservation residents. This project aims to build collaboration in achieving protection of the community's environment and resources through facilitation for community involvement, development of environmental strategies, and a process for conflict resolution.

Alaska

Alaskan Conservation Foundation
750 W. 2nd Avenue, Suite 104
Anchorage, AK 99501
Contact: Pamela Miller
(907)222-7714

\$19,840*

The focus will be to enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems in response to an expressed concern of Alaskan Native people about the potential long-term exposure to contaminants from military and industrial sites. The Alaska Community Action on Toxics will conduct research, analysis, and synthesis of information concerning contamination at five military superfund sites in Alaska, including potential pollution exposure pathways and possible health impacts. The information researched will include scientific and medical literature, interviews with military personnel and community members, remedial investigations/feasibility studies, sampling data, remedial action plans and other data of the identified sites. The research results will be compiled in site specific reports and detailed maps to increase access of information for the Alaska Native Tribes and other economically disadvantaged communities potentially affected by the various sites.

S.O.S. Response Team
Box 194
Seldovia, AK 99663
Contact: Karl Pulliam
(907)234-7400

\$14,816

The project will address the ability of this rural, minority populated community to identify site specific pollution risks and learn to prevent or respond to hazardous substances releases. The Chugach Region community of Nanwalek, Alaska has experienced an increase of recreational and commercial uses in the Cook Inlet waters near this village. This community is subsistence driven in lifestyle and manages a successful local salmon enhancement program which are threatened with the increased activities. Through education and training, the project hopes to bring about community awareness of the chronic, but preventable small spills, and learn ways to take action in preventing them and responding to those that occur at the local level.

Native Village of Mekoryuk
PO Box 66,
Mekoryuk, AK 99630
Contact: Larson King
(907)827-8548

\$15,000

This project, based on the success of a previously funded environmental justice grant, will bring all the coastal Yup'ik villages together, to discuss and document their observations on potential effects of toxins in the food. These communities, who subsist on the Bering Sea, are concerned that toxins are being dumped into the sea and that these toxins are ending up in the food. The project will include development of a workbook and a workshop designed around researching, collecting and analyzing local observations. The workgroup findings will be shared and hopefully direct federal, state and private research efforts in a direction that will have a positive impact on these Yup'ik coastal communities.

Idaho

Valley Family Health Care, Inc.
1441 NE 10th Avenue
Payette, ID 83661
Contact: Cookie Atkins
(208)642-9376

\$15,000

This project is designed to address improper disposal or illegal dumping of chemicals and sewage which impact farm workers, Hispanic migrant and seasonal farm workers, family members, children and young adults. The program participants will be educated about contaminated drinking water, use of improper methods of storing or consuming drinking water, and other activities which can further contaminate water supplies. This training will be expanded to include proper disposal of motor oil and chemicals, including the proper use of household cleansers and chemicals, to avoid dumping into soil, irrigation ditches and rivers. The expected results are that program participants understand how to protect themselves from exposure to pesticides and other chemicals.