

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SMALL GRANTS RECIPIENTS -- FY 1994

EQ991532

Massachusetts Toxics Campaign Fund

1105 Commonwealth Ave. # 203

Boston, MA 02215

Contact Name- Thomas Estabrook

(617) 666-1326

Amount Funded: **\$10,000**

Organization- The Massachusetts Toxics Campaign Fund (MTCF) is a non-profit organization working to promote pollution prevention and fairness in environmental cleanups. MTCF has worked to protect low-income communities and people of color from toxic chemicals, including lead contamination of children in low income housing.

Objectives- To provide the targeted communities in Chelsea and parts of Boston with expert technical assistance and research and compile data on the disproportionate environmental impacts by race and income; promote awareness, understanding and education through workshops and outreach on the link between toxic pollution, occupation, income, and race in Chelsea and Boston; to create partnerships between members of the communities to promote local pollution prevention strategies.

EQ991533

Roxbury Neighborhood Council

P. O. Box 191453

Roxbury, MA 02119

Contact Name- Lloyd Fillion

(617) 236-4399

Amount Funded- **\$6,000**

Organization- The Coalition Against the Asphalt Plant (CAAP) consists of nearly sixty neighborhood organizations, environmental groups, community health centers, businesses, and local political leaders. The coalition united a year ago to oppose the siting of an asphalt plant in a light commercial area of Boston where nearly 70,000 people live within a mile radius of the proposed development. Roxbury Neighborhood Council, Inc. (RNC), one of CAAP's core organizations, was created eight years ago by the community and given design and zoning review control by the Boston Redevelopment Authority over development within the boundaries of Roxbury.

Objectives- To gather information on all environmental research concerning air quality within a heavily polluted section of Boston and bring them into one report. This report *The Community Environmental Resource Guide* will be duplicated and distributed to

local libraries, community health centers, selected city and state agencies, and a number of neighborhood organizations. Area residents will readily have access to such information and be able to make reasonable evaluations of the environmental consequences of proposed development.

EQ991534

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI)

513 Dudley Street

Roxbury, MA 02119

Contact Name- Rogelio Whittington

(617) 442-9670

Amount Funded: **\$5,500**

Organization- The Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative (DSNI) is a unique organization that was established ten years ago and has become a national model for community-based, grassroots organizations in rebuilding and revitalizing after years of disinvestment, neglect and abuse. In the past, DSNI has won the right to own over 30 acres of vacant land in the heart of the neighborhood, organized to have illegal trash transfer stations closed, reclaimed a park once ridden with drug dealers, and became the first group in the city of Boston to petition for and obtain the right to public involvement in 17 neighborhood hazardous waste sites.

Objectives- To increase community awareness of environmental issues and their impact on the Dudley neighborhood and motivate individual households to be environmentally responsible. Implement outreach by neighborhood youth who will educate Dudley residents about environmental hazards in the community, strategies for environmental improvements and action plans for neighborhood cleanups.

EQ991535

Citizen Agenda Development Fund

37 Temple Place

Boston, MA 02111

Contact Name- Matthew L. Wilsck

(617) 292-4821

Amount Funded- **\$5,000**

Organization- The Massachusetts Campaign to Clean Up Hazardous Waste (MCCHW) was funded in 1987, and has assisted more than 100 neighborhood groups in developing effective campaigns to clean up toxic sites in their communities. MCCHW provides assistance to neighborhood groups to give them necessary tools and strategies to ensure that toxic dump sites get cleaned quickly and in effective manners.

Objectives- To educate Boston's urban neighborhoods of color on toxic waste problems in their

community; provide strategies and resources to groups to help them develop effective local campaigns; develop neighborhood leaders to continue work on other urban environmental issues; and build a model for other groups across the state to work on urban toxic waste sites.

EQ991536

Committee for Boston Public Housing

100 Terrace Street, Suite B

Roxbury, MA 02120

Contact Name- Mark E. Murphy

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Organization- The Committee for Boston Public Housing (CBPH) is a private non-profit organization committed to social and economic justice for low-income people. CBPH work with public housing tenants, especially on issues related to health and environmental safety.

Objectives- To raise environmental public awareness within the public housing community; train and engage tenant leaders in environmental advocacy; conduct a survey to identify environmental issues that are common across housing developments; and disseminate environmental justice information through CBPH's newsletter.

EQ991537

Tellus Institute, Inc.

11 Arlington Street

Boston, MA 02116

Contact Name- Julia Brody, Ph. D.

(617) 266-5400

Amount Funded- **\$5,500**

Organization- Tellus is a non-profit organization that has worked with community-based and advocacy organizations since 1976 to help them identify, assess, and advocate solutions to environmental issues. They have also worked closely with neighborhoods groups, siting boards and policy makers in developing tools, and methods to improve environmental assessment.

Objectives- In collaboration with the Environmental Diversity Forum, this project will be used to build awareness and develop community capacity to foster pollution prevention initiatives in local businesses and industry; foster constructive partnerships among environmentally burdened populations and those responsible for creating such burdens. Through partnerships between community-based organizations and local businesses, the project will begin to implement a win-win process in which environmental burdens are reduced and businesses learn that prevention practices are integral to sound business management.

EQ991538

Wobanaki, Inc.

P. O. Box 276

Swanton, VT 05488

Contact Name- Phenix Hearn

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Amount Funded- **\$7, 500**

Organization- The Abenaki Nation is a community of indigenous people living in and around the Missisquoi River upon which they rely for their subsistence and the survival of their cultural identity. Because their traditions are passed on to their children by teaching them skills like fishing, trapping, they need healthy streams and wildlife to ensure the survival of their cultural identity. Alarmed by the severe degradation of the river, the Missisquoi River Keeper Program was established with the goal to clean up and protect the Missisquoi River Basin; to preserve their heritage and pass on their traditions to their children.

Objectives- Inform the entire community about the problems which threaten the Missisquoi River and build partnerships among them to work toward solving those problems. Identify owners and users of riparian land, non-point sources (farms, construction, septic) and analyze their impacts on the river. Educate people from the private sector on the impacts of those problems and develop friendly alternatives.