

**Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program
FY 97 Award Recipients**

Region I **For more information, please contact Region I Environmental Justice Coordinator, Rhona Julien at 617-565-9454**

Vermont
Vermont Institute for Environmental Health **\$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. This project will allow this organization 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.

New Hampshire
NH Coalition for Safety and Health **\$20,000**

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. This project will 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.

Rhode Island
Roger Williams Zoo **\$17,240**

Roger Williams Zoo Docent Council serves as an educational arm of the Zoo and has been in existence since 1975. The purpose of this project is 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.

Olneyville Housing Corporation **\$20,000**

Olneyville Housing Corporation is a non-profit community based organization incorporated in 1989. Its 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. This project will improve communication and coordination among teenagers and community groups by providing learning opportunities about risk reduction and pollution prevention to teens and younger children through summer programs.

Connecticut

New Haven Land Trust, Inc. \$20,000

The Urban Community Garden Project started in 1991, providing assistance to the establishment and success of over 50 community gardens in low-income neighborhoods throughout New Haven. The program will provide an extensive gardening program, consisting of training, planting, pest control, and garden maintenance. The program will also conduct workshops in compost and food preservation.

ONE CHANE, Inc. \$20,000

Membership in ONE/CHANE, Inc. is comprised of residents from the two poorest neighborhoods in the city. The mission of this organization is to "Rebuild North Hartford" and develop and provide training to residents to conduct health assessments in the neighborhoods adjacent to the North Meadows landfill. The organization will conduct GIS Environmental Risk Mapping of 100 blocks to identify potential environmental risks and hazards.

New Haven Ecology Project, Inc. \$20,000

Since 1991, the New Haven Ecology Project has developed programs for inner-city youth that teach about the environment, food systems, and natural ecosystems. The purpose of this program is to provide Adult Workshop Series for residents to target environmental and health concerns.

Massachusetts

NE Aquarium Corp/Education Department \$19,958

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. This project will 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 NEAC, Coastal America and the Boston Public Schools.

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

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. This project will facilitate communication and information exchange and create partnerships among stakeholders to address disproportionate, high and adverse environmental exposure. It will also build community capacity to identify local environmental justice problems and involve the community in the design and implementation of activities to address these concerns.

Baystate Medical Center, Inc.**\$20,000**

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 and will 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. It will also provide focus groups of community members who 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.

Mass Health Research Institute, Inc.**\$19,998**

Mass Health Research Institute is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1959 whose primary mission is to assist public and private agencies, institutions and other organizations in conducting research, demonstration and training projects for the public benefit. This project will identify community needs and communication barriers to address public health risks by coordinating, developing and disseminating resources and implementing education plans for Chinatown Communities.

ACE**\$20,000**

(RA's discretionary Fund)

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. The project will improve its neighborhood mapping and risk assessment methodology through an intensive partnership with Egleston Square Neighborhood Association (ESNA) and will 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.

Jobs & Environment Campaign**\$19,955**

This organization strives for economic and environmental justice and blends local action with technical expertise in a nationwide effort to create sustainable communities that are more prosperous, environmentally sound and socially just. This project will 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 identify mitigation strategies.

Lawrence Grassroots, Initiative, Inc**\$15,000***

This organization develops and sustains projects to mitigate issues of social, economic and environmental justice in the City of Lawrence. This project will 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 the John Snow Institute for this effort.

Jobs for Youth**\$20,000***

Jobs For Youth's (JFY), a non profit Community Based Organization, 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. This project will provide these participants with the necessary 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. Also contribute to building a base of indigenous professional expertise within communities disproportionately affected by environmental hazards.

Maine**Passamaquoddy Tribe - Pleasant Point****\$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. This project has a two-pronged approach consisting of a toxics monitoring program and a water quality program. Under the toxics monitoring program, marine organisms will be tested for heavy metals and dioxin. The water quality program will consist of sample collection and analysis for fecal coliform bacteria in closed shell fish.

Passamaquoddy Tribe - Indian Township**\$15,000***

This 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.

REGION II

For more information, please contact Region II Environmental Justice Coordinator, Melva Hayden at 212-637-5027

New York

Research Foundation/Bronx Community College, CUNY **\$20,000**

The Bronx Community College (BCC)/Research Foundation proposes to conduct a series of five workshops on the Solid Waste Disposal Act and the Clean Air Act in low-income and minority Bronx communities burdened by multiple environmental stresses. Project ECOJUSTICE will be conducted by BCC's Community Education and Development Center in collaboration with the Chemistry Department. Leaders and members of Bronx community based organizations will be trained to identify and address environmental violations and risks and environmental justice issues.

New Cassel Environmental Justice Project (NCEJP) **\$20,000**

This purpose of this project is to increase community awareness and educate residents living near the New Cassel Industrial area through a quarterly newsletter, educational events and materials and public meetings. The goal is to give residents the necessary information to recognize and report water and air pollution problems and to get involved so that current and future use of toxic chemicals will be reduced. New Cassel is home to over 16 sites listed on New York State's Superfund registry and numerous other industrial facilities. The primary groups affected are New Cassel's Haitian and Hispanic immigrants and African-American population.

Puerto Rican Family Institute, Inc. (PRFI) **\$20,000**

This project focuses on obtaining and documenting information on mercury distribution at local botanicas and the magnitude of mercury use in the Queens Hispanic community. Hispanics who adhere to religions such as Santeria, Espiritismo and Santerismo often use mercury in their cultural rituals. PRFI will produce and distribute bilingual education materials on the health risks and problems associated with domestic mercury use. As the project develops, PRFI plans to target their materials and outreach to Hispanic communities in the other boroughs.

Hope Unlimited International (HUI) **\$20,000**

The goal of this project is to increase awareness in the South Bronx of risks associated with lead paint and to empower the community to take necessary steps to reduce local risks. In partnership with NYCDOH and Montefiorie Hospital, the project will train two people on lead abatement who will then work directly in the community. HUI will teach residents to identify primary sources of lead and will facilitate lead screening and tests.

Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation **\$20,000**

The goal of this project is to increase the capacity of a network of 50 tenant associations to develop and implement activities to ameliorate the problem of lead poisoning in their buildings located in Northern Manhattan. Using the "train the trainer" method, this group will recruit members from 50 tenant associations to give them the necessary tools to recognize lead poisoning dangers (paint and pipes), to remove the lead source, and to facilitate lead screening and tests.

International Youth Organization/AmeriCorps **\$18,398**

The group proposes to address environmental justice issues in the northern portion (low income/high minority) of Newark, NJ with a three-pronged approach: 1) help community members identify environmental justice priorities through a series of environmental education/communication workshops; 2) provide residents with skills and information to take responsible action through community empowerment forums and; 3) conduct outreach to generate community involvement and volunteer efforts to address environmental problems such as lead poisoning, urban habitat degradation, and brownfields.

Harlem Environmental Impact Project, Inc. **\$10,000**

The organization plans to conduct a public outreach campaign on lead poisoning prevention and reduction in the Harlem community. Through a technical database, the group will also track the number of at-risk children identified, tested, and found infected with lead poisoning. The outreach campaign will include sponsoring environmental health workshops and clinics and making presentations on "Inside Harlem", a public access cable program. The group will produce six issues of a 10-page lead poisoning newsletter for Harlem residents.

Citizens Committee for New York City **\$19,974**

The purpose of this proposal is to expand and continue the work of the Neighborhood Environmental Leadership Institute (NELI) in the Bronx. NELI has already provided 250 low-income Bronx residents interactive and experimental training in leadership, organizational development and urban environmental issues. The group is developing an *Environmental Justice Resource Directory* of private/public agencies that offer technical assistance and support to local environmental issues. NELI, in cooperation with CUNY, is also providing training workshops on tracking specific environmental issues and building organizational skills.

New Jersey
Ironbound Community Corporation **\$20,000**

This purpose of this project is to develop the Ironbound Community Environmental Justice Information, Education and Training Project (ICEJIETP). In collaboration with the New Jersey Institute of Technology, this group will train community leaders to better understand

environmental issues and to participate in the decision-making process. These community leaders also will be trained to build community coalitions and involve their fellow community members in the process. The group will produce and distribute multi-lingual literature on local environmental conditions and organize bi-monthly awareness conferences and workshops.

Comite de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agricolas **\$20,000**

CATA proposes to continue their Safe Drinking Water Project in the southern New Jersey farm labor camps to empower farm workers to articulate the need for greater protection from well water contamination. Some specific activities of the work plan include taking water samples from the labor camp wells, making environmental assessments and disseminating information on the test findings. Working through the migrant health clinics, CATA will also teach the farmers how to protect themselves against contaminated drinking water and how to identify symptoms caused by contaminated water.

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

This project will target the low-income and minority communities located around four brownfields sites in Trenton and provide information on how and why the community should play a role in the remediation and development plans of these contaminated properties. Isles will conduct door-to-door interviews to assess the community's understanding of the sites and develop materials outlining the site conditions, remediation processes and opportunities for community participation. The group will host approximately 10 meeting/workshops for each of the four sites.

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

The purpose of this project is to work with parents and guardians of children in the low-income and minority areas of Newark, Paterson/Passaic, Trenton and Camden to build their capacity to identify sources of lead poisoning and to involve the community in the design and implementation of activities to reduce this health risk. The project will recruit and train at least 80 parents to think more critically in addressing lead poisoning and to obtain assistance from local health departments and property owners.

Puerto Rico

Comite Pro Costa Ventana, Inc. **\$19,140**

This project focuses on the Boca Ward community of Guayanilla, Puerto Rico which is also the home of Tropical Fruits agricultural fields that are regularly sprayed with pesticides. This purpose of the project is to educate the community on the laws regulating pesticide use and to build the residents' capacity to identify misuses of pesticides, to protect their homes and families from unsafe exposure and to present their concerns to different government agencies involved.

Region III **For more information, please contact Region III Environmental Justice Coordinator, Reginald Harris at 215-637-5027**

District of Columbia
The Ballou and Anacostia Outreach Program **\$20,000**
The Environmentors Project

The Environmentors Project matches inner-city high school students with science and environmental professionals for an eight month period of partnership whereby they will develop projects designed to explore environmental issues of relevance. Thirty students from Ballou and Anacostia High Schools will address the environmental problems affecting their community's health and well-being. The project will encourage students to pursue careers in environmental fields, engage in informed environmental activism, and enlighten their communities.

An Intergenerational Project for Latino Communities **\$20,000**
National Hispanic Council on Aging

The goals of this project are to: 1) to build a Latino community's capacity to identify and understand local environmental issues and how they impact their lives; 2) to facilitate the development of environmental justice activities; and 3) to promote and facilitate communication and information exchange among different stakeholders at the project site and other members of the NHC CoA network. These goal will be achieved through the establishment of an advisory committee, conducting a series of three community forums, and encouraging participants to become advocates for environmental justice.

Community-based Hazardous Awareness Campaign **\$19,988**

Howard University School of Social Work will conduct a training program on environmental awareness and protection. The overall goal of the community-based Promoters Training Program is to enhance local groups and organizations capabilities in the recognition and control of environmental hazards, personal protection, and health safety practices. Community groups and organizations can then train and inform their communities.

Lydia's House Youth Environmental Club: Anacostia **\$20,000**
Econet and Conservation Career Development Programs

The purpose of this project is two-fold. First, it will build the capacity of at-risk African American youth to identify sources of water and solid waste pollution and to implement a waste management initiative to address the problem. Secondly, this Environmental Justice Project will expose and train 24 inner city youth between the ages of 16 and 21 to participate in conservation career opportunities.

Maryland**Gwynns Falls Conservancy****\$20,000**

This project of the Gwynns Falls Conservancy serves to continue the completion of the Natural Resource Inventory/Assessment Report of Gwynns Falls. This report is a comprehensive five year (1996-2000) environmental and ecosystem study, comprised of various long-term surveys of leading indicators of the Gwynns Falls watershed. The report will be the starting point and guideline for designing a justifiable and responsible environmental plan for the community, and serve as the basis to gauge the effect and success of any implemented plan.

Environmental Education for Fairfield Farms**\$20,000**

The purpose of this project is to develop and present environmental awareness to the Greater Fairmount Heights community and to develop strategies for environmental improvements in the community. The POCDC will bring together residents and community constituents at four community forums, including a career day for students, to discuss the impact of environmental problems on the community and explore options for community cleanup.

Anacostia River Community Restoration Workshop**\$20,000**

The Anacostia Watershed Society will present an environmental awareness workshop for instructors who teach at minority schools located within the Anacostia watershed in the District of Columbia. The one-day workshop curriculum is designed to train teachers in the fundamental issues related to the urban environment. These issues include the history of the Anacostia River, impacts to the Anacostia River related to urbanization and industrial development, the river and community connections, how improvements in the community will improve the quality of the river, and what actions can be taken to restore the river.

Pennsylvania**Urban Environment: A Research and Education Project
Focusing on Nitrogen Dioxide as a Pollutant Source****\$19,960**

The purpose of this project is to quantify the factors driving nitrogen dioxide concentration in the home and to develop a model of nitrogen dioxide production, diffusion and dissipation in the home. The model will then be used to predict potential occupant exposure levels with varying air flow configurations. This project will also empower community residents by facilitating their participation in an advisory group and develop interventions which will alert community residents to increased risks of asthma incidence due to factors in the indoor environment.

VIRGINIA**Environmental Justice Community Education Project** **\$20,000**

The goal of this effort by the Environmental Justice Technology Center (EJTC) is to develop a methodology through public workshops that will improve public awareness of outdoor and indoor air quality health related issues. This process will involve the development of directed and focused educational materials and workshops designed for use in urban minorities and environmental justice communities.

Bayview Environmental and Community Action Plan **\$19,935**

The purpose of this project is to begin a community-based self-help effort in the community of Bayview. The participants will involve and educate Bayview's citizens, gain knowledge from experts, build on partnerships, and implement effective action plans. First, there will be an environmental needs assessment, then the preparation of overlay maps of Bayview's environmental planning area. Finally, the project will result in the creation of the Bayview Environmental and Community Action Plan.

Environmental Justice Assessment of Southampton County **\$20,000**

The objective of this project is to characterize the potential impact of agricultural practices on shallow, substandard private wells which are used predominately by low income and/or minority households. The program goals are to (1) enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems and generate information on pollution in the community, and (2) identify necessary improvements in communication and coordination among all stakeholders.

Mattaponi Tribe Proposal for Community Monitoring and Sustainable Tribal Development **\$18,462**

This project will enhance tribal understanding of environmental and public health information and environmental monitoring systems. This effort will help to generate information on the pollution concerns of the tribe as well. This project will also improve the coordination and cooperation between state, tribal, and federal government agencies where each have coinciding interests in maintaining water quality and issues related to the fish population. The project will produce a final report and a video tape to be used by the tribal organizations and communities, as well as other interested stakeholders.

Greener and Cleaner Richmond Initiative and "Adopt-a-Park" Program **\$20,000**

Through the implementation of two programs; the Greener & Cleaner Richmond Initiative and the "Adopt-A-Park" program, the City of Richmond will accomplish these goals: 1) low and moderate income citizens will be able to gain appreciation for Richmond's environment by

becoming shareholders in a portion of their surroundings; 2) neighborhoods and parks will be cleaned and made more aesthetically attractive; 3) the image of and pride in Richmond’s neighborhoods would be enhanced; 4) safety and environmental hazards would be removed; 5) the community with respect to environmental issues, environmental justice, and sustainable development would be enlightened and enriched.

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

North Carolina

University of NC-Asheville - East Flat Rock Community **\$19,865**

This project will establish a community lead poisoning prevention and education program for children under age six and pregnant women located in a rural section of the Mid-Appalachian Mountains in Henderson County, NC.

NC Cooperative Ext. Service - Northampton & Bertie Counties **\$19,986**

This project will provide free screening of domestic drinking water for lead contamination to minority and low income families in Northampton and Bertie Counties in northeastern North Carolina. Families with an elevated lead level detected in their drinking water will work with the Health Department to determine the risk to family members, particularly children.

Florida

Concerned Citizens League of America **\$20,000**

This project will set up health consultations with state and local experts to determine the levels of pollution associated with phosphate mining and its processing operations. The awardee will also conduct education and outreach programs for the community on how to deal with environmental problems.

Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach **\$20,000**

This awardee will work to educate minority community leaders, residents, and students about the human health threats of mercury in their homes and community.

Tennessee

Alton Park/Piney Woods Improvement Corp **\$20,000**

This project will promote and present public information and awareness programs to educate the community on the health and environmental effects of the Chattanooga Creek dump site.

Emma Wheeler Homes Resident Association, Inc. \$20,000*

This project will present a series of public awareness programs and workshops designed to disseminate information to the community about the Chattanooga Creek Superfund site. Also, the awardee will develop a visual aids display for the community using photographs describing environmental hazards and the effects of living in a polluted community.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center \$20,000

This project will identify possible vectors of lead exposure and develop an environmental awareness program for Hispanic migrant farming communities on lead exposure and the safe use and handling of pesticides in their work environment.

Lawrence County School System \$20,000

The City of Loretto, working in partnership with students and faculty from Loretto High School and TVA's Environmental Research Center, will conduct extensive academic research and limited laboratory research directed at discovering possible solutions for sludge removal.

**Alabama
Oakwood College \$20,000***

This awardee will identify the impact of PCP and DDT on the health of residents in Triana. The project will also educate residents on environmental issues in their community by conducting workshops and research to identify high risk individuals for cancer, and involving youth in health fairs and other activities.

Project Awake \$20,000

This awardee will conduct workshops for the community on topics ranging from hazardous waste, pesticides, community safety, health risk, groundwater and water quality.

**Kentucky
Appalshop, Inc. Appalachian, KY; TN, VA & NC \$20,000**

This project will establish a network of organizations and activists who are working on environmental and social justice issues; develop a community based online network; reestablish a regional newsletter; and conduct workshops to educate the community on environmental issues.

Georgia

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

This project will translate scientific and technical concepts and information underlying environmental justice awareness into an understandable fashion for Savannah area high school students and citizens in poor and minority neighborhoods.

Hunt Educational & Cultural Center **\$20,000***

The awardee will conduct training covering health practices, water quality, and environmental safety for residents living around a superfund site.

**South Carolina
Catawba Indian Nation** **\$20,000**

The project will develop database for air quality inventory by conducting a source evaluation of reservation lands and the surrounding community; develop public education strategies to inform and educate tribal members of air quality problems; and provide technical training for key tribal individuals on GIS and Hach Water Quality Laboratory equipment.

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

The awardee will develop community based education and training programs for parents and children of disadvantaged communities in central MS consisting of low-income Filipino-American, African American, and Choctaw Indian families.

Region V **For more information, please contact Region V Environmental
Justice Coordinator, Karla Johnson at 312-886-2737**

**Illinois
Lead Elimination Drive** **\$20,000**

This project will build community-based capacity to address the issue of childhood lead poisoning on the Westside of Chicago through a community-based lead job planning project. The project will convene a committee of community leaders to initiate a planning process to identify strategies and opportunities for training community residents as lead inspectors and abatement workers, in order to provide low-cost community lead abatement services and to create quality jobs for residents of communities suffering disproportionate exposure.

Victory Heights/Maple Park Community Association **\$19,900**

This project will enhance the community’s capacity to actively participate in brownfield redevelopment through the development of a series of orientation and education modules that can

be used by community groups to enhance community understanding and assist in the identification of issues and options to be considered in the process of brownfield site analysis, remediation, maintenance, and reuse. These modules will be designed by a consortium of community groups, local government staff, and university personnel in Chicago. The primary objective of the project is to increase the ability of the community to participate in both the remediation and maintenance planning for brownfield sites and to facilitate more efficient and cost effective redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Community Health Partnership

\$19,984

This project will increase the capacity within the Latino farm worker population of Kankakee County to reduce their risk of injury and illness from pesticide exposure. The project will achieve this objective through peer-based pesticide safety training and community-based environmental health education targeting Latino migrant and seasonal farm workers and family members. The program will also increase compliance with the U.S. EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) through consensus building and collaboration among the various stakeholders to promote full implementation of all provisions of the WPS throughout Illinois. The project goals will be met through: (1) the Illinois WPS Stakeholder Committee which will bring together individuals representing various segments of the agricultural industry, health and safety specialists, pesticide regulators, and farm worker service providers and advocates to develop consensus around tools to support full compliance with the WPS; and (2) the recruitment, training and ongoing supervision and support of five farm workers who will serve as environmental “promotores de salud”(health promoters) to provide pesticide safety education and environmental health education to farm workers and their families.

Center for Neighborhood Technology

\$20,000

This awardee will work with industry and environmental stakeholders to educate dry cleaners on the latest alternative technology to traditional dry cleaning and opportunities to convert to emerging wet cleaning technology. The project will work in a three state area, including Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, to inform minority and underserved communities of the opportunities for education and training in pollution prevention. Workshops will be offered for dry cleaners’ technical needs as well as for community members interested in wet cleaning as an economic development source. The training will provide resource materials and a needs assessment for the development of a tool kit to help minority communities evaluate if wet cleaning is a viable economic development opportunity.

Westside Alliance for a Safe and Toxic Free Environment

\$20,000

This project will facilitate a community-based land use and revitalization process that will: (1) gather and evaluate the causes and effects of environmentally harmful land uses, potential sites of concern, and potential industries for “Good Neighbor Agreements”; (2) host multi-media presentations on these sites for communities on the west side of Chicago; (3) facilitate a process

for each community to reach consensus on priority sites; and (4) work in partnership to develop environmentally sound land use plans.

Alta Sita Neighbors **\$20,000**

This project will facilitate the direct involvement of neighborhood residents in the planning and implementation process of cleaning and maintaining vacant lots. Workshops will be offered to educate residents about the health risks associated with illegal dumping and instruct residents about actions that can be taken to remediate these conditions. The project will (1) work with the residents to identify the ten worst vacant lots in the neighborhood; (2) work with property owners to facilitate cleanup and maintenance of the vacant lots; and (3) work with the City to ensure action is taken against property owners who are recalcitrant. The project will also develop a preventive strategy designed to address illegal dumping in Alta Sita.

Project VIDA **\$20,000**

This awardee will develop a participatory, interactive Environmental Justice project for the Hispanic community of “Little Village” that will: (1) create an EJ youth and family organization in the community; (2) develop, implement and evaluate a home toxic and asthma trigger inventory and curriculum that emphasizes pollution prevention and risk reduction activities; (3) conduct a community environmental inventory of toxic sources in and around Little Village; (4) develop a mural program integrating EJ issues with cultural themes of the community; and (5) develop educational materials and community forums around a neighboring brownfield site with Superfund status pending.

Indiana
Indianapolis Urban League **\$20,000**

This awardee will facilitate an economic development project in African-American and low-income communities to mitigate local environmental inequities. The project will bring together community-based organizations and government stakeholders for the purposes of community education, empowerment and brownfields redevelopment. The goals of the project are: (1) to mobilize and advocate for site cleanups or brownfields redevelopment; (2) to educate citizens about environmental hazards; and (3) to develop a strategy for economic and environmental sustainability.

Michigan
Legal Services of Eastern Michigan **\$12,434**

This awardee will establish a community partnership that will provide lead education and outreach to the low-income communities of Genessee and Saginaw Counties. The project will include: (1) education regarding the hazards of lead poisoning in both the air and water; (2) development of a resource database of agencies that may provide services to address lead

poisoning; (3) referrals; and (4) expansion of linkages with agencies that deal with either lead and/or housing issues to establish and strengthen a community-based network to address lead poisoning problems.

Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services **\$20,000**

This awardee will provide education and outreach for the predominantly Arab-American community in Dearborn, Michigan, concerning the problems with environmental hazards in the community and its effects on health, emphasizing childhood asthma and lead poisoning.

Minnesota

Grand Portage Band of Chippewa Tribe **\$15,000**

This project will enhance the community's understanding of environmental and public health threats from mercury emissions and the resulting levels in the community food supply. The project will include: (1) development of a report on mercury, results of any mercury studies which have been conducted on mercury contamination of fish, and sources of mercury emissions on the Grand Portage Reservation; (2) workshops and meeting with partners on the mercury problem at Grand Portage Reservation; (3) working with local fishermen to gather fish and to analyze the fish tissue for mercury concentrations, risk assessment of the fish data; and (4) creation of brochures to document findings, and setting consumption recommendations, as needed.

Ohio

Environmental Health Watch **\$19,716**

This awardee will work in partnership with the Cleveland Health Department, community-based organizations, and the Association of Parents to Prevent Lead Exposure (APPLE) to integrate asthma control education with lead poisoning prevention education for parents. The project will: (1) test the feasibility of expanding the scope of a lead hazard control program to include asthma-related environmental hazards; (2) explore practical and no-cost or low-cost interventions to reduce asthma-related household pollutants in low-income housing; and (3) assist neighborhood-based organizations to integrate consideration of indoor pollution hazards into their existing programs to develop affordable housing.

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Citizen Action Fund **\$20,000**

This awardee will work to reduce the number of children in Milwaukee's predominantly African-American "central city" that are lead poisoned. The project will organize a task force of "central city" parents into an effective community force, and will mobilize property owners, health care providers, the City of Milwaukee, community-based organizations and churches to create lead safety zones in targeted "central city" neighborhoods. The project will educate parents of lead

poisoned children about opportunities to make their homes more lead safe and will train a core of ten parents within the larger parent-run task force to be directly involved in ongoing and new lead prevention efforts at the local and State level.

Region VI **For more information, please contact Region VI Environmental Justice Coordinator, Shirley Augurson at 214-665-7401**

Arkansas

White River Environmental Protection Association **\$ 4,507**

The goal of this project is to produce a monthly newsletter that will address environmentally sensitive information and raise community awareness about local and State issues which pertain to environmental justice. It will increase awareness and improve communication and coordination within and among the local community, stakeholders and rural communities state-wide with similar drinking water and solid waste disposal problems. The project will enhance community understanding of environmental and public health information systems and provide information that will encourage prevention of ground water and surface water pollution in the community.

Louisiana

Xavier University - Deep South Center for EJ **\$20,000**

This project will educate communities on environmental justice issues and pollution prevention strategies along the Mississippi River chemical corridor. To achieve this goal, the Deep South Center will train the residents on efficient use of computers to retrieve and disseminate environmental information (“Computer Ready”); give residents information on the responsibilities of local, State, and Federal agencies (“Who’s Protecting You”); and, review site specific information on the sources of pollution in the targeted community (“What’s In My Air?”). To build bridges of communication, the project will provide a series of meetings with representatives from Federal, State and local environmental agencies.

New Mexico

Adelante RC&D Council, Inc. **\$17,103**

The project will help stake holders address environmental justice problems. One workshop will be held on pollution related water quality problems in the watershed due to poor resource management and environmental law. A separate workshop will be conducted on solid waste disposal and environmental law. This project includes four field trips for fourth and fifth grade students that will give the students hands-on experience. The project will enhance understanding of environmental health information and provide information on pollution in the community with an informational brochure on pollution problems and solutions within Upper Pecos Watershed.

Rural Community Assistance Corporation **\$13,992**

In this project the Corporation will coordinate and train low-income communities on the causes, extent, prevention, reduction and elimination of water pollution in New Mexico. Water treatment system operators will be trained on safe and proper operation and maintenance of water and wastewater systems in four colonias in Doña Ana County. This information will provide an enhanced capacity to solve problems, hire and supervise system operators and, work toward compliance with requirements of the Safe Drinking Water and Clean Water Acts.

Oklahoma

Caddo Indian Tribe of Oklahoma

\$19,996

The Caddo Indian Tribe seeks to demonstrate effective approaches for providing clean water and safe drinking water and identify the impact of illegal dumping on the following areas: Caddo, Grady, and Washita Counties in Oklahoma. The project will provide awareness, education, monitoring, assessment and training for volunteers regarding water sampling techniques. The success of the project will be evaluated through increased participation in community programs and a reduction in illegal dumping.

Pawnee Tribe of Oklahoma

\$20,000

The purpose of this project is to develop policy and management plans to reduce water quality risks and impairments due to nonpoint sources of pollution. Development and implementation of a tribal water quality standards program and a tribal solid waste management plan will provide management tools for reducing nonpoint source impact on water quality. Environmental education will be provided to the community through the “Blue Thumb” program. The target audiences will include tribal, city, and county residents.

Texas

Physicians for Social Responsibility

\$20,000

The goal of the Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) U.S.-Mexico Border project is bi-national understanding and treatment and prevention of environmentally-caused illness--particularly respiratory health--in the U.S.-Mexico border region. To accomplish this goal, PSR will increase communications and cooperation between U.S. and Mexican physicians; facilitate citizen understanding of and input into the region’s environmental health policies, treatment and prevention measures; and work with local community groups on both sides of the border to develop a Parents’ Resource Guide to Childhood Respiratory Health.

Scienta Associates, Inc.

\$15,493

The goal of the Scienta Project is to provide a process for information and concerns to be

discussed throughout the community. This process will provide a forum for disparate parties to learn each other's needs thereby creating a better communication process between major industries and local disadvantaged communities. In addition, this project will evaluate mitigation, minimization or compensation of disproportionate impacts.

Foundation for a Compassionate Society **\$19,914**

The implementation of this project is challenged by the fact that many residents are disabled by chronic illnesses. The benefits lie in working toward a healthier environment for future generations. Success of the project will be evaluated by measuring community participation in training and presentations and in reaching agreements with stakeholders on the prevention and elimination of pollution.

Community Action Council of South Texas **\$19,111**

This project will be known as the "B&E Dumpsite Clean up" and will serve the purpose of bringing the area into compliance with the Solid Waste Disposal Act and the Clean Water Act. In addition, the project will improve the appearance and the quality of life for the nine hundred residents of the colonia. Aside from the environmental justice issues, the dumpsite clean up project will also provide temporary employment to residents who will do some of the necessary manual labor.

Esperanza Peace and Justice Center **\$20,000**

This project will address air pollution and solid waste problems in San Antonio's East side and the Martinez neighborhood through community education and grassroots organizing efforts. The ESPERANZA has chosen residents in these areas as its target audience because of the compelling nature of their circumstances and their established track records for grassroots organizing around environmental issues. About 80% of the project's resources will go to community education efforts. The remaining 20% of resources will be devoted to grassroots organizing specifically aimed at raising the target audience's awareness of the pollution problems posed by the Deely power plant.

American Institute for Learning **\$19,992**

The purposes for the Fort Branch watershed project are to: (1) collect data on the watershed; (2) train 5-7 at-risk youths to create an interactive tool for watershed awareness; (3) facilitate a minimum of six workshops on watershed issues through community groups and three local elementaries; (4) increase the environmental awareness of at least 200 community members around watersheds and non-point source pollution; and (5) impact the quality of watersheds by improving the knowledge and resources of community residents and increase community action.

South Central Partnership for Environmental Technical Education Lamar University Port Arthur **\$19,898**

The West Side Environmental Education Project will stimulate community awareness of environmental concerns by educating West Side residents on environmental hazards in their neighborhoods via quarterly meetings. The project will encourage investigations of community environmental concerns including air and residential drinking water and lead hands-on investigations to facilitate collection, monitoring, and analyses of air samples. West Side residents will also be encouraged to take part in solving their environmental problems and guiding city government, through town hall-style meetings, in formulating policies that affect the safety and health of the community.

Galveston-Houston Association for SMOG Prevention (GHASP) \$19,990

This project will combine the development of an active Woodland Acres chapter of Mothers for Clean Air with the broad objectives of increasing community awareness of air and solid waste hazards, identifying environmental justice issues, and gathering further information regarding pollution sources in or near the community. The project is expected to be completed in twelve months, but the chapter will continue to exist beyond the funding period. At least five members, by the end of the one year period, will have the ability to use a computer to communicate with resource persons outside the community and access various databases.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) \$60,000*
Multisite Superfund Community Outreach and Education

This project is designed to assist minority and low income communities in developing health and safety measures to be employed in locations having close proximity to Superfund sites. The project will consist of community meetings, education and training sessions and development and distribution of materials within affected communities.

Region VII For more information, please contact Region VII Environmental Justice Coordinator, Althea Moses at 913-551-7649

Missouri \$20,000
American Lung Association

The American Lung Association of Eastern Missouri has designed an Environmental Justice Pollution Prevention project which highlights the EPA goals of improving communication among stakeholders and enhancing critical thinking, problem solving, and active participation of the affected community. The project's focus will be to educate automotive body and repair shops in pollution prevention techniques to reduce air emissions, reduce human exposure to toxins and eliminate excess waste. The project will attain this goal by utilizing experts to assist with the design, training and implementation of the project; training teens and their peer outreach workers to dialogue with automotive shop owners and their employees about cost saving pollution prevention techniques as well as the health risks present in their workplace; and evaluating the

knowledge and implementation of our identified pollution prevention activities at the facilities six months after training.

Saint Louis University

\$16,000

The awardee will provide a conference for realtors and brokers, financial institutions, home inspectors, and owners of rental property in the greater St. Louis Metropolitan area, which includes Missouri and Illinois. The focus of the conference will be on policies and regulations surrounding environmental hazards in residential properties.

Northeast Missouri Community Action Agency

\$16,000

This project will address environmental issues by assisting low-income homeowners in making necessary sewer improvements resulting from the enforcement of municipal codes. The City of Kirksville is a Federal Enterprise Zone Champion Community located in northeast Missouri. The City currently faces significant "inflow" problems where their sewer system becomes overloaded with combined sanitary and storm water that overflows into streets, creeks and streams, as well as commercial and residential basements. In addition to flooding, this causes public health nuisances and environmental concerns related to the discharge of untreated sanitary wastes. One of the city's actions to reduce this problem includes requiring private homeowners to disconnect and/or relocate downspouts, foundation drains and sump pumps from the City's sanitary sewer system when cited by City personnel. Funds will be used to develop a new program offering education and ombudsman services to low income homeowners needing to correct deficiencies.

Iowa

Siouxland District Health Department

\$20,000

The focus of this project will be ambient air quality, specifically carbon monoxide levels, that lower income, non-English speaking citizens are being exposed to in their homes and cars. Cooperation with consumers, the Siouxland media, Sioux City Fire/Rescue departments, the Siouxland CarMonoxide Coalition and La Casa Latina Center will be a key part of this project.

Midwest Assistance Program

\$20,000

The Midwest Assistance Program will work with the community of Toronto, Iowa to address wastewater discharge problems and resulting concerns about the quality of water in private wells.

Dallas County Environmental Health Department

\$20,000

The goals of this project are to increase the public awareness of risk factors in target populations,

gather data on the extent of disease due to risk factors, and improve communication and public education by developing educational materials in Spanish.

Black Hawk County Health Department **\$19,979**

Through the use of Geographic Information System technology, it will be the goal of this project to evaluate existing programs, environmental problems and services provided to predominantly African-American neighborhoods in the inner city of Waterloo, Iowa.

Iowa State University **\$14,000**

This project will develop a GIS-based tool to prototype system that will allow the investigation of issues of environmental justice involving hazardous waste facilities, underground storage tanks, and large hog farms in Iowa. The study will integrate a wide range of existing environmental, socioeconomic, and demographic databases with ArcView GIS and S-Plus statistical analysis software to test the overarching hypothesis that higher levels of environmental degradation in Iowa are associated with race, ethnicity and income.

**Kansas
Leadbusters** **\$20,000**

The Leadbusters project is an outgrowth of the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Coalition in metropolitan Kansas City and a continuation of the "Lead-Safe KC" Project begun in mid-1994. Leadbusters will conduct a continuation of an environmental awareness campaign that covers the metropolitan area but will be targeted to low income and moderate income urban neighborhoods in the adjacent communities of Kansas City, Missouri and Kansas City, Kansas.

Wyandotte County Health Department **\$19,916**

Wyandotte County Health Department provides public health and environmental services to all citizens of the county. This project will partner with Parents as Teachers, Project Eagle, and Head Start to reduce the risk of lead exposure to high risk families, with special emphasis on children in Wyandotte County, through a coordinated community based education process.

**Nebraska
NE Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure** **\$20,000**

The Indoor Air Quality and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Programs propose a cooperative approach to educate under served communities in Nebraska on lead and indoor air quality hazards and ways to reduce these hazards for young children and their families.

Nebraska State Recycling Association **\$20,000**

The Nebraska State Recycling Association (NSRA) is developing a Community Outreach Implementation Program which is a key component of their overall inner-city restoration initiative. It links together several active and proposed programs that NSRA is coordinating including: Facilitation of Inner-city Coalition on the Environment, BIS Data Base Phase I and Phase 2 and the Green Building/Eco-Park Project.

Indian Center, Inc. \$20,000

The Indian Center, Inc., in cooperation with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, will address the hazards of lead based paint facing minority populations. The Indian Center through the Lead Program will offer educational classes to Native Americans and other minorities and low-income people on environmentally acceptable leadbased paint hazard minimization.

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

Colorado \$19,920
Cross Community Coalition (COPEEN)
Family Resource Center

The Cross Community Coalition is serving as the umbrella agency for the Colorado Peoples' Environmental and Economic Network (COPEEN). COPEEN's goal is to bring together community-based grassroots groups of people of color to build partnerships to address environmental justice issues, improve coordination, communication, and information exchange among these groups. This year's proposal has grown out of their current work of updating the 1990 Citizen Action report, "Poisons in Our Neighborhoods", which used Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data to document, by county and zip code, the amounts of toxic chemicals released into communities in Colorado. During this research they discovered that there is a large amount of data which is NOT included in the TRI reports that may impact a community. COPEEN has identified areas where it is necessary to improve communication and coordination between grassroots community-based organizations and local, state, and federal transportation entities in the North Denver communities of Elyria, Swansea, Globeville, and North Park Hill.

Office of the District Attorney - Fifth Judicial District \$15,240

The purpose of this project is to assist local compliance with the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), emphasizing target populations of Hispanic and low income persons expected to be most at risk. The mechanism for the project is the funding of a full time coordinator to serve the Fifth Judicial District's Regional Emergency Planning Committee (REPC). An analysis of the Superfund sites in the district is instructive in understanding the target population most likely to be assisted by compliance with EPCRA.

National Association of Black Environmentalists (NABE) \$20,000

The National Association of Black Environmentalists (NABE) is a local academic, scholarship, and mentoring organization dedicated to attracting minority and disadvantaged youth into environmental careers in the Denver, Colorado area. NABE is committed to enticing young people of color and/or disadvantage into environmental careers through a comprehensive academic program that exposes students to a multiplicity of environmental disciplines.

San Juan Basin Health Department

\$19,062

South Durango, a low income and predominantly Hispanic area, is one example of a population that will benefit from this community-based approach. The residents of South Durango, as represented by the South Durango Neighborhood Association (SDNA), feel this section of town has born a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from the commercial operation of the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. This vintage railroad is operated as a tourist attraction year-round, with 5-6 coal-fired locomotives in service during the peak summer months. These train engines are kept idling overnight in the rail yard and roundhouse on property located at the western border of this neighborhood. The emissions generated by these engines blanket the neighborhood with soot and noxious-smelling coal smoke that reduces visibility. Residents feel these emissions significantly impact their quality of life and may contain chemical contaminants, particulate, and other hazardous substances which are a significant health risk due to the long-term, repeated exposure to the smoke. Past air quality studies have been conducted by the Air Pollution Control Division, the US Geological Survey, National Park Service and Uranium Mine Tailing Remediation Act officials. No effort has been made to consolidate this information into a user-friendly tool for community planning.

Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe

\$20,000

This project will identify, assess and address inequitable environmental impacts from mining operations to the White Mesa community located in southeast Utah, eleven miles south of Blanding . The White Mesa Uranium Mill owned and operated by Energy Fuels Nuclear, Inc. is located 5 miles from the tribal community. The White Mesa community, consisting of 800 acres, 99% tribal members mostly of the Ute Mt. Ute Tribe, an unemployment rate of 50-60% and a per family annual average income of less than \$5,000, is a separate part of the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation. An environmental consultant with technical expertise will be hired to analyze and interpret existing data from semi-annual reports from the mill to the Nuclear Regulatory Agency. The Tribe will establish communication with the State of Utah, Division of Radiation Control and the Division of Water Quality regarding this issue which has had poor communication in the past.

The consultant will be required to explain the assessment results and recommendations to the White Mesa Council and develop reports that can be easily interpreted by the Community members to enhance the understanding of environmental and public health issues.

Northeast Denver Housing Center

\$20,000

This project will provide environmental education for low income, inner-city residents through Denver’s Environmental Education Initiative. NDHC will develop a program that educates residents about their environment. This project will be a model that brings the community, private and public sectors together to learn from each other and to formulate sustainable solutions through workshops and community events.

Stapleton Development Corporation **\$15,778**

This project will provide opportunities for economically disadvantaged and ethnically diverse youth, ages 15-24, to learn about environmental issues by working on environmental work projects along Sand Creek. This program will enable youth to obtain meaningful employment experience, job and life skills training while providing valuable information about the environmental issues affecting the northeast Denver metro community.

Montana
Fort Belknap Community Council **\$20,000**

The Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, located in north-central Montana, encompasses an area of 653,000 acres and is the home of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes. It has a high unemployment rate of 78% and a total resident population of approximately 3,600. The foremost environmental concern of the Fort Belknap Community Council (FBCC) and Fort Belknap Indian Reservation residents is the risk of water contamination from Montana’s largest cyanide heap leach gold mining operation - the Zortman and Landusky gold mines. These mines are located adjacent to the Reservation’s southern border and pose threats to the Little Rocky Mountain Ecoregion and to the health of surrounding communities on the Reservation.

The project proposes to (1) inform and educate the community on water quality and safe drinking water issues through a quarterly newsletter, two workshops (one on safe drinking water and the other on water quality issues) and radio (KGVA Fort Belknap College radio station) forums and programs, (2) seek to empower the community through workshops and radio forums and programs so they may make more informed environmental decisions and actively participate in environmental issues, and (3) build and expand community partnerships with environmental organizations and agencies to promote local environmental justice issues. One half-time staff person (Media Support Assistant) will be hired to implement this project.

South Dakota
Jobs and Environment Campaign/Pine Ridge Reservation Ecology Initiative **\$20,000**

This project will work to complete Phase 3 of the Ogalala Lakota Environmental Empowerment Project (OLEEP) which is an on-going partnership/collaboration between Native Ecology Initiative, an Indian-run, non-profit project, and the Ogalala Lakota Nation (OLN). This partnership is designed to substantially improve the quality of existing environmental programs

of the OLN that have a direct impact on the Pine Ridge Reservation in the State of South Dakota. This project will focus upon the rights of the Ogalala Lakota people to protect their groundwater from pesticides.

Lower Brule Sioux Tribe **\$20,000**

The Lower Brule Sioux Tribe is located in Lower Brule, SD. The project will analyze possible contamination of drinking water from groundwater relative to the use of pesticides, herbicides and chemicals on irrigated lands on the reservation. This information will then be shared with community members, through formation of an Environmental Review Commission representing community stakeholders.

Sinte Gleska University **\$20,000**

Sinte Gleska University is located on the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in Rosebud, South Dakota. This project will train personnel from Native American tribes in the detection of environmental contaminants, in the analysis of environmental data, and the use of environmental analysis equipment.

Wyoming
Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes **\$20,000**

The Wind River Environmental Quality Commission (WREQC), an entity of the Shoshone and Arapaho Tribes of the Wind River Indian Reservation, will conduct research and findings of new innovative ways to reduce the exposure of tribal members to potentially toxic waste and chemicals through a combination of efforts aimed at: recycling research; general public education on a clean and safe environment; provide access to information on hazardous materials; work with private and tribal programs on planning for pollution prevention; collection and elimination of hazardous materials from individuals private homes. WREQC will hold one Environmental Fair where all reservation schools can design posters on pollution prevention and participate in seminars and skits to help the students learn about keeping their neighborhoods' environment safe and clean. At the environmental fair, they will invite various tribal, federal, state and private agencies to host a booth to disseminate their information on pollution prevention and saving the environment.

Utah
Utah Society for Environmental Education **\$20,000**

The Jordan River Stewardship Project, Phase III, directly targets environmental justice issues related to clean water and solid waste for this low-income community near the Jordan River. The goal of the project is to change the community's attitude about the river and their ability to resolve environmental justice issues facing them.

The purpose of this project is to maintain USEE's presence in the community. USEE will continue to improve and expand communication and information exchange; recruit additional stakeholders; and educate the community about environmental justice issues and how they can address these concerns. Specifically, USEE will continue to work as facilitator and liaison with schools, community councils, other community groups and agencies; will publish a monthly newsletter that informs the community about issues, events and celebrations along the river; and will broaden community involvement and increase partnerships.

Region IX **For more information, please contact Region IX Environmental Justice Team, Katy Wilcoxon at 415-744-1565**

Arizona

Don't Waste Arizona/Concerned Residents of South Phoenix **\$19,900***

This project will establish an environmental justice newsletter & hotline for residents of South Phoenix. As a response to the 1992 Quality Printed Circuits fire, Don't Waste Arizona, Inc. has been active in educating the community on the environmental justice issues affecting them. The newsletter aims to provide general and technical information to affected residents about the environmental issues related to the QPC fire and the resources available to the community to help them respond to environmental justice issues.

Hualapai Tribe **\$20,000**

The Used Oil Recycling project aims to protect the environment and natural habitat for current and future generations through a preventative pollution plan. The project includes producing a bimonthly newsletter that informs the community about recycling facility programming, setting up community presentations and improving community access to the environmental resource library at the local Transfer & Recycling Center.

Sonora Environmental Research Institute, Inc. **\$19,973**

Household Hazardous Material Bilingual Education Materials Project. Sonora Environmental Research Institute, Inc. will develop and distribute educational materials to schools and the general public, both in English and Spanish, to be used in classroom education. The project will conduct workshops for teachers to enhance their general and technical understanding of the issue of hazardous materials, as well as engage in general outreach efforts to the public through environmental forums and events.

California

St. Peter's Housing Committee **\$19,500**

The project aims to improve lead-safety and prevent lead poisoning among low-income and monolingual Spanish speaking tenants and workers in San Francisco's Mission District. The

project will utilize the Lead Safe Housing Advocacy Program to assist tenants in assessing and reducing lead hazards in their homes before poisoning occurs and the Lead Safe Work Program which addresses lead exposure caused by housing renovation and maintenance that disturbs lead based paint.

Pre-School Coordinating Council, Inc **\$20,000**

Lead Poisoning Prevention for Low-Income Minority Families. The project focuses on childhood lead poisoning in the communities of Pittsburg, CA. The Coordinating Council will determine the number of people in the targeted community capable of job-related, take home lead exposure, educate employers and workers in these lead related businesses, inform families in older, at-risk residences about lead poisoning prevention, and increase the number of children screened for lead poisoning.

Concerned Citizens of South Central Los Angeles **\$20,000**

Concerned Citizens in collaboration with the Los Angeles Metropolitan Network of Churches will develop a campaign to clean-up toxic waste in South Central Los Angeles. The campaign will include community outreach efforts; promoting cancer tests for residents; recruiting health specialists to assist in developing a strategy to address health risks; and meeting with local and state officials to develop effective clean-up schedule for the contaminated sites.

Ammonia Safety & Training Institute **\$20,000**

The Ammonia Safety & Training Institute will provide 20 four-hour workshops to public and private stakeholders in Stockton, Bakersfield, Las Vegas and Phoenix. The workshops are intended to enhance communication between public and private sectors in the event of an ammonia incident and increase community awareness on ammonia safety.

People United to Demand Environmental Rights (PODER) **\$20,000**

PODER, in collaboration with the Chinese Progressive Association, will seek to improve communication between affected low income communities of color in San Francisco. The project will focus on working with residents of the Mission District and Chinatown communities to assess and prioritize their environmental justice concerns. The project will include community outreach efforts, research and the creation of educational materials. A subsequent campaign plan will be developed to address the identified environmental justice concerns and conduct environmental summits for grassroots organizations in low income communities in the city.

Pinoleville Band of Pomo Indians **\$20,000**

The Tribe is concerned about the impacts of past land use decisions on the siting of operations which can present environment hazards within and near the Pinoleville Indian Reservation. The

project aims to develop a Restoration and Remediation Strategy for Ackerman Creek. The Tribe will work closely with the Mendocino Environmental Center and technical experts who can provide specific information to help build a broader understanding of the environmental justice issues affecting the community. The project will include community workshops as well as various media, including the Internet, to organize and inform community members.

City of Oakland, Fire Services Agency **\$20,000***

The Fire Services Agency of the City of Oakland has been awarded a grant to expand its neighborhood training program, Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (CORE), to include a hazardous materials and community-right-to-know component. The CORE project, in collaboration with the African American Development Association, aims to foster greater understanding and a spirit of cooperation between government, local community based organizations, environmental advocacies and the local citizenry.

African American Development Association (AADA) **\$19,000**

AADA, in collaboration with the city of Oakland's Office of Emergency Services, will identify where hazardous materials are stored or transported in a mixed land-use area in West Oakland and therefore where a need exists for community training and education. Community members will be trained in toxics and hazardous materials to ensure a safe and predictable response in the event of a chemical spill. This project also includes a geographic assessment of current land uses, GIS mapping of West Oakland, and development of a transportation hazard assessment report.

Communities for a Better Environment (CBE) **\$20,000**

This project aims to develop environmental leadership among youth by engaging high school students at Huntington Park High School in classroom education and site specific campaigns on environmental problems in southeast Los Angeles. Students will learn a variety of skills, including air monitoring, computer research and data analysis. Additionally, students will conduct various outreach efforts, including community workshops, presentations and a city-wide conference.

La Clinica de la Raza - Fruitvale Health Project, Inc. Oakland, CA **\$20,000**

This project focuses on the communities of Fruitvale and San Antonio, two multicultural and diverse districts of the city of Oakland. The goal of the project is to build community-based leadership to empower residents to address lead exposure issues in their community. The project will train community members as Health Educators through its existing *Escuela Para Promotores*, provide information and education on lead poisoning and the resources available to the community through the *Casa en Casa* model, and carry out a community action program that is originated, developed and implemented by community members through a *Casa en Casa* group.

National Council of Negro Women, Inc. \$16,500

This organization promotes empowerment and unity among women in matters affecting their environmental, educational, cultural, economic, social and spiritual life. The project is designed to reduce public health risks of radon and indoor air contamination by conducting and distributing 1,000 radon tests in the San Fernando Valley. One goal of the project is to help institutionalize radon testing of homes and buildings and prevention of other unhealthy indoor contaminants by developing strategies with key segments of the community including real estate community, government officials, public health officials, and school organizations.

**Hawaii
Puna Malama Pono, Inc. \$20,000**

Puna Malama Pono (PMP) will conduct a community air pollution monitoring project to develop a mechanism to respond to the pollution issues related to a geothermal electric generating facility. Project participants will monitor and record air emissions through an air pollution monitoring device and will train community resident volunteers to conduct random air emission monitoring using global positioning and air monitoring technologic devices. The project seeks ultimately to reduce the environmental and health impacts related to toxic air pollution by engaging community members, concerned health professionals, and government officials in air monitoring solutions.

Region X For more information, please contact Region X Environmental Justice Coordinator, Joyce Kelly at 206-553-4029

**ALASKA
Chugachmiut \$20,000**

Tribal governments have been continually challenged by the lack of information and participation in NEPA issues. This project will address this continuing problem by coordinating and supporting local tribal governments in the production of a “Tribal Guide to the NEPA Process.”

Rural Alaska Community Action Program \$19,953

The need for subsistence information is key to future environmental decisions in rural Alaska. The focus of this grant is to transform hard copy subsistence maps into a digital format, ensuring that the traditional uses of the land are readily available for communities, and compatible with existing information, e.g. toxic sites and Superfund data.

**Idaho
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes \$20,000**

Multi-level Aquifer Sampling: An assessment for determination of remediation activities at the

Fort Hall EDB site. An effort to build community capacity to identify local environmental problems and be involved in the implementation of activities, this project will focus on assessing groundwater contamination by a chemical used on the Reservation for at least 20 years.

Valley Family Health Care, Inc. **\$19,986**

The project will increase environmental awareness among Hispanic migrant and seasonal agricultural workers by addressing issues including pesticides, hazardous substances, safe drinking water, and reducing water pollution.

Oregon
Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon -- ROSS **\$20,000**

The Russian Oregon Social Services will lead an educational effort focused on the Russian speaking community of the Portland Metro area about the dangers of eating fish from the main stem of the Willamette and Lower Columbia rivers.

Portland Art Museum --NW Film Center **\$20,000**

This project would focus on the production of a half-hour video documentary about neighbors from some of the poorest, and most ethnically diverse neighborhoods in the city as they address one of their environmental concerns by monitoring their own air shed.

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

This project is a lead poisoning prevention program to help low-income families with young children in North and Northeast Portland, who are most at risk to elevated exposure to lead, make informed and responsible decisions about exposure to lead. This project will include outreach using culturally appropriate information, community presentations, and mass media outlets, to reach an estimated audience of 30,000 residents.

Washington
Heritage College **\$20,000**

This project will conduct groundwater testing in the Toppenish Basin of the Yakama Indian Reservation to monitor the health of humans and wildlife. This project would be another step towards allowing the community to obtain information on the environmental concerns that threaten their community.

Northwest Communities Education Center **\$11,300***

This project would focus on the greater Yakima area, targeting a predominant migrant farm laborer and Hispanic community, who would benefit from an educational campaign on proper disposal of household hazardous waste.

Puget Soundkeeper Alliance**\$18,833**

Based on past success of targeting diverse communities for environmental education efforts in their primary languages, this project would focus on the production of a Safe Seafood Video in eight Asian-Pacific Islander languages and Spanish. This will allow non-native English speakers to receive and understand information about the environmental threats directly effecting their families.

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

The target of this project would be risk communication, in an effort to empower and improve dialogue with the Salishan low-income and disadvantaged community of Tacoma. Residents will also be educated about household practices that are chemically or biologically hazardous to their health and how they can take necessary measures to maintain a healthy Salishan community.

Associated Recreation Council**\$20,000**

This project will be a collaborative youth and community project to develop community projects and raise awareness through an environmental forum in low income, minority communities. The forum will highlight potential linkages between technology, industry and its effects on society and the environment.

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