

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SMALL GRANTS RECIPIENTS – FY 1997

EQ 991007

**VERMONT INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

RD #1, Box 2720

Worcester, VT 05682

Contact - Anthony Pollina

(802) 229-5809

Amount Awarded - \$14,015

Vermont Institute for Environmental Health is a non profit organization that brings together individuals with significant background and experience in grassroots organizing, policy and science that will be directed to issues of environmental health and indoor air quality.

Project Objectives - To build a strong indoor air quality coalition and address the health effects of indoor air pollution and low level chemical exposures in schools and outdoor environments.

EQ 991009

**NH COALITION FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH**

110 Sheep Davis Road

Pembroke, NH 03275

Contact - Paul Morse

(603) 226-0516

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - New Hampshire Coalition for Safety and Health is a non-profit, worker-centered educational and advocacy organization devoted to improving workplace health and safety in New Hampshire.

Project Objectives - To set up a training program that is diversified but focused to facilitate worker and community awareness of potential health and safety threats to the employees and the community.

EQ 991004

**ROGER WILLIAMS ZOO**

1000 Elmwood Ave

Providence, RI 02905

Contact - Keith Winston

(401) 785-3510

Amount Awarded - \$17,239

Organization - Roger Williams Zoo Docent Council is a 501c3 which serves as an educational arm of the Zoo and has been in existence since 1975.

Project Objectives - To take teens to a new level of involvement with Environmental Justice issues. The youth will actually get involved in collecting the data used to make informed decisions and foster community change.

EQ 991003

**OLNEYVILLE HOUSING CORPORATION**

17 Hyat Street

Providence, RI 02909

Contact - Alice Engram-Hammed/Margarita Guedes

(401) 351-8719

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Olneyville Housing Corporation is a non profit community based organization incorporated in 1989. It's primary purpose for forming was to address the problems associated with an aging housing stock, decline in owner-occupation, low income and often disenfranchised residents, and other manifestations of a neighborhood in decline.

Project Objectives - Improve communication and coordination among teenagers and community groups.

- Provide learning opportunities about risk reduction and pollution prevention to teens and younger children through summer programs.

EQ 991016

**NEW HAVEN LAND TRUST, Inc.**

341 Quinipiac Avenue

New Haven, CT 06513

Contact - Lauren Brown

(203) 466 - 7701

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - Started the Urban Community Garden Project in 1991, providing assistance to the establishment and success of over 50 community gardens in low-income neighborhoods throughout New Haven.

Project Objectives - An extensive gardening program, consisting of training, planting, pest control, and garden maintenance.

- Conduct workshops in compost and food preservation.

EQ 991014

**ONE CHANE, Inc.**

2065 Main Street

Hartford, CT 06120

Contact - Larry Charles, Sr.

(860) 525 - 0190

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - One/CHANE, Inc. is a non-profit organization. Membership is comprised of residents from the two poorest neighborhoods in the city. The mission of this organization is to "Rebuild North Hartford".

Project Objectives - To develop and provide training to residents to conduct health assessments in the neighborhoods adjacent to the North Meadows landfill.

-Conduct GIS Environmental Risk Mapping of 100 blocks to identify potential environmental risks and hazards.

EQ 991013

**NEW HAVEN ECOLOGY PROJECT, Inc.**

c/o West Rock Nature Center

PO Box 2969

New Haven, CT 06515

Contact - Joanne Sciulli

(203) 946-8017

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - Since 1991, the New Haven Ecology Project has developed programs for inner-city youth that teach about the environment, food systems, and natural ecosystems.

Project Objective - Adult Workshop Series for residents to target environmental and health concerns.

EQ 991037

**NE AQUARIUM CORP/EDUCATION DEPT.**

Central Wharf

Boston, MA 02110

Contact - Joel Rubin

(617) 973-6590

Amount Awarded - \$19,958

Organization - This organization is in partnership with Coastal America and Boston Public Schools. Since 1987, the Aquarium's Teacher Resource Center has focused on helping nurture teachers' ability to incorporate aquatic environmental science issues into their classrooms.

Project Objectives - To develop a cadre of middle school science teachers who are enabled to educate Boston's school children about the unique environmental resources of Boston Harbor and the Harbor Islands, to support teachers long-term professional development and access to environmental education resources in support of science and environmental education reform initiatives, and to strengthen the partnerships among NEAq, Coastal America and the Boston Public Schools.

EQ 991045

**COMMITTEE FOR BOSTON PUBLIC HOUSING, INC.**

100 Terrace St. , suite B

Roxbury, MA 02120

Contact - Deborah George

(617) 427 - 3556

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - CBPH was founded in 1981 and in 1984 created the Family-Community Resource Center to help tenants assess social services and assemble resources to meet the needs in innovative ways.

Project Objectives- Facilitate communication and information exchange and create partnerships among stakeholders to address disproportionate, high and adverse environmental exposure.

- Build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems and involve the community in the design and implementation of activities to address these concerns.

EQ 991035

**BAYSTATE MEDICAL CENTER, Inc.**

Attn: Medical Research Office

759 Chestnut Street

Springfield, MA 01199

Contact - Shirley A. LaRoche

(413) 784-5434

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - Baystate Medical Center is non-profit and the Baystate Medical Center Children's Hospital is a hospital within a hospital and has the largest outpatient pediatric Medicaid primary care practice in Massachusetts. This proposal expands the focus of the SafeKids Coalition.

Project Objectives - To build on the current Lead Task Force facilitated by the MA Department of Public Health and the broader constituency of the Western Massachusetts SafeKids Coalition in order to strengthen partnerships and communication.

- Focus groups of community members will be used to develop the 'train the trainer' curriculum and awareness events. Surveys of participants will be used before and after interventions to measure attitudes and beliefs about lead and carbon monoxide poisoning.

EQ 991031

**MASS HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE, Inc.**

18 Tremont Street, Suite 700

Boston - Suffolk County

Massachusetts 02108

Contact - Jonathan Spack

(617) 523 - 6565

Amount Awarded - \$19,998

Organization - Mass Health Research Institute is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1959, its primary mission is to assist public and private agencies, institutions and other organizations in conducting research, demonstration and training projects for the public benefit.

Project Objectives - Identify community needs and communication barriers to address public health risks.

- Coordinate, develop and disseminate resources.
- Implement education plan for Chinatown Communities.

EQ 991022

**PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE - PLEASANT POINT**

P.O. Box 343

Perry, Washington County, ME 04667

Contact - Heidi Leighton

(207) 853-2600, ext 234

Amount Awarded - \$18,834

The Passamaquoddy tribe is an indigenous Native American Tribe of eastern Maine/Maritime Canada. The Pleasant Point Reservation is located in the most easterly region of the United States. The Tribe depends on the estuarine and marine waters of the St Croix estuary, Passamaquoddy Bay and Cobscook Bay to provide resources for the safe sustenance of present and future generations.

Project Objectives - Two pronged approach consisting of a toxics monitoring program and a water quality program. Under the toxic monitoring program, marine organisms will be tested for heavy metals and dioxins. The water quality program will consist of sample collection and analysis for fecal coliform bacteria in closed shell fish.

EQ 991033

**Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE)**

2343 Washington St, 2nd Floor

Roxbury, MA 02119

Contact - Penn Loh

(617) 442-3343 ext 24

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - Founded in 1995, Neighborhoods Against Urban Pollution (NAUP) is a collaborative effort of six Boston-based neighborhood organizations and environmental non profits. NAUP was conceived to foster resident mobilization as it relates to environmental problem solving.

Project Objectives - Improve its neighborhood mapping and risk assessment methodology through an intensive partnership Egleston Square Neighborhood Association (ESNA).

- Assist 4 to 6 neighborhoods to implement this improved model. ACE and ESNA will use GIS software to facilitate the neighborhood mapping process and train residents to collect and interpret existing environmental data.

EQ 991030

**JOBS & ENVIRONMENT CAMPAIGN**

160 Second St

Cambridge, MA 02142-1502

Contact - Carole Allen

(617) 547-5321

Amount Awarded - \$19,955

Organization - Non profit organization, incorporated in 1993. The organization strives for economic and environmental justice. They blend local action with technical expertise in a nationwide effort to create sustainable communities that are more prosperous, environmentally sound and socially just.

Project Objectives - Generate and enhance communities' understanding of environmental and public health information as well as build capacity to identify local environmental justice problems with community members to develop survey and testing methodologies and to identify mitigation strategies.

EQ 991020

**PASSAMAQUODY TRIBE - INDIAN TOWNSHIP**

PO Box 301

Princeton, ME 04668

Attn: Veronica Smith

(207) 796-5611

Amount Awarded - \$15,000

The Passamaquoddy/Indian Township reservation is located in the most eastern part of Washington County and the State of Maine.

Project Objective - The project is primarily research-oriented and specific to the problem of hazardous materials transportation. Activities will include gathering data on the transportation of hazardous materials through Indian Township Reservation . Information gathered will include content, volume and frequency of shipment.

EQ 991032

**LAWRENCE GRASSROOTS INITIATIVE INC.**

27 Amesbury St

Lawrence, MA 01820

Attn: Jonathan Leavitt

(508) 688-3569

Amount Awarded - \$15,000

Lawrence Grassroots is a non-profit, 501c-3 organization. It develops and sustains projects to mitigate issues of social, economic and environmental justice in the City of Lawrence.

Project Objectives - Educate residents and businesses of Lawrence, MA about toxics and hazardous

substances in their community and create a permanent, community-based local environmental justice council to promote citizen participation in pollution prevention projects and environmental justice issues. Lawrence Grassroots will partner with John Snow Institute for this effort.

EQ 991038

**JOBS FOR YOUTH**

P.O. Box 2786

Boston, MA 02208

Contact - Paula Paris

(617) 338-0815 ext 229

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Organization - Jobs For Youth (JFY) is a non profit Community Based Organization. Its' mission is to "afford economic development through job training." JFY targets low income, non-college educated adults who live primarily in neighborhoods of Boston and who are unemployed or underemployed.

Project Objectives - Provide participants with the skills to enter the environmental services field.

e.g. conduct training related to the detection, assessment and evaluation of risks and human health effects from exposure to hazardous substances.

- Contribute to building a base of indigenous professional expertise within communities disproportionately affected by environmental hazards.