

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM
FY 1994 AWARDEES**

REGION 1

For additional information on any of the following grants, contact James Younger, environmental justice coordinator, (617) 565-3427.

WASHINGTON, DC

**The Environmentors Project
Washington, DC**

\$5,000

The project will inspire 20 low-income high school students to learn about and protect their environment. The project will enable environmental and science mentors to work with Burlington, Vermont students in the design, creation, and evaluation of environmentally oriented research or community service projects.

MASSACHUSETTS

**Massachusetts Toxics Campaign Fund
Boston, MA**

\$8,000

The project will help remedy the disproportionate impacts of lead contamination and other urban environmental hazards through research, education, leadership development and action in several low-income and people of color communities, namely the Hispanic American community in Chelsea, and the African American, and Asian American communities in Dorchester, Roxbury and Jamaican Plain in the City of Boston.

**Citizens Agenda
Boston, MA**

\$5,000

The project has wide applications as it will target the major urban areas of color in the State of Massachusetts. The goal is to facilitate communication between communities of color and state-wide environmental groups in order to forge partnerships to effectively combat toxic wastes. Equally important, it will unite disparate urban neighborhood groups around a single issue. One example being the construction of the Asphalt plant in Boston.

**Tellus Institute, Inc.
Boston, MA**

\$5,500

Phase 1 of the workplan will be supported by the Environmental Justice grant and involves the following: screening selected areas to identify hot spots using GIS and TRI data; formation of a

community-based pollution prevention task force; organizing a Pollution Prevention/Environmental Justice roundtable comprising of community residents, the MA DEP, local businesses and other stakeholders; and preparation of a guidebook on how to organize community-based environmental justice initiatives.

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Roxbury Neighborhood Council **\$6,000**
Roxbury, MA

The project envisioned will bring, into one volume, abstracts of all environmental research concerning air quality within this already heavily polluted section of Boston. The report, the Community Environmental Resource Guide (Guide), will be duplicated and distributed to local libraries, community health centers, community service centers, selected city and state agencies, and a number of neighborhood organizations.

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI) **\$5,500**
Roxbury, MA

The overall purpose of the program is to improve the environmental health and safety of the Dudley Community. Neighborhood youth will be trained in the cleanup of lots, interim site improvements, and long term planning for neighborhood cleaning and landscaping. The project will consist of four phases over the course of 8 weeks: 1) Start-up, 2) Orientation, Issues Education, Strategy Development and Materials completion, 3) Community outreach, and 4) Evaluation.

Committee for Boston Public Housing **\$7,500**
Roxbury, MA

The project will consist of two workshops. The first will be an introductory seminar designed to educate and train tenant leaders in environmental advocacy. The second workshop will address specific concerns which will have wide applications. These concerns will be compiled from information obtained from a survey of public housing residents, Boston housing residents, and the general public. The goal of the survey is to identify environmental concerns specific to the residents of these housing developments.

VERMONT

Wobanaki, Inc. **\$7,500**

Swanton, VT

The project is an "Adopt a River" program which will achieve the concrete goal of cleaning up the Missisquoi River and empower the indigenous group to advocate for a cleaner and healthier environment.

REGION 2

For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Lillian Johnson, environmental justice coordinator, (212) 264-7054.

NEW JERSEY

**Greater Newark Conservancy
Newark, NJ**

\$5,000

The Greater Newark Conservancy proposes to assist community groups and schools serving low-income, people of color in Newark, New Jersey to take leadership roles in solutions for environmental justice issues which they consider to be high priority. The objective is to have numerous grassroots educational and action activities take place in 20 residential neighborhoods and in 8 schools in April and May of 1995 in conjunction with Earth Day.

**Citizen Policy and Education Fund
Hackensack, NJ**

\$5,000

The purpose is to conduct an intensive outreach and education project for African Americans and Latino parents and guardians of children who have lead poisoning or are at high risk for lead poisoning in Newark, Jersey City and Paterson --three New Jersey cities with the majority of the state's lead poisoned children. Education and outreach will be conducted to over 500 families at major lead poisoning clinics in these cities, utilizing one-on-one discussions and written materials which will be developed in English and Spanish.

**The Environmentors Project
Princeton, NJ**

\$5,000

The Environmentors Project will provide mentors for 20 minority and low-income high school students who will conduct environmental science projects in Trenton and Princeton from July 1994 to January

1995. The program is designed to expand the interest of underrepresented youth in environmental protection and science, and provide role models with successful careers in these fields.

NEW YORK

Dunbar Association, Inc. \$10,000
Syracuse, NY

The "Onondaga Creek Environmental Equity Program" project will educate affected residents, enhance community dialogue, and facilitate information exchanges on ecojustice issues through meetings, briefings, and training seminars to expose community-based organizations to a broad range of urban environmental issues. The project will also integrate local environmental groups with community-based organizations to lay a solid foundation for information sharing, networking, and brainstorming.

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Environmental Action Coalition \$5,000
New York, NY

The project will develop information and education regarding waste reduction and household hazardous waste in cooperation with local residents and merchants in East Harlem, while introducing community people to environmental career possibilities.

PUERTO RICO

The Committee to Save the Environment in Guayanilla \$10,000
Guayanilla, Puerto Rico

This project is a combination of community education about environmental justice issues and scientific and technical consulting to help the community better understand the current environmental situation and health status of the residents in Guayanilla. The group plans to have a weekly radio program to disseminate information to the general public about environmental and health issues, use of natural resources, and socioeconomic development. In addition, they will produce and disseminate educational materials that address specific community issues through the local schools and at community forums.

Comunidades Unidas contra la Contaminación, Inc. \$10,000
San Juan, Puerto Rico

The group proposes to issue a bi-monthly newsletter designed to educate citizens on such matters as current pending legislation which affect the area, discussing upcoming public meetings and explaining them in a manner in which the citizens can better understand and become involved; media education so that the residents can learn how to effectively deal with the mass media in Puerto Rico; health trends in the area; pending projects which may affect the area's environment and in general the importance of public participation in the decision making process by all community residents. It is believed, the education received will help to empower the community residents.

REGION 3 For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Dominique Luckenhoff, environmental justice coordinator, (215) 597-6529.

PENNSYLVANIA

Dickinson College Environmental Studies Dept. \$7,888
Carlo, PA

The project is a training program, conducted in consort with a

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coalition of community-based citizen's groups. It will consist of fifteen one-day TRI data access workshops offered to communities across the region with high levels of TRI sites in order to encourage citizen-based environmental monitoring. Workshops have two objectives: 1) familiarize community members about, and how to access, TRI data and CD-ROM technology; and 2) to provide education and community organizing skills and knowledge related to assimilation of TRI data along with information on toxicologic characteristics and health risks. The goal is to empower affected communities to advocate for risk reductions through pollution prevention and other appropriate measures.

Pennsylvania Environmental Council \$5,000
Wilkes-Barre, PA

The project consists of an environmental concern survey followed by a series of educational training workshops targeting members of minority and low-income communities in the Greater Wilkes-Barre area along the Susquehanna River. Workshops will be designed to enhance environmental awareness, research skills, promote effective citizen involvement, with an emphasis on building partnerships, and utilizing and involving resource organizations that contribute to

addressing community-specific environmental concerns. Workshops will also promote the understanding of the linkages between environmental degradation, quality of life, and economic redevelopment especially in the heavily-impacted urban corridor.

Chester Residents Concerned for Quality Living **\$10,000**
Chester, PA

The predominantly poor and African American City of Chester has a high concentration of industrial facilities and associated health concerns. This project is designed to educate community members about the impacts of existing facilities and new facility permitting processes and procedures, emphasizing the role of public participation and technical reviews. The project will also develop a proactive response strategy to new facility siting proposals, and design and implement a citizen's environmental monitoring and inspection program in conjunction with the Chester Solid Waste Advisory Council, other environmental groups, and local facility managers and workers.

Delaware Valley Toxics Coalition (DVTC) **\$7,000**
Philadelphia, PA

The DVTC and the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia (PILCOP) is proposing to hold a regional environmental justice conference/workshop in Philadelphia to enhance public awareness of environmental justice issues, with an emphasis on the Philadelphia area. The groups will present a report on the distribution of

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pollution sources and their impact on low-income and minority communities in order to generate public support for policies to address existing and potential environmental injustices. The conference will specifically target diverse audiences in communities already concerned about existing or proposed waste management facilities to participate in workshops and working-groups designed to generate specific public policy proposals/solutions for alleviating or eliminating existing and preventing further injustices.

Clean Water Fund **\$5,000**
Philadelphia, PA

The South and Southwest Philadelphia Toxic Justice project will expand on existing partnerships developed between diverse neighborhood groups and refinery plant workers to address safety issues and emergency response plans. A model of "Good Neighbor

Agreements" will be developed between the community and companies, emphasizing pollution prevention solutions. These partnerships will help to safeguard public health in areas surrounding local refineries. Stages include: researching toxic emissions and potential health effects; educating residents, workers, and management; expanding existing Community/Labor Refineries Tracking Committee; increasing participation of people of color; facilitating "Good Neighbor" negotiations; and developing a monitoring plan for implementation of the Good Neighbor Agreements.

MARYLAND

University of Maryland **\$9,967**
Environmental Health Education center
Baltimore, MD

The Baltimore community of Upton is targeted through this grant to build capacity of one of the neighborhoods hardest hit by lead poisoning to take action to prevent lead poisoning. Upton has a poorly maintained housing stock and, as a result, a disproportionately high incidence of lead poisoning. Most residents are African American and low-income. The Upton Planning Committee will work cooperatively with this project to provide the Upton community with education and awareness on lead poisoning and prevention, lead risk audits, and lead dust cleaning to reduce the risk of lead poisoning. The project will be carried out in a replicable fashion, so that it can be used in other areas.

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VIRGINIA

Environmental Career Center **\$5,000**
Hampton, VA

The project will involve students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in a partnership prototype program with local governments in order to increase minority participation in environmental fields by providing career training opportunities in local planning and development offices in Newport News, Virginia and other cities. Students will contribute to the development of

environmental equity plans and policies at the local government level. Following a training program, students will develop programs by conducting appropriate research, consultations, and by developing partnerships and information exchanges with civic groups, facility managers, and city officials in the areas of environmental education, risk communication, community involvement, and equity planning.

REGION 4

For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Vivian Malone-Jones, environmental justice coordinator, (404) 347-4294.

ALABAMA

Greater Birmingham Ministries **\$5,000**
Birmingham, AL

The purpose is to implement a one year plan for enhancing communication, exchange of information, and empowering the public to begin to remedy and resolve environmental inequities.

FLORIDA

Florida International University **\$8,179**
Miami, FL

The purpose is to facilitate information exchange with the community by administrating surveys which will access the effect of demographics, the housing stock and socioeconomic factors on lead poisoning and exposure to other indoor pollutants such as asbestos and radon.

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GEORGIA

Interdenominational Theological Center (ITC) **\$8,850**
Atlanta, GA

The purpose is to provide an innovative way to disseminate information to low-income and minority groups related to their lives, health and environmental concerns.

Citizens for Environmental Justice **\$9,500**
Savannah, GA

The purpose is to establish an educational and training program aimed at activating and mobilizing the African American Community to participate in decision-making, planning and problem solving activities for environmental restoration, waste management and future land use of contaminated site.

NORTH CAROLINA

Student Environmental Action Coalition (SEAC) **\$7,000**
People of Color Caucus (POCC)
Chapel Hill, NC

The purpose is to increase the number of youth of color in leadership within the SEAC for environmental justice. Train young people of color working within community-based environmental and social justice activities.

MISSISSIPPI

Mississippi State University **\$5,981**
Choctaw Indians, MS

The purpose is to develop better understanding of current water resources and develop maximum benefit of this resources for a consistent water quality criteria for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.

TENNESSEE

Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga, Inc. **\$7,000**
Chattanooga, TN

The purpose is to insure that the people of color and low-income residents of the Chattanooga Creek Community have the tools and opportunities necessary to effectively participate in a public process regarding a Superfund site remediation.

REGION 5

For additional information on any of the following grants,

contact Gina Rosario, environmental justice coordinator,
(312) 353-4716.

ILLINOIS

The Chicago Legal Clinic, Inc. \$7,500
Chicago, IL

The project's purpose is to make environmental legal resources more accessible to a southeast Chicago community. The project aims to enhance legal understanding of environmental issues by providing the community with on-site legal interns. The program will also enable law students to gain first-hand knowledge of environmental problems which affect people of color and low-income communities.

Community Health Partnership \$4,980
Chicago, IL

The purpose is to train eight bilingual/bicultural community health workers to provide pesticide safety training to Hispanic migrant and seasonal farmworkers throughout Illinois.

Concerned Citizens for a Better Environment \$3,310
Havana, IL 62644

This project will demonstrate new methods to increase the quality and quantity of public participation in low-income communities at incinerator permit hearings. The three-step method that the grantees will demonstrate can be easily replicated in other low-income communities to enhance citizen participation at permit hearings.

American Lung Association of IL \$9,900
Edwardsville, IL 62025

The project's purpose is to carry out asthma education programs for asthmatic African Americans. The program will be run by an already established volunteer network of people who live and work in the community.

INDIANA

Martin University, Indiana \$6,590
Indianapolis, IN 46218

The project will provide seminars on environmental justice issues focused on empowerment and resolution. Martin University will develop partnerships with other universities, civic and community

organizations, and governmental units to facilitate the project.

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MICHIGAN

SEMCOSH **\$5,746**
Detroit, MI 48201

The project will address an environmental justice concern by developing a model that guides community-based organizations through environmental justice barrier to neighborhood redevelopment. The project will be carried out in cooperation with the Detroit Eastside Community Collaborative. Southeast Michigan is an area where EPA is focusing special resources for environmental improvement.

Ecology Center of Ann Arbor **\$4,600**
Ann Arbor, MI 48104

The purpose of this project is to create a formal partnership between the Ecology Center and the Ypsilanti-Willow Run Branch of the NAACP to publicize a statistical report on local environmental justice issues, and to encourage the development of community action plans.

Flint-Genesee United for Action Justice
and Environmental Safety **\$4,180**
Flint, MI 48505

The project will facilitate the development of a database geared toward systematically documenting environmental racism in Flint's 48505 Flint ZIP code area. The project aims to identify pollution sources, develop strategies to reduce existing pollutants, and prevent additional pollutants.

MINNESOTA

Leach Lake Tribal Council **\$1,600**
Cass Lake, MN 56633

The purpose of the project is to obtain technical assistance to train Leach Lake Tribe staff to access, analyze, and interpret public environmental data. The tribe will also establish a quality

assurance plan to ensure that spatial data retains integrity, precision, and accuracy.

University of Minnesota **\$6,594**
St. Paul, MN 55108

The purpose of the project is to reduce risks from potential indoor environmental hazards such as lead, radon, and carbon monoxide in the Hmong and Combodian populations of Minneapolis-St.Paul.

REGION 6 For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Lynda Carroll, environmental justice coordinator, (214) 655-6525.

ARKANSAS

Little River County Leadership Council **\$9,500**
East Ogden, AR

The purpose is to hire youth to: clean areas around dumpsters and plant gardens; create partnerships between community and local government to using town hall meetings a means of community-wide education; provide part-time summer employment for youth; provide educational opportunities for youth and adults on environmental justice; and empower an African American community of East Ogden to make future environmental changes.

LOUISIANA

Tulane Law Clinic **\$5,050**
New Orleans, LA

The purpose is for the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic to provide training in environmental law and environmental justice issues to approximately 100 Legal Services Corporation Attorneys in Louisiana; to educate attorneys that will enable them to pass their knowledge on to their clients, ultimately raising community awareness of environmental justice issues.

Research Institute for Computer Applications **\$5,450**
Baton Rouge Parish, LA

The purpose is to supply consulting scientists to community organizations and grassroots groups in the East Baton Rouge Parish; to advise groups desiring to start "Good Neighbor Programs" with Industry; to review EPA and LDEQ permits for local groups; and to give technical advise regarding permitting and other environmental

issues.

NEW MEXICO

Pueblo of Jemez **\$10,000**
Jemez Pueblo, NM

The purpose is for the Pueblo of Jemez to create a formalized methodology, using community focus groups, to begin a processes of identification, definition, and prioritization of issues; to motivate participants to "own" environmental decision-making process, define issues in the context of how they impact the individual, family, and community; to chart steps to mitigate environmental problems; and to empower each participant to challenge problems as a community process.

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OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Toxics Campaign Fund **\$10,000**
Northeast, OK

The purpose is to prepare a report which assesses and analyzes the relationship between environmental, economic, and social characteristics in the project area; to provide education by disseminating this information through individual meetings with local leaders; to build partnerships between churches, environmental groups and businesses; and to promote pollution prevention and create sustainable jobs.

TEXAS

Jobs & the Environment Campaign **\$10,000**
West Dallas, TX

The purpose of this project is to provide a definitive catalog of industrial emissions, landfills, worst-cast accident plumes and other sources of environmental threats and degradation in West Dallas; and to provide awareness and education regarding these threats in relation to residential areas. This information is to be used in land-use planning strategies, and to create a new coalition of community groups, business, and clergy and civil rights organizations who will use this new information for land-use planning.

REGION 7

For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Rupert Thomas, environmental justice coordinator, (913) 551-7661.

MISSOURI

ACORN **\$6,665**
St. Louis, Missouri

The purpose is to organize low income people to fight for and win lead abatement and to increase their awareness of lead dangers and availability of testing.

American Lung Association **\$5,000**
St. Louis, MI

The American Lung Association will provide a school-based asthma health education program, Open Airways for Schools, for inner city children in grades 3-5.

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Community Development Corp. - KC **\$10,000**
Kansas City, MI

The Community Development Corp, will identify environmental issues and provide training and education enabling residents of this low income community to design methodologies for correction of the problems.

Greater St. Louis Lead Poisoning **\$8,835**
St. Louis, MI

The Greater St. Louis Lead Poisoning will design and market a single, comprehensive resource guide to be used in the primary prevention of lead poisoning.

Urban League of Greater Kansas City **\$9,500**
Kansas City, MI

The Urban League of Greater Kansas City will educate low income communities on the use and management and proper handling and disposal of house-hold hazardous wastes.

Westside Housing Organization **\$10,000**

Kansas City, MI

The purpose of this project is to initiate an environmental awareness campaign to reach a wide spectrum of individuals and organizations with information and training on childhood lead poisoning issues.

REGION 8 For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Mel McCottry, environmental justice coordinator, (303) 293-1645.

COLORADO

Cross Community Coalition **\$9,996**
Denver, Colorado

The Cross Community Coalition will implement an educational approach to inform their community of environmental endangerment and the resources that are available to them.

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MONTANA

Rural Employment Opportunities **\$4,550**
Helena, Montana

The purpose of this project is to reach and equip 70 percent of the migrant farmworkers and their families with knowledge of the hazardous pesticides that they may be exposed. Multifarious methods will be used to educate them such as bilingual informational booklets, education through the school system, video tapes, and an awareness workshop is scheduled.

Fort Belknap Indian Community Council **\$10,000**
Harlem, Montana

The goals are to produce and distribute a community environmental newsletter, sponsor environmental workshops and Facilitate

organizational and technical support from the Tribal Environmental Committee.

NORTH DAKOTA

Turtle Mountain Community College **\$9,455**
Belcourt, NC

The purpose is to form an Environmental Improvement Committee for accessibility to environmental justice issues from a self-sustaining community. A satellite distance learning system will be used to enhance environmental curriculum.

Clean Water Fund **\$6,500**
Fargo, NC

The purpose is to plan the production of safety training materials in Spanish consisting of various household toxics and safety alternatives which reduce health risks in the home and workplace. Slide shows and video tapes on pollution prevention will be made accessible for public institutions, migrant employment agencies and individual households.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Nation **\$10,000**
Agency Village, SC

The purpose is to expand the Tribe's awareness on environmental justice through workshops for community residents, youth and teachers. A network will be established to work with local, state, and federal officials to coordinate training activities and to exchange information on environmental concerns. Additionally, this **Region 8: EJ Small Grants Awards**

grant will strengthen the capacity and participation of the Tribes Youth Council in the project year round.

REGION 9 For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Lori Lewis, environmental justice coordinator, (415) 744-1561.

HONOLULU

HAWAII

University of Hawaii, Honolulu **\$9,500**

This project will produce workshops for Native Hawaiians on environmental laws and the regulatory process.

CALIFORNIA

California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation **\$5,000**
Sacramento

The project will produce a newsletter which provides information to farmworkers on pesticides. This project will enhance an ongoing program.

Environmental Health Coalition **\$10,000**
San Diego

This project will work with another group, Por la Vida, to develop environmental justice workshops to train women in Latino communities to provide peer counseling to community members on environmental problems, risk reduction, health effects, and pollution prevention. EHC will hire Por La Vida, which has already done similar work, to do the training.

Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles **\$10,000**
Los Angeles

This project will provide a Lead poisoning public awareness campaign. The purpose is to increase public awareness of lead poisoning by producing public service announcements for television and radio in English and Spanish.

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Ethnic Coalition of Southern California **\$6,000**
Los Angeles

This project is a community empowerment for Environmental Justice. It will hold four community forums inviting local public officials,

business people, and community people to discuss environmental problems and environmental justice in the Los Angeles area.

Asian Immigrant Women Advocates **\$5,000**
Santa Clara County

The Environmental Health and Safety Project of Asian Immigrant Women Electronics Assemblers will use the funds to assist ongoing environmental education programs which include newsletters, workshops and training. This project will enhance an ongoing program.

Golden Gate University **\$4,500**
San Francisco

The existing environmental law clinic will develop a citizens guide to enforcing environmental laws in California, relevant to low-income and communities of color in San Francisco, Alameda, and Contra Costa County. Includes outreach to community groups to show them how to use the guide.

REGION 10 For additional information on any of the following grants, contact Joyce Crosson-Kelly, environmental justice coordinator, (206) 553-4029.

ALASKA

Organized Village of Kwethluk **\$5,000**
Kwethluk, AK

This project will strengthen the Kwethluk Tribe's efforts to address the need for a water and sewage system and will provide a model for other area villages pursuing similar projects. Valuable experience will be gained as the tribe focuses in a positive direction, educating residents, improving communications, and solving environmental issues at the local level.

Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation **\$10,000**
Bethel, AK

Funding of this project will enable the Health Corporation to develop and conduct a conference evaluation tool/assessment and produce a summary report that will enhance the coordination, cooperation and communication between the Alaska Tribes in

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implementing a regional strategy for rural sanitation. The report will also serve as a culturally relevant environmental education document to enhance tribal awareness of sanitation issues and provide a framework to organize grassroots community development action on this important environmental justice problem.

OREGON

**Northwests Film Center
Portland, OR**

\$10,000

This project will provide funding needed to produce a film entitled, " The Water in Our Backyard", which will document the innovative work being done by the City of Portland, environmental groups, local business and residents to clean up a badly polluted body of water shared by many people of color, some of whom are refugees from Vietnam, Cambodia and Russia. The cleanup story will told through the eyes of several refugee families, since fishing, fish consumption, and swimming in the Slough has been a major health concern for these families. The documentary will provide valuable information on many difficult issues, including health concerns, river pollution, and loss of wildlife.

WASHINGTON

**Colville Confederated Tribes
Nespelem, WA**

\$10,000

The funding will provide for research on fish consumption issues affecting the Colville tribal members in the Lake Roosevelt area. This research will provide needed information to: determine future actions required to achieve the greatest reduction of the most serious contamination; identify pollution prevention measures needed to improve and protect the surrounding environmental concern; improve water quality; and protect the area from additional toxic contaminants.

**Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe
Shoalwater, WA**

\$7,541

The Shoalwater Bay GIS project will provide funding for the purchase of ARC VIEW II software to facilitate communication, information exchange, and community partnerships, allowing the Tribe to build relationships with local, state, federal and private entities. Development of the GIS program will enable natural resource managers in the Willapa Bay watershed to utilize a greater amount of available information in the process of decisionmaking

and build tribal capacity to manage its own natural resources.

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YMCA of Greater Seattle **\$6,000**
Seattle, WA

The Master Home Environmentalist Environmental Justice Component is a project that will expand the program's ability to reach diverse communities through a combination of addressing key indoor pollution issues with a volunteer outreach system, thus maximizing the impact of each dollar and hour invested. Funding will facilitate working with community-based organizations to include the participation of the populations they represent and serve, greatly increasing the program's ability to reach households that are particularly at risk for health problems associated with indoor pollution.

VERMONT

Vermont Law School (Alaska Tribal Participation)
South Royalton, VT **\$2,000**

This project will provide the opportunity for two Alaskan tribal representatives involved in the Alaska Comparative Risk Project to participate in the summer session at Vermont Law School. The objective of this project is to increase technical and organizational understanding of comparative risk analysis, assist the tribe in advocating and supporting equity issues, and generating suggestions from the selected representatives on how to improve the comparative risk process in addressing environmental justice concerns.