

# Office of Environmental Justice Small Grants Program

## FY 96 Award Recipients

**REGION I** For more information, please contact Region I Environmental Justice Coordinator, Rhona Julien at 617-565-5494.

### *Connecticut*

Citizen Research Education Network (CREN) \$ 15,000  
Hartford, CT

CREN has more than 14 years of community organizing and research experience. The awardee will build a collaborative relationship between the State of Connecticut and neighboring communities in Hartford to promote the goal of sustainable development and to develop a model environmental program for neighbors and urban areas across the State.

Save the Sound \$ 19,898  
Stamford, CT

The awardee will involve local Bridgeport residents in the water quality improvement of the Long Island Sound harbors by expanding their participation in a volunteer water quality monitoring program; conducting community education and outreach about coastal water quality including point and non-point sources of pollution; and involving them in other activities to improve the local water quality and awareness of coastal water quality issues.

West Rock Nature Center \$ 20,000  
New Haven, CT

This award will be used to establish the New Haven Ecology Project, which will foster responsibility, leadership, and critical thinking skills among local residents. The recipient will establish a seasonal calendar of workshops developed by neighboring residents of a small pilot farm (that teaches ecology, gardening, nutrition, and soil and water testing). The project will promote land stewardship, leadership skills, and inter-generational transfer of environmental knowledge.

### *Maine*

Penobscot Nation \$ 16,000  
Old Town, ME

The awardee will address Penobscot's concern about mercury contamination in tribal waters through a collaboration with University of Maine researchers. The project will build on an ongoing study of mercury in the Penobscot river watershed and will focus on two impoundments within tribal waters, and direct attention to the tribe's environmental justice concerns.

***Massachusetts***

Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) \$ 12,150  
Boston, MA

AARW is an organization working towards the preservation of Chinatown. Working with local community members, the awardee will evaluate the impact of traffic on the living and other environmental conditions of Boston's Chinatown.

Boston Globe Foundation (Lead Action Collaborative) \$ 20,000  
Boston, MA

The Lead Action Collaborative is a partnership of non-profit organizations, foundations, and public agencies whose goal is to significantly and comprehensively reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning in Boston's high risk neighborhoods. The awardee will provide technical assistance and training to community-based organizations; strengthen communication, collaboration, and resource sharing among grassroots organizations, non-profit organizations, and public agencies through community fora, briefings, and workshops; and provide centralized support to organizations working on lead poisoning prevention.

Committee for Boston Public Housing (CBPH) \$ 20,000  
Roxbury, MA

The awardee will organize the "Asthma Education and Prevention Project," which will train public housing residents on how to identify hazardous exposures, educate their neighbors about the issues, and work collectively with stakeholders to develop strategies to eliminate the causes of asthma and diminish the effects on their lives.

Environmental Diversity Forum \$ 5,000  
Boston, MA

The awardee will increase communication and coordination among diverse stakeholders, including communities and government agencies; and educate and motivate the public about environmental justice issues specific to the Boston area.

Franklin Park Zoo \$ 13,540  
Boston, MA

The awardee will enhance the role of youth in environmental outreach activities and prepare them for careers in the environmental field. For example, teens will work with zoo professionals and individuals in the environmental field to develop a curriculum that will then be used to train other urban youth.

Institute for Science and Interdisciplinary Studies \$ 5,000  
Amherst, MA

The awardee will work in partnership with the Environmental Health Coalition of Western Massachusetts to identify and address environmental exposures to toxins and their subsequent health effects. The awardee will 1) improve communication and coordination among the multiple chemical sensitivity community and their stakeholders and 2) increase the general public's awareness and involvement in addressing identified concerns.

Massachusetts Health Research Institute (MHRI) \$ 19,998  
Boston, MA

MHRI will design and disseminate educational materials describing health risks associated with harvesting contaminated shellfish among the Vietnamese and Laotian communities; develop an educational plan for Vietnamese and Laotians in greater Boston; increase awareness of environmental protection among immigrant communities; and improve access and effective environmental advisories for these populations.

Neighborhood Against Urban Pollution (NAUP) \$ 20,000  
Roxbury, MA

NAUP's project will work in partnership with the following agencies: Alternatives for Community and the Environment, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, Environmental Diversity Forum, Massachusetts Campaign to Clean Hazardous Waste, and the Tellus Institute. The partners will work with predominantly low-income and minority community groups in Boston to identify, prioritize, and address environmental problems in their communities and build a city-wide network with special emphasis on pollution prevention.

Neighborhood of Affordable Housing (NOAH) \$ 20,000  
East Boston, MA

NOAH will provide project management, community organizing expertise, technical assistance, and comprehensive planning for the East Boston component of the Chelsea Creek Project; conduct adult outreach and education to diverse sectors of the East Boston community about the Chelsea Creek watershed; and generate a long-term community-driven plan for use of Chelsea Creek as part of the East Boston community planning process.

ROCA, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Chelsea, MA

The awardee will work in partnership with Youth STAR (Service Taking Action in Revere) to provide outreach, education, and leadership to local youths. The project will help create committed environmental concern in the City of Revere through implementation and development of environmental justice practices and education programs.

Tellus Institute, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Boston, MA

The awardee will help improve local environmental conditions in low-income and minority communities of the Merrimack Valley and empower residents to effectively participate in the decision-making process concerning incinerators and other facilities contributing to local environmental and public health risks.

***Rhode Island***

Center for Hispanic Policy and Advocacy (CHISPA) \$ 17,000  
Providence, RI

CHISPA is a non-profit organization that has worked very successfully with bilingual

communities on environmental issues. The awardee will create and implement a community-based, participatory model to create permanent solutions in polluted, abandoned land in Providence's low-income neighborhoods.

The Providence Plan \$ 20,000  
Providence, RI

The awardee will focus on environmental awareness, data collection, interpretation, and utilization in two Providence Schools; educate the students about environmental issues impacting the quality of life in the Woonasquatucket watershed, and gather information useful for greenway planning and community development.

***Vermont***

River Watch Network \$ 15,000  
Montpelier, VT

The awardee will work with the predominantly Native American (Abenaki) community to establish a local River Watch Program. Once established, the program will be tested and further developed in other communities over the year.

**Total for Region I \$298,586**

**REGION II** For more information, please contact Region II Environmental Justice Grants Coordinator, Natalie Loney at 212-637-3639.

***New Jersey***

Citizen Policy & Education Fund of New Jersey \$ 20,000  
Hackensack, NJ

The awardee will continue an outreach and education project with parents and seriously lead-poisoned children. The project will include outreach to major lead poisoning centers in the Newark and Patterson areas. Parents will be recruited to regularly attend bilingual (English and Spanish) introductory lead poisoning educational workshops.

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

The awardee will work with the community-at-large and the farmworker community to remedy the contamination of water in southern New Jersey, focusing on the coliform contamination in farm labor camps and the general nitrate contamination as a result of agricultural practices. This project will be undertaken through outreach and education of farmworkers and community members. CATA will work with grassroots community organizations, Camden Regional Legal Services, and health clinics that provide services to the migrant worker population.

Greater Newark Conservancy (GNC) \$ 20,000  
Newark, NJ

Through the Community Empowerment Project, the GNC will expand and strengthen the recently formed Newark Environmental Coalition by improving and facilitating communication between the Coalition and residents, community-based organizations, businesses, academia, and local government. GNC will assist with the coordination of Coalition activities, which will include two conferences and two smaller workshops to promote the awareness of urban environmental problems among residents of Newark and its outlying areas.

Isles, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Trenton, NJ

The purpose of the project is to identify and facilitate communication among all parties affected by remediation and redevelopment of several Brownfield sites in Trenton, New Jersey. The project will educate citizens, including low income and minority residents, about environmental justice and methods for increasing public participation in the clean-up of industrial sites. The group will also generate and make accessible Brownfield information to facilitate community monitoring of Brownfield trends and conditions.

***New York***

Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment \$ 20,000  
Hogansburg, NY

This project will develop a report on “Human Health & Disease Patterns at Akwesasne,” including information on areas related to environmental justice programs and activities under the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act. The awardee will review existing medical records of Akwesasne residents to determine the frequency of various diseases that may be caused by exposure to environmental pollutants.

Brooklyn Center for the Urban Environment \$ 5,000  
Brooklyn, NY

The awardee will facilitate information exchange and partnership among the 16,000 diverse residents in Brooklyn’s Gowanus Canal neighborhood. The project is designed to raise awareness among community members of the environmental justice issues associated with the Gowanus Canal and to stimulate their involvement in projects and decisions related to its cleanup.

Bronx Community College (BCC) \$ 20,000  
Bronx, NY

The BCC’s Community Education and Development Center, in collaboration with the Chemistry Department, will conduct a series of five workshops on the Community Right-to-Know Act. The awardee expects to reach 200 participants including leaders, support staff, and clients of Bronx community-based organizations, as well as BCC students involved in environmental issues. Bronx residents will be trained and educated on how to access public

information and be better involved in decision-making related to all aspects of the development, implementation, enforcement, and evaluation of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

Bronx Legal Services \$ 20,000  
Bronx, NY

The awardee will promote lead poisoning awareness and prevention through educational workshops and other outreach activities. The project includes enlisting parents in neighborhood outreach efforts to increase lead education, inspection, testing, and treatment; offering technical assistance to at least 50 community workers and advocates engaged in similar work; and providing direct intervention, advocacy, and negotiation.

Citizens Committee of New York City \$ 20,000  
New York, NY

The awardee will expand and improve the activities of the Neighborhood Environmental Leadership Institute in the Bronx. Through training, targeted technical assistance, and a year-end Environmental Justice Conference, the Institute will provide grassroots neighborhood leaders throughout the Bronx with skills, information, and resources to effectively address environmental justice issues that impact the quality of life in their communities.

Citizens Environmental Coalition \$ 20,000  
Albany, NY

The awardee will work in cooperation with the New York Healthy Schools Network, the Central New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health, Fulton Environmental Quality Task Force, and Parents of Allergic Children. The partner organizations will mail Healthy Schools brochures to existing parent and local environmental organizations and track all follow-up requests for “resources guides” and other information.

City of Niagara Falls \$ 18,900  
Niagara Falls, NY

The awardee will work with several distressed neighborhoods located in close proximity to industrial facilities. The awardee will develop remediation projects to empower residents with the tools to be more effective participants in environmental decisions that affect their quality of life.

City of Syracuse \$ 18,760  
Syracuse, NY

The awardee will, as part of its “Lead-based Paint Abatement Program,” hire a part-time Health Care Educator to assist community-based organizations in educating residents about the hazards of lead-based paint and the proper methods to abate these hazards. The Health Care Educator will also develop a database to track individuals, disseminate educational materials, and assist in organizing workshops.

Council on the Environment \$ 17,000  
New York, NY

The purpose of this project (Greenpoint/Williamsburg Environmental Education Project started in 1995), is to bring organizing skills to a New York City community heavily impacted by environmental injustices. The project will target the middle and high school student audience and their teachers, and involve them directly in environmental projects. Students will study local environmental justice issues, such as toxics, lead and water pollution, and develop strategies for addressing these concerns.

Environmental Action Coalition \$ 20,000  
New York, NY

The East Harlem Waste Awareness project is part of a continuing effort by the Environmental Action Coalition to address environmental issues in predominantly low-income and minority communities. The purpose of the East Harlem Waste Awareness project is to address the lack of recycling information and services for the communities in East Harlem. The awardee will work with the public schools to educate parents, teachers, and students about waste management issues, which will enable them to become actively involved in their community's waste management activities and policy-making process.

Hope Unlimited International, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Bronx, NY

This project will teach risk reduction and pollution prevention and motivate residents of Community District #3 (South Bronx) and Community District #12 (North Bronx) to be aware of the long-term physical effect of childhood lead poisoning. The group will design and implement proper environmental practices, methods, and techniques for protecting children against lead

Jamaica Neighborhood Based Alliance Coalition, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Jamaica, NY

The awardee will initiate and develop an Environmental Quality Project in South Jamaica Queens that will address environmental issues set forth in the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, and the Clean Air Act. The awardee will gather information to help identify gaps in the public participation process; encourage and motivate target area residents to become involved in environmental issues that affect them, and empower target area residents to participate in solving environmental problems in their community.

**Total for Region II \$299,660**

**REGION III**

For more information, please contact Region III Environmental Justice Coordinator, Reginald Harris at 215-566-2988.

***District of Columbia***

Anacostia/ Congress Heights Partnership \$ 20,000  
Washington, DC

The purpose of this project is to provide training and workshops related to environmental issues for young people and to provide meaningful employment and environmental improvement opportunities for the Anacostia/Congress Heights community. These activities will increase community awareness of environmental issues that may impact the health and quality of life of residents.

The Environmentors Project \$ 20,000  
Washington, DC

The project will enable environmental and science mentors to help underprivileged high school students in Washington, DC. develop an understanding of and enhanced commitment to the environment. The Environmentors Project will publish and distribute a manual to assist other communities in creating and operating similar programs that inspire youth to learn about and protect the environment.

Holding on to Memorable Experiences (HOME) \$ 20,000  
Washington, DC

H.O.M.E.'s goal is to implement at least 30 small scale environmental restoration projects over a three-year period in cooperation with D.C. Public Schools, social and civic groups, and community organizations. The projects will serve to improve water quality and aquatic habitat conditions, as well as establish a long-term, coordinated mechanism for active community involvement in watershed stewardship.

National Safety Council \$ 19,906  
Washington, DC

This project seeks to reduce the indoor air problems among predominantly Latino populations through an educational program that builds on local partnerships, promotes better understanding, and educates residents about how to reduce and/or prevent exposure to environmental pollutants. The program will work to empower communities to improve their quality of life.

***Maryland***

African American Men on a Mission \$ 20,000  
Baltimore, MD

This program will provide community members with the opportunity to participate in and facilitate lead poisoning prevention workshops and community forums. These forums will include community residents and local grassroots organizations concerned with lead poisoning prevention. Through this project, Baltimore residents will gain a greater consciousness of the



lead poisoning problem and an understanding of the environmental justice movement. Local youth and young adults will have the opportunity to take leadership roles in providing lead poisoning education and prevention techniques to affected communities.

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Baltimore, MD

The Urban BayScapes Initiative is a project designed to begin the process of expanding the BayScapes audience and include the development of urban community gardens. Involvement in community gardens becomes a vehicle to raise the consciousness of local residents with respect to environmental issues, while providing aesthetic and food benefits. Three tasks are proposed to meet these objectives: a stakeholder workshop, development of specific educational tools, and two community garden demonstration projects.

Anacostia Watershed Society \$ 20,000  
College Park, MD

The project's goals are to: 1) raise awareness among the residents of the Anacostia Watershed about the environment and their relationship to it; 2) educate residents about the actions they can take to protect the watershed; 3) establish and strengthen local civic institutions and coalitions to enable citizen involvement in the decision-making process on environmental matters; and 4) utilize and create technical resources for residents.

Community Resources, Inc. \$ 14,300  
Baltimore, MD

This project will: 1) develop a field-appropriate Participatory Urban Appraisal Method (PUA) that will allow community residents to gather high quality information about their community's environmental and social conditions; 2) involve an interdisciplinary team of knowledgeable individuals in the development of the PUA Method including community residents, academics, environmental professionals, and community development professionals; 3) field test this method with groups of residents and local professionals in two inner-city communities, Kensington in Philadelphia and the Historic East Baltimore community (a federal Empowerment Zone), and 4) develop a PUA Handbook that can be use as a model by community residents and professionals in cities around the country.

Palmer Park Residents Corporation \$ 19,600  
Palmer Park, MD

This project will achieve the goals and objectives established by the Environmental Quality and Community Services Subcommittee of the Palmer Park Residents Corporation. The project goals include: 1) restoration of the health and beauty of the community's creek, 2) improvement and expansion of the community infrastructure, 3) improvement in the area's storm water drainage, and 4) increased educational opportunities for residents.

Parks and People Foundation \$ 9,900  
Baltimore, MD

The purpose of this project is to enhance the community's understanding of local environmental conditions. Community representatives will be involved in the development of strategies for improving their environment. The program will involve the broader population of Historic East Baltimore in environmental issues through continuing community outreach and environmental projects. The projects are designed to strengthen communication and coordination between the public and private partners in the Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition (HEBCAC).

***Pennsylvania***

Clean Water Fund \$ 20,000  
Philadelphia, PA

The awardee will develop a series of presentations as part of its Environmental Health Workshop, designed to provide information and stimulate problem solving to reduce disproportionate environmental health impacts. The workshops will increase the awareness and ability to address disproportionate environmental health impacts in portions of the city. Residents will develop clear priorities and action plans consisting of strategies for problem solving based upon an assessment of pressing needs and a critical evaluation of the problems that may be addressed.

Delaware Valley Citizens' Council for Clean Air \$ 20,000  
Philadelphia, PA

The awardee will establish the Livable Communities Program, which will teach low-income and minority communities the skills they need to make more informed decisions regarding transportation planning and their environmental quality of life. The residents will have the ability to discuss complex transportation programs, build support and a network with other community members, and be better able to effectively participate in the planning process.

Delaware Valley Toxic Coalition \$ 20,000  
Philadelphia, PA

This program will inform Chester residents about the nature of environmental pollution, sources of pollution, and the nature and mechanisms by which permits are issued. The project will also provide information for Chester residents about the comparative environmental conditions in the City of Chester, Delaware County, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in order to provide a meaningful context and appropriate perspective during discussions.

***Virginia***

American Lung Association Of Virginia \$ 6,739  
Richmond, VA

This program will distribute two educational kits: "Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools" and "Open Airways For Schools." The American Lung Association of Virginia (ALAV)

Piedmont Area will conduct training workshops and initiate personal visits for school personnel and volunteers throughout the targeted area. ALAV Piedmont Area will train the school nurses and principals to help children and parents make informed and responsible decisions regarding asthma management and indoor air quality issues.

Richmond Economic Development Corp. \$ 20,000  
Richmond, VA

The awardee will establish the Richmond Enterprise Zone Environmental Justice Education Project (REJE), which will provide environmental education and training to community residents in the minority and low-income neighborhoods that are located in Richmond's three state-designated Enterprise Zones. The City's EPA-funded Brownfields Pilot Project is also targeted to these Enterprise Zones and REJE will complement that initiative.

Tinbridge Hill Neighborhood Council Inc. \$ 19,745  
Lynchburg, VA

This program will train community leaders to better understand lead poisoning and exposure issues. The awardee will conduct a youth lead program that offers education, skills training, and participation in environmental justice issues affecting their communities.

Virginia Water Project, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Roanoke, VA

The project will build capacity within five predominantly low-income and minority communities to both scope and evaluate conditions resulting from environmental injustice; identify options and resources for solutions; and foster partnership between these communities and state agency representatives to address environmental injustices in their communities.

**Total for Region III \$310,190**

**REGION IV** For more information, please contact Region IV Environmental Justice Coordinator, Vivian Malone-Jones at 404-562-9671.

***Alabama***

Project Awake \$ 20,000  
Coatopa, AL

The Sumpter County Environmental Justice Awareness project will facilitate communication, information exchange, and partnerships among stakeholders to address environmental injustices by conducting workshops, awareness conferences, community stakeholder committees, and establishing community newsletters. Citizens will be made aware of hazardous waste facilities and educated about potential exposures and health effects.

SweetValley/Cobbtown, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Bynum, AL

The awardee will conduct an environmental inventory of Greater Anniston, Alabama;

inform residents about the inventory results; inform residents of policies, laws, and new legislation about the environment at the local, state, and federal; foster citizen involvement and responsibilities to the environment; and identify life style factors that contribute to environmental degradation.

***Florida***

Florida International University (FIU) \$ 20,000  
North Miami, FL

The awardee will develop educational programs for community leaders, health professionals, school age children and their parents based on a local Dade County Public Health Service environmental needs assessment. The project will create Train-the-Trainer programs emphasizing environmental health issues and internship programs in Community Environmental Justice for FIU and other local undergraduate and graduate students, and develop a model for a community environmental coalition that may be exported to communities locally and nationally.

***Georgia***

Citizens for Environmental Justice \$ 20,000  
Savannah, GA

The awardee will produce two supplements to the February 1996 Georgia Department of Natural Resources report on industrial air pollutants in Chatham County. Additional information concerning local businesses and their pollutants; consequences of pollutants; and health related materials will be included with explanations of the protections available under various environmental statutes, such as the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, etc. The text will be rewritten in layman's terms for a target audience of area high school students and citizens in poor and minority neighborhoods.

***Kentucky***

Justice Resource Center \$ 20,000  
Louisville, KY

The awardee will develop an environmental justice program to raise awareness and help resolve the increasing problem of toxic pollution caused by the negative effects of chemical industries located in or near residential properties in western Louisville, Kentucky. The project objectives are to: 1) inform at least 5,000 residents in the area about environmental conditions that are hazardous to their health; 2) involve at least 500 residents in activities to address environmental concerns; 3) develop a spirit of cooperation among residents, industry, government leaders, the media, and other groups to maintain a healthy environment; and 4) establish a planned approach that will involve citizens in activities that support the environment.

***Mississippi***

MS Band of Choctaw Indians \$ 20,000  
Philadelphia, MS

The awardee will promote community empowerment through a reuse, reduce, and recycling project. The goals are to achieve 30% recycling of all solid wastes generated by homes and tribal industries by establishing a drop-off point. The awardee will also conduct community education activities and publish articles in the community newspaper on the recycling project, solid waste management, and proper disposal of toxic materials and substances.

NE Mississippi RC&D, Inc. \$ 19,500  
Tupelo, MS

The awardee will provide public awareness and environmental educational training to minority and low income communities, focusing on environmental education for Junior High and High School students and teachers, and conducting workshops and seminars to promote pollution prevention and recycling. The awardee will also conduct surveys, group meetings, and interviews to identify major public concerns on environmental issues; develop a resource database of environmental information/education resources for public use; and formulate workshops, seminars, media announcements about environmental issues.

***North Carolina***

North Carolina A&T State University \$ 20,000  
Greensboro, NC

The awardee will research and implement communication procedures with the community to address and alleviate environmental injustice issues. The project will develop surveys, increase public access to information, and develop role play exercises. Presentations in public schools and community meetings will provide additional public access to environmental information.

Virginia Water Project, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Roanoke, VA

The awardee will conduct a minimum of four workshops to reach at least 200 North Carolina residents and create an awareness of the dynamics and conditions of environmental justice (EJ) issues and present clear options for change. Workshops will present: history and concepts of the development of the EJ movement; EJ's relationship to Economic Justice; how to obtain and interpret EPA toxic release inventory data; how town and county comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances can influence decisions that have EJ implications; and views of other community members and representatives of state and local governments.

North Carolina Fair Share Education \$ 20,000  
Raleigh, NC

The awardee will develop community awareness and leadership training on environmental justice issues. In Pender County, community members are concerned with contamination of groundwater supplies by the dumping of corporate hog industries. In Wake

County, residents are concerned about the adverse effects of unknown emissions from a nearby municipal landfill. In addition to education and training, monitoring and surveys will be conducted. The objective is to enhance critical thinking, problem solving, and active participation among the predominantly rural, African-American, and low to moderate income communities.

***South Carolina***

Voorhees College \$ 20,000  
Denmark, SC

The awardee will establish a tri-county grassroots community committee to identify and contact leaders and individuals in local churches and civic organizations to disseminate information and conduct surveys on local environmental problems. Issues include community clean-up projects and monitoring of socioeconomic changes due to disproportionate high and adverse environmental exposure, such as childhood lead poisoning. Technical experts will be employed to assess and evaluate possible hazardous substance detection from radioactive wastes in the Barnwell county radioactive disposal facility and the Savannah River facility.

Four Mile Hibbernian Community Association \$19,925  
Charleston, SC

The awardee will establish an Environmental Health Information Network to: establish three Internet accessible computer workstations to raise the current awareness and involvement of residents; train a small groups of staffers for each workstation; enlist a minimum of 2,000 residents to use the workstations; and evaluate the content and usefulness within a year.

Catawba Indian Nation \$ 20,000  
Rock Hill, SC

The awardee will develop the Tribal Ecosystem Protection Management Plan. A tribal committee will be formed to develop the plan, which will assess current ecosystem protection practices and determine needed changes and future management needs and costs. The awardee will also develop public education strategies aimed at promoting protection of the ecosystem.

***Tennessee***

LeMoyne-Owen College \$ 19,791  
Memphis, TN

The awardee will develop a science, math, and computer science program for college-bound high school students called the Environmental Justice Awareness Saturday Academy that will identify, evaluate, and address environmental injustice practiced in and negatively affecting predominantly minority and low income communities. The program will include: seminars, discussions, hands-on pollution testing, and computer modeling of pollution variables, intensities, and effects.

Project 2000, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Knoxville, TN

Through the Institute for Environmental Justice and Urban Ecology the grant will help predominantly low-income and minority Brownfields communities to participate in the remediation and redevelopment process by offering awareness and training programs in risk assessment, analysis, communication, and remediation. Included will be tools and skills for conducting oral histories, community surveys, community mapping, methods for collecting and understanding secondary data, and community development.

Vanderbilt University Medical Center \$ 7,000  
Nashville, TN

The awardee will assist citizens in local water quality assessments, provide technical assistance and information to predominantly low-income and minority communities, and increase the credibility of community groups through utilization of technical information. The awardee will also produce a citizens' guide to water quality in Madison county through a partnership with students and citizens, and enhance leadership skills and environmental awareness among county youth.

**Total for Region IV \$306,216**

**REGION V** For more information, please contact Region V Environmental Justice Grants Coordinator, Margaret Millard at 312-353-1440.

***Illinois***

Westside Health Authority \$ 20,000  
Chicago, IL

The awardee will build local leadership and increase the community's capacity to address environmental health problems through self-help strategies and through partnerships with other community-based organizations, public agencies, landlords, and health care providers. The primary goal of the project is to reduce the most serious cases of illness as a result of exposure to environmental health hazards in the home, especially asthma and lead poisoning. With training from the American Lung Association of Chicago and the Lead Elimination Action Drive, local leaders will work with community residents to assess health hazards in the home environment and develop strategies to address them.

United Citizens and Neighbors "UCAN" \$ 18,500  
Urbana, IL

The project will include a negotiated partnership between neighborhood residents, city officials, and hospital officials to address local medical waste incineration issues. The awardee will assess the impact of dioxin emissions from medical waste incineration, organize a community outreach and education campaign on medical waste incineration, facilitate increased communication through the establishment of a community stakeholder committee, and develop solutions to minimize exposure to dioxin emissions.

Joseph E. Gary Local School Council \$ 20,000  
Chicago, IL

The awardee will develop a participatory, interactive environmental justice project for the predominantly Mexican-American community of the Little Village neighborhood on Chicago's Southwest side. The project activities will include: a toxic inventory of each school building and the campus grounds; the development, implementation, and evaluation of an environmental justice course at Gary school; the development of a quarterly environmental justice community newsletter for schools, churches, community-based organizations, and community residents; and the production of a ten minute bilingual Spanish/English video on environmental justice issues in the community and school.

Westside Alliance for a Safe Toxic-Free Environment "WASTE" \$ 20,000  
Chicago, IL

WASTE is a coalition of 34 community-based organizations that will utilize this grant to facilitate community empowerment on the westside of Chicago by focusing on economic development, health information, and community outreach. The project will conduct a feasibility analysis on a recycling based alternative to solid waste incineration that will focus on reducing waste and generating jobs; develop an environmental health Fact Sheet for health care providers; implement a community outreach plan that includes door-to-door canvassing on the westside; and continue to develop a relationship with decision makers that includes education on environmental justice issues.

Clean Sites \$ 20,000  
Chicago, IL

The awardee will develop a "Citizen Environmental Academy" that will include a series of five workshops designed to provide an overview of federal and state environmental programs and local environmental problems. The Academy will be developed in partnership with Downriver Citizens for a Safe Environment and Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision. The project goals are to help citizens understand how to communicate more effectively with environmental agencies and government institutions, and to provide community members with the tools and information to become more involved in environmental programs to address their concerns.

### ***Indiana***

Minority Health Coalition of LaPorte County \$ 18,750  
Michigan City, IN

The awardee will create an environmental justice center to serve as a clearinghouse for information on environmental, health, and environmental justice issues. The project will include: training to area physicians and health care providers entitled *Environmental Contaminants, Exposure, and Health Effects*; production of a series of four videos for use in training sessions and for broadcast on LaPorte cable access stations; lead screening in partnership with the Open Door Health Clinic and LaPorte County Health Department; and outreach to the community through the development of a brochure on the identification of fish species, fish consumption



advisories, and proper cleaning and preparation of fish to reduce health risks.

**Ohio**

WSOS Community Action Commission \$ 20,000  
Fremont, OH

The project will demonstrate how to involve predominantly low-income and minority communities in a community decision making process that prioritizes multiple environmental issues into an action plan. The project goals are to convene a stakeholder committee; assess current and future environmental compliance needs; conduct a community forum; complete a compliance action plan; and facilitate the initial implementation of the community action plan.

Working In Neighborhoods, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Cincinnati, OH

The awardee will work collaboratively with government, industry, and community leaders on environmental justice issues, including solid waste landfill operations and permitting, pollution prevention planning, CERCLIS site investigations, assessment of the impacts of hazardous waste facilities, air pollution and odors, and emergency response. The project seeks to facilitate the investigation of three CERCLIS sites, to facilitate community involvement in the development of a comprehensive emergency response and evacuation plan, to work to establish a pollution prevention plan with local industry, and to train and educate community leaders.

Cuyahoga County Planning Commission \$ 19,722  
Cleveland, OH

The awardee will develop a community-based environmental audit to provide community access to information on commercial, industrial, and residential properties. The awardee will use the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission's computerized inventory of Brownfield sites to generate information on particular parcels of land. The project will target community development corporations to utilize the database and will develop a communication package to inform community-based organizations about urban environmental issues, legislation, health risks, revitalization, redevelopment, and disclosure requirements.

**Michigan**

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

The awardee will use culturally appropriate methods to educate and empower the predominantly Arab American community in Southeast Michigan to reduce health problems caused by industrial pollution. The project will produce a quarterly newsletter in Arabic and English, convene stakeholder meetings, outreach non-literate community members through a media campaign focusing on Arabic television and radio networks, organize a community health fair, and convene an Environmental Health Awareness Conference for health care providers and community leaders.

Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice \$ 18,293

Detroit, MI

The awardee will identify and build local environmental justice stakeholder committees through education and outreach activities and advance community awareness of environmental regulations and programs as they relate to the urban revitalization efforts of the Detroit Brownfield Initiative. The project will identify local community-based organizations and church groups directly impacted by environmental justice issues, initiate outreach and education efforts, publish a community newsletter, organize an Environmental Justice Leadership Summit, and mobilize and initiate community partnerships in local urban revitalization efforts.

**Minnesota**

Citizens for a Better Environment \$ 7,500  
Minneapolis, MN

The awardee will work with stakeholders, including neighborhood residents, local businesses, and public officials, to develop a high quality action plan for restoring the Bassett Creek watershed in Minneapolis. The project will facilitate stakeholder meetings, increase the capacity of neighborhood residents to obtain and analyze environmental data, and work with stakeholders to develop an action plan that uses the priorities identified by the communities.

Clean Water Fund \$ 20,000  
Minneapolis, MN

The awardee will support the establishment and initial operation of a Minnesota migrant farmworker safety training and education project, focusing on the seasonal Hispanic migrant farmworkers and year-round residents of the Red River Valley of Minnesota. The project will include volunteer recruitment and training, training workshops focusing on pesticide safety and worker protection training, community forums, and development of educational materials.

Green Institute \$ 20,000  
Minneapolis, MN

The awardee will engage residents in the process of regenerating the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis through economic development and environmentally sound practices. The project goals are to initiate an environmental awareness and jobs campaign and to involve residents in the pre-development phase of an eco-industrial park.

**Wisconsin**

Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin \$ 20,000  
Keshena, WI

The awardee will conduct a socio-economic study of the human health and environmental effects of hardrock metallic sulfide mining on the Menominee Reservation. The project will research data on mining and its economic and cultural impacts on Native American communities; identify and estimate the potential for environmental damage to air and water on the Menominee Reservation; identify the Menominee traditions and occupations that are dependent upon the water, wildlife, and the environment; and facilitate the exchange of information with other tribal

nations in the geographic area of the proposed mining site.

Sixteenth Street Community Health Center \$ 20,000  
Milwaukee, WI

The awardee will form a Brownfield Community Action Team in collaboration with real estate, lending and economic professionals, community representatives, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The primary objective of the Team will be to learn about and monitor the progress of the remediation of two Brownfield properties from beginning to end. A comprehensive public education and community involvement campaign will be conducted to ensure the meaningful participation of neighborhood residents, assist in selecting and increasing visibility of environmental repair technologies, and advocate for appropriate redevelopment of the neighborhood.

**Total for Region V \$302,765**

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

***Arkansas***

White River Regional Solid Waste Management District \$ 20,000

The awardee will develop a project to enhance public awareness and involvement regarding composting/recycling in ten counties and provide technical assistance to local governments to develop these programs. This project will be implemented through educational seminars, one-on-one forums for recyclers, composters, and specialists in these fields. Marketing information for recyclables and promotional and educational materials will be distributed.

Twin Groves Neighborhood Economic Development \$ 20,000

This non-profit organization seeks to demonstrate effective approaches for providing clean air and water, and solid waste services to this rural, predominantly African-American community. Project activities will include pollution awareness meetings; seminars on air-related illnesses and air pollution reduction activities; identification of alternative solid waste management systems and drinking water supplies; and establishment of a community advisory committee.

***Louisiana***

Xavier University \$ 20,000

The awardee will develop community-based education and training programs to strengthen the participation of Norco and Lions, two predominantly low-income, African-American communities, in environmental decision-making. The project will include development of education and training workshops designed to improve technical knowledge,

provide information, and build capacity among refinery communities to influence the emission of refinery-related toxins. Approximately 45 residents will receive training in three workshops.

We Care Foundation, LA \$ 20,000

The awardee will work in partnership with 207 African-American churches to educate and increase community awareness of environmental pollutants that may affect human health. The project will focus on radon detection and education and distribute written materials, promote workshops, and share information through publication of a quarterly newsletter.

City of Ville Platte \$ 20,000

The awardee will develop an education and outreach project focusing on detection and monitoring for carbon monoxide gas and radon gas in predominantly low-income and minority communities. The project will hold workshops to teach residents about risk reduction and pollution prevention in the home including the dangers of carbon monoxide and radon gas. Approximately 200 homes will be equipped with carbon monoxide and radon detectors.

Village of Chataignier, LA \$ 13,400

The awardee will organize education and outreach project focusing on monitoring and detection of carbon monoxide and radon gas in minority and low-income community. The project will hold workshops to teach residents about indoor air problems and pollution prevention in the home. Approximately 100 homes will be equipped with carbon monoxide and radon detectors.

### *New Mexico*

Pueblo of Acoma, NM \$ 20,000

The awardee will address poor water quality and health-related issues through a public education program with particular emphasis on the school-aged children. The program will attempt to educate tribal members on how water resources may become contaminated, how such contaminants migrate through the environment, and the potential human health effects. Educational efforts will consist of distribution of written materials and presentations at public meetings and in the schools. A geographic information system will also be set up for the tracking and evaluation of environmental data.

The Sanctuary Foundation \$ 19,820

The awardee will develop a project to increase environmental awareness and provide radiation education in five counties. The awardee will empower communities in northern New Mexico through community-based science education to make informed decisions concerning their environment. Approximately 100 people from diverse cultural backgrounds will be reached through project activities including a mentoring program, career planning, and promotion of parental involvement in science.

University of New Mexico \$ 19,967

The awardee will assess needs and increase awareness of solid waste problems and

solutions in the Kinney Brick area. The project seeks to educate the largely Hispanic, low-income community on environmental, health, and waste-related issues. The project specifically seeks to assess community needs, publish a monthly newsletter, and design and implement a workshop for community leaders addressing empowerment.

***Oklahoma***

Adans for a Clean Environment (ACE) \$ 11,428

The awardee will provide Internet training as a resource for predominantly low-income communities and communities of color. The project will focus on encouraging the use of publicly accessible computers and environmental databases. The training will include development of a course and training booklet, outreach activities to recruit interested participants, and actual implementation of the training in both urban and rural locations.

Kaw Nation, OK \$ 20,000

The awardee will coordinate a Washunga Bay Clean-Up Day. Activities will include a clean-up campaign, environmental education and awareness workshops, transfer of waste from dumps to a municipal landfill, and completion of a waste inventory and site monitoring.

Cherokee Nation, OK \$ 20,000

This project will provide training to improve technical skills of environmental staff on topics of radiation protection and underground storage tanks. This project seeks to address the need to adequately prepare tribal staff to respond to community needs and concerns related to an abandoned nuclear waste facility and increased efforts to comply with Underground Storage Tank/Leaking Underground Storage Tank program requirements.

***Texas***

American Institute for Learning (AIL) \$ 19,999

The awardee will advance its ongoing programs for at-risk minority and economically disadvantaged youth. Residents of the primarily minority Civitan neighborhood of Austin will participate in the project's water pollution activities including data collection, development of an interactive tool for watershed education/awareness, and community awareness training. The goal is to raise community awareness and motivate community action.

Colonias Unidas \$ 20,000

Under the theme, "Keep our Colonias Clean," this non-profit organization will develop and implement a project to address the dumping and burning of household trash for approximately twenty colonias in Starr county. According to 1990 Census data, Starr County is the poorest county in the nation. The project will develop and implement a more environmentally sound and economic alternative plan for trash disposal, including an educational component for residents.

City of Dallas \$ 20,000

The awardee will implement an Environmental Awareness Program in predominantly minority communities of south and west Dallas. The City of Dallas Economic Development Department will hold community involvement meetings to gather resident input regarding environmentally-related economic concerns and site information. Information gathered from these meetings will be used to develop an official catalogue/inventory of environmental and economic concerns in the communities. A proposal will be developed to identify various types of funding mechanisms to assist in the cleanup, remediation, and revitalization of the specific sites identified in the communities. Follow-up meetings will be held in the communities to inform residents of the developments resulting from their participation in the original meetings.

University of Texas at El Paso \$15,886

The awardee will improve public participation in siting hearings and other processes regarding Sierra Blanca. Sierra Blanca is a low-income, Hispanic community which has been selected for siting a low-level nuclear waste facility. The University's Center for Environmental Resource Management will conduct a needs assessment to identify means of empowering residents to participate in the siting hearing and other processes. The objectives are to identify necessary improvements in communication and coordination among existing stakeholders, determine existing levels of concern and perceived risk, and produce a model of bottom-up data gathering from which environmental justice practice and techniques can be developed.

**Total for Region VI \$300,500**

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

***Iowa***

Black Hawk County Health Department \$ 7,500  
Waterloo, IA

The Black Hawk County Health Department will continue to form specific teams of community citizens and public agency representatives to conduct comprehensive environmental assessments.

***Kansas***

LeadBusters, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Kansas City, KS

The awardee will continue the environmental awareness campaign to address lead contamination and lead poisoning prevention in the Kansas City metropolitan area. Activities will focus on expanding cooperative and collaborative activities by facilitating workshops on

“lead-safe” rehabilitation and cleanup activities, and train-the-trainer lead poisoning prevention education.

**Missouri**

Bridging The Gap, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Kansas City, MO

The awardee will assist the Housing Authority of Kansas City in the development of an environmental policy and plan that will be incorporated into its renovation and modernization master plan. This project will also address the indoor environmental problems of people who live in public housing developments.

Family Care Health Centers \$ 20,000  
St. Louis, MO

The Family Care Health Centers will provide lead risk reduction education and monitoring follow-up with primary care providers. This project will allow a Public Health Nurse/Lead Case Management Coordinator to educate the community and demonstrate the proper techniques to keep the home free of lead dust, which will prevent blood lead contamination.

Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District \$ 19,960  
St. Louis, MO

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District will promote community understanding and awareness of pollution and environmental justice issues; encourage problem-solving; and empower residents to make informed decisions about protecting themselves and their community from adverse environmental conditions.

Wesley House Association \$ 20,000  
St. Louis, MO

The Wesley House Association will continue its environmental justice project and will establish and involve the Environmental Youth Corps in community projects that will focus on environmental justice issues.

**Nebraska**

Omaha Tribe of Nebraska \$ 20,000  
Macy, NE

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska will build on past work and continue to work with the Tribal Environmental Protection Department in the development of its solid waste management capabilities and conduct an initiative that may serve as a model of other tribal communities.

**Total for Region VII \$127,460**

## **REGION VIII**

For more information, please contact Region VIII Environmental Justice Grants Coordinator, Patricia Denham at 1-800-227-8917, ext. 6557.

### ***Colorado***

Council of Energy Resources Tribes  
Denver, CO

\$ 10,033

This project will facilitate information exchange in a participatory and proactive manner with three Region VIII tribes. The project will identify environmental justice concerns, including communication obstacles and institutional practices that hamper equitable relationships. In addition to recommending ways for Tribes to participate in facilities siting, development, and related decisions, the Tribes will define what "environmental justice" means in Indian Country. The facilitated sessions will also have a Tribal capacity building function, which is to guide the Tribes through a strategic planning process in which they assess their needs and develop goals for their environmental protection programs.

Cross Community Coalition (COPEEN)  
Denver, CO

\$ 19,820

The Cross Community Coalition represents an umbrella agency for the Colorado Peoples' Environmental and Economic Network (COPEEN). The project will: 1) update and expand the 1990 Citizen Action study: "Poisons in Our Neighborhoods: Toxic Pollution in Colorado," using Toxic Release Inventory data to summarize the amounts of toxic chemicals that are released into communities in Colorado; and (2) continue the printing and distribution of the quarterly newsletter, the COPEEN News, to over 350 groups and individuals.

El Paso County Department of Health and Environment (EPCDHE)  
Colorado Springs, CO

\$ 10,109

The awardee will provide funds to the Energy Resource Center (ERC), a non-profit agency that performs weatherization repairs in low-income housing. The ERC will test approximately 20 houses, as well as fix six homes to demonstrate the effectiveness of both the process and the actual repairs. This project will: 1) identify necessary improvements in communication and coordination among community-based organizations and enable them to inform their constituency of the benefits of radon measurement and remediation; 2) establish an infrastructure capable of continuing this program; and 3) enhance community understanding and demonstrate how to access radon mitigation services.

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation (HCCEF)  
Denver, CO

\$ 10,109

The awardee will educate and train small business owners on risk reduction and pollution prevention by conducting six training sessions throughout Colorado. They will provide business owners with simple tips to reduce their risks in dealing with existing pollution; provide practical information to small business owners on pollution prevention; and outline pollution prevention activities for small business employees.



Church of the Holy Redeemer (The Place Ministries) \$ 19,400  
Denver, CO

The Place Ministries is a collaboration of three churches organized to provide education and social outreach programs for youth ages 7-18 in an economically disadvantaged neighborhood. The Place Ministries will select twenty students from Montbello, Manual, and East High Schools to participate in a summer-long program to address neighborhood environmental problems related to lead exposure and contamination. Under the supervision of an environmental scientist and other volunteers, these youth will collect drinking water, playground soils and equipment, and lead paint samples to analyze them for lead content.

***Montana***

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes \$ 10,109  
Pablo, MT

The awardee will develop educational and Tribal environmental programs and resource materials for use at the various schools on the Reservation. These materials will be organized by program category into education "trunks," which may be checked out by local educators or used by the Division of Environmental Protection (DOEP) staff. DOEP staff will coordinate with the Tribal Education Program office to establish contacts with Reservation science teachers and schedule presentations. In 1996, an informational brochure will be developed for area agencies, land owners, and other resource managers facing similar environmental justice concerns in other parts of the country with substantial Native American populations.

District XI Human Resource Council \$ 10,109  
Missoula, MT

The awardee will increase awareness about the impacts of radon and carbon monoxide in predominantly low-income, Native American, and Hmong communities in Montana. The environmental problems facing these communities are indoor air quality, most specifically radon and carbon monoxide. This project, which is a collaborative among the Missoula Indian Center, the Refugee Assistance Corporation on behalf of the Missoula Hmong Community, and the Western Montana Fair Housing Corporation, will benefit a seven county area encompassing 26.5% of the state of Montana's low-income population. Long-term follow-up, testing, and remediation activities are also proposed for this project.

Fort Belknap Community Council \$ 19,787  
Harlem, MT

The Fort Belknap Indian Reservation encompasses an area of 653,000 acres and is the home of the Gros Ventre and Assiniboine Tribes. The awardee will further enhance an on-going project to publish a quarterly newsletter on local environmental issues and will sponsor a public forum on Environmental Justice on Indian Land in Montana and facilitate community partnerships with other tribal communities.

Rural Employment Opportunity, Inc. (REO) \$ 19,997  
Helena, MT

REO is a non-profit organization founded to assist migrant and seasonal farm workers in Montana. The awardee will contact 1000 workers and 600 families, which is approximately 80% of the migrant workforce. The project will include: distributing pesticide training handbooks; arranging pesticide handling certification courses; conducting awareness conferences and workshops; and developing an interactive computer program in English and Spanish for K-6 grade children to learn about chemical poisoning and appropriate safety procedures.

***North Dakota***

Clean Water Fund \$ 10,000  
Fargo, ND

The awardee will facilitate the exchange of information and coordinate communication between community stakeholders and the affected community, including seasonal Hispanic migrant farm workers in North Dakota. The project will: facilitate additional bilingual "Train the Trainers" workshops; provide training to 100 Hispanic community leaders; and conduct one or more "community forums" on pesticide safety and worker protection issues.

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe \$ 20,000  
Fort Yates, ND

The tribal land of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe covers the south-central part of North Dakota and the north-central part of South Dakota. A recent closure of Standing Rock's community "open dump" has resulted in widespread illegal dumping and the cost of proper disposal has increased due to federal and tribal regulations. The project will include an assessment of illegal dumping, and design of an education campaign on the potential environmental hazards of illegal dumping.

***South Dakota***

Oglala Sioux Tribe \$ 10,109  
Pine Ridge, SD

The awardee will address problems associated with leaking underground storage tanks (USTs) on the Pine Ridge Reservation of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. The project will educate and take direct action to test and tighten UST to ensure that no leaks are occurring to the groundwater. Last year, the Tribe located 150 or 85% of the tanks on the Reservation. This grant will enhance the Tribal capacity to monitor and respond to such leaks and protect Tribal small businesses that rely on USTs. The Tribe will update their inventory and install Tracer methods on tanks to check for leaking.

Jobs for the Environment Campaign/Native Ecology Initiative/Oglala Sioux Tribe \$ 10,109  
Pine Ridge, SD

The awardee will further develop the Lakota (Oglala Sioux) Environmental Empowerment Project (LEEP), which is designed to bring a greater measure of regulatory

autonomy to the Oglala Sioux Tribe while addressing their most pressing environmental problems. This project contains four principal components: 1) community outreach and education; 2) development of environmental regulatory codes; 3) a baseline environmental study; and 4) technical assistance for two "green" economic development projects at Pine Ridge, an organic coffee company, and a solar lighting project.

***Utah***

Northwestern Band of The Shoshoni Nation \$ 20,000  
 Brigham City, UT

The Northwestern Band of the Shoshoni Nation, on behalf of seven other Utah Tribes, will develop and conduct a workshop for Tribal leaders and their respective communities that specifically targets the following goals: 1) approaching environmental justice through traditional and cultural practices, 2) determining whether to create an inter-Tribal environmental agency, and 3) identifying strategies involved in developing a comprehensive strategic master plan for environmental management. The planning process that the Utah Tribes are pursuing can be considered a model for other States, Tribes, and local communities on how to develop partnerships, share resources and technology, and develop innovative approaches in dealing with environmental justice issues.

Utah Society for Environmental Education \$ 20,000  
 Salt Lake City, UT

The awardee will enhance the community's motivation and ability to identify and address the problems affecting their environmental quality of life, including concerns about contamination and adverse health effects. The project goal is to give the communities a strong sense of ownership of their river ecosystem and increase their participation in the river's overall watershed protection efforts. The project will include community outreach visits to provide education and training on water quality testing methods, and problem-solving and public participation skills related to urban planning.

***Wyoming/Montana***

National Safety Council \$19,907  
 Washington, DC

The National Safety Council's Environmental Health Center (EHC) will work closely with the Council's 85 local chapters throughout the United States and Canada. This program proposes to work closely with the Wyoming and/or Montana Safety Council to serve as pilot sites for an educational program on indoor environmental pollutants. The project purpose is to reduce the threat of radon and lead paint exposure among residents of predominantly low-income and minority communities.

**Total for Region VIII \$239,076**

**REGION IX**

For more information, please contact Region IX Environmental Justice Coordinator, Willard Chin at 415-744-1204.

***Arizona***

Intertribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA)  
Phoenix, AZ

\$ 19,702

The awardee will coordinate a training program in which tribes will be given instruction, training, and direct on-site technical assistance for the coordination of a Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC) and for the development of an emergency response plan. ITCA will conduct meetings with tribal community-based emergency response representatives and tribal leaders, provide tribal on-site technical assistance and a working draft plan, and assist in the development of the tribal emergency response plan. Target communities are tribes without a General Assistance Program Grant, Technical Assistance Grants Program, or a Federal Emergency Management Agency Grant.

Paa Qavi, Incorporated  
Hotevilla, AZ

\$ 20,000

The purpose of this project is to set up an ongoing used oil recycling station on Hopi Land. In the Hopi community, a high percentage of individuals change their own oil and the only existing oil disposal facilities are in Winslow, which is seventy miles away or Flagstaff, which is ninety-five miles away. The project will also provide individuals, villages, and local businesses with information about the possible hazards of improperly disposing of used oil and proper methods of disposal.

***California***

Asian Immigrant Women Advocates  
Oakland, CA

\$ 5,000

The awardee will continue the Environmental Health and Safety Project of Asian Immigrant Women Electronics Assemblers. The project's ongoing environmental education program includes newsletters, workshops, and training for these workers. The program will provide environmental health information in several languages and will also include tips on protection from hazardous materials in the workplace.

Asian Pacific Environmental Network  
Oakland, CA

\$ 20,000

The awardee will work with community groups in the San Francisco Bay area on fish consumption issues. Through this partnership, the groups will evaluate existing outreach and education efforts relevant to contaminated fish (actual fishing and fish consumption habits), share appropriate information within the communities, and improve outreach and education in these communities.

Bernal Heights Housing Corporation (BHHC) \$ 20,000  
San Francisco, CA

The purpose of this project is to educate low-income parents in the Bernal Heights, outer Mission, and Excelsior districts of San Francisco about environmental justice issues, including lead poisoning and lead hazard prevention and reduction in the home and workplace. BHHC will provide workshops, conferences, and bilingual educational materials in partnership with Consumer Action, local churches, daycare centers, libraries, local businesses, and other nonprofit organizations.

California Rural Legal Assistance \$ 19,980  
Pomona, CA

This grant will fund the Farmworker Women's Leadership Project (*Lideres Campesinas*). *Lideres Campesinas* works with two hundred and fifty farmworker women representing twelve farmworker communities throughout California. The goal of the program is to train farmworker women as certified pesticide educators and environmental health advocates to disseminate health information to farmworkers and assist in the documentation of toxic poisoning.

Chinatown Resource Center \$ 20,000  
San Francisco, CA

The awardee will conduct lead community education and outreach to primarily monolingual Chinese speaking adults who provide home-care for children under the age of six. This population may face higher exposure due to lack of provider training or information on lead poisoning. The lead outreach will be done in conjunction with community education on seismic safety, facilitated by AmeriCorp volunteers at buildings scheduled for seismic retrofitting.

Environmental Health Coalition \$ 20,000  
San Diego, CA

The awardee will work in partnership with the Mercado Apartments Tenants Association to educate, empower, and organize residents of Barrio Logan around environmental justice issues. The campaign will motivate community participation through a community health survey and monthly environmental health updates at the Tenants Association meetings.

Healing Our Mother Earth \$ 15,000  
Grover Beach, CA

The awardee will hold a series of house meetings to train primarily Spanish speaking, low-income farmworkers to recognize symptoms of chemical poisoning and to encourage families to seek regular preventative health check-ups to screen for various health problems. The project will also provide education on how families can avoid or minimize exposure to dangerous toxins. A second purpose of the project is to increase communication between the community and governmental entities that have jurisdiction in McFarland, and to develop local leadership within the community.

Los Angeles Conservation Corp \$ 20,000  
Los Angeles, CA

The goal of this project is to utilize the energy, creativity and community awareness of conservation corps members to carry environmental messages to their communities. Corp members will work with communities to create recycling, recycled oil or stormdrain dumping projects. This will provide an opportunity for corps members to connect with the community and become resources for people concerned with environmental issues. It will also involve community members in environmental cleanup and pollution prevention projects that corps members conduct on an on-going basis. A handbook will be developed and distributed to corps throughout the nation, as well as youth groups, schools, and local organizations.

West County Toxics Coalition \$ 20,000  
Richmond, CA

The awardee will educate citizens and community-based organizations about the nature of lead poisoning and the need for testing and screening. The awardee will also provide information on preventative measures and resources for addressing the problem. The project will involve the predominantly low-income populations living in the County Housing Authority's public housing facilities.

Project Concern International \$ 20,000  
San Diego, CA

The awardee will work with Vista Community Clinic to increase understanding of environmental sanitation, demonstrate simple low-cost techniques for water storage and disinfection, and improve hygiene-related behaviors among migrant workers. Twenty five individuals in three camps will be given extensive training. These "promoters" will then assist the people in ten other shelters to improve water quality.

San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners \$ 20,000  
San Francisco, CA

The awardee will develop effective youth leaders who will use their newly acquired skills and knowledge to help educate and organize the Bayview-Hunter's Point community around issues of environmental justice. The project will focus on leadership development of a group of teens. In addition, these youth will help educate their community by encouraging friends, family, and neighbors to participate in workshops that will address environmental justice issues in the Bayview-Hunter's Point area.

Save San Francisco Bay Association \$ 20,000  
Oakland, CA

The awardee will develop and implement a community education program that effectively educates and trains subsistence fishing communities in San Francisco, Solano, Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin Counties about ways to minimize health risks associated with Bay seafood consumption. The project will also work to bring about greater accountability for monitoring and remediating toxic contaminants in the San Francisco Bay.

***Hawaii***

Native Hawaiian Advisory Council \$ 20,000  
Honolulu, HI

The awardee will work in partnership with the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii. This one year project is designed to educate native Hawaiians on the legislative and administrative processes by which governmental agencies make environmental decisions. Project participants will prepare *E Alu Like Mai I Ka Pono: A Guidebook to Hawai'i's Legislative and Administrative Processes*. The book will focus on legislative committees and agencies that handle environmental and/or native Hawaiian issues.

**Total for Region IX \$259,682**

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

***Washington***

Georgetown Crime Prevention and Community Council \$ 20,000  
Seattle, WA

The awardee will examine jet fuel emissions and excessive noise effects on the predominantly low-income Georgetown residential neighborhood. The objectives of the project are to develop a health survey and to perform noise and emission testing in the Georgetown area.

Skokomish Indian Tribe \$ 19,973  
Shelton, WA

The awardee will develop the Skokomish Community Pollution Prevention Project, which will provide direct demonstration services to train community residents and on-reservation businesses to recognize pollution sources, identify abatement practices, and change practices in their businesses and daily lives to improve the environment.

Community Coalition for Environmental Justice (CCEJ) \$ 20,000  
Seattle, WA

The awardee will further the development of an environmental justice resource center, speakers bureau, and newsletter. The objectives of the project are to educate citizens around environmental justice issues and to build support for the community. CCEJ is one of the only community-based groups focusing solely on environmental justice in the Puget Sound Area and one of the few groups in the Region.

Whatcom County Opportunity Council \$ 20,000  
Bellingham, WA

The awardee will support the Indoor Air Quality Education Program for child care providers. The objectives of the project are to alleviate the risk of toxic indoor pollutants among predominantly minority and low-income communities, which are particularly susceptible to poor indoor air quality.

The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe  
Sequim, WA \$ 19,327

The project will redress environmental justice problems associated with pollution of Tribal shellfish resources by non-Indian entities. The objectives of the project are to establish better relationships with local governments and utility companies; and build better understanding of Tribal shellfish rights and the environmental impacts to shellfish resources from pollution.

Northwest Communities’ Education Center  
Grander, WA \$ 20,000

The awardee will develop a Clean and Safe Water Educational Campaign for Latino/Hispanic farmworkers in Eastern Washington. The objectives of the project are to educate farmworkers on the issue of clean and safe water. Their efforts will consist of organizing a series of seven workshops in the Yakima Valley, Columbia Basin, Tri-Cities areas in collaboration with the County Health Departments. These workshops will be supplemented by a series of radio programs and announcements.

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

The awardee will examine the correlation between environmental pollution and minority health and disease issues in predominantly low-income and minority districts. The awardee will look specifically at the effects of these pollution levels on local health and disease rates.

***Oregon***

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon  
Portland, OR \$ 20,000

The awardee will educate Portland residents, including predominantly Russian-speaking communities, about possible lead contamination in their homes. The project will include dissemination of translated educational literature and development of seminars at the Russian community center; seminars will be conducted by lead contamination and abatement experts.

Mid-Willamette Valley Council of Governments  
Salem, OR \$ 19,727

The awardee will sponsor the Ground Water Protection Project, which will develop a groundwater protection program for each participating water system provider, implement measures to protect groundwater, and improve public education and involvement.

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

The awardee will develop the Columbia Slough Project, which will introduce residents to the Slough, local environmental problems, and the groups and agencies that are working to solve them. The project will provide on-going support and serve as a liaison between these groups and the community; and help establish permanent information sources about local pollution.



International Refugee Center of Oregon (IRCO) \$ 20,000  
Portland, OR

The awardee will develop and implement the Slough Fish Usage Education and Outreach program. The program will provide anglers and other community members in each of the target communities with information about the risks of consuming whole fish, as well as how to reduce such health risks. The project will follow-up on previous survey work, which has shown that Eastern European and Hispanic anglers continue to eat the whole fish without discarding portions in which pollutants are concentrated. Outreach will be conducted in a culturally appropriate manner.

***Idaho***

Couer d'Alene Tribe \$ 20,000  
Plummer, ID

The awardee will conduct an assessment of gas emissions and water quality at the Kootenai County Landfill. The objectives of the project are to facilitate educational stakeholder meetings; produce maps showing who is affected by the landfill; utilize a professional engineer to review the landfill; and determine if there are any effects of the landfill on water quality.

Nez Perce Tribe \$ 20,000  
Lapwai, ID

The awardee will develop the Household Hazardous Waste Round-up Project. The objectives of the project are to raise awareness and promote the need for safe use and disposal of household hazardous waste and to coordinate a collection event in regional communities.

***Alaska***

Bristol Bay Native Association \$ 20,000  
Dillingham, AK

The purpose of the project is to assess the effects of environmental pollutants on customary and traditional subsistence hunting, fishing, and gathering activities with particular emphasis on marine mammal harvests. The objectives of the project are to develop and implement a survey of Bristol Bay tribes that harvest marine mammals as diet staples. Tribal chiefs and agency biologists will be brought together to learn about marine mammal harvesting issues related to environmental justice.

Aleutian/Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. \$ 20,000  
Anchorage, AK

The awardee will develop a public information/education project on lead and radon and provide test kits for homes in the Aleutian/Pribilof Islands region. The objectives of the project are to improve communication, motivate the public, and enhance community understanding of local environmental justice issues by providing education on the possible presence of radon in homes and lead in drinking water.

**Total for Region X \$299,027**