



Note to Correspondents

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced the award of \$3 million to assist 174 community-based organizations, tribal governments and academic institutions to address environmental justice issues and concerns in their communities.

Administrator Carol M. Browner created the Environmental Justice Small Grants Program in June 1993 to provide assistance to community-based organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental problems. The Agency awarded \$500,000 to 61 recipients in 1994.

In 1995, EPA received 716 applications from parties interested in obtaining a portion of the \$3 million available in this program. The grant recipients were awarded up to \$20,000.

EPA's 10 regional offices created review panels to evaluate and select grant recipients. Grant determinations were made based on the projects' ability to:

- * Facilitate communications, information exchange, and partnerships among affected stakeholders to address environmental concerns;
- * Educate the general public to be more conscious of their local environmental and public health issues and encourage community involvement;
- * Teach about risk reduction and pollution prevention and seek technical experts to demonstrate how to access, analyze, and interpret public environmental and health data.

The projects this year touch on a number of environmental and human health concerns including: childhood lead poisoning, fish contamination standards, water quality and pesticide issues. Many of the projects include extensive education and outreach activities that will help ensure that communities become more informed about local environmental issues.

For a list of grant recipients and further information about the grants, reporters should call Gwen Brown, EPA Press Office, at 202-260-1384. Other public inquiries should be directed to the Environmental Justice Office at 202-260-6357 or 1-800-962-6215.

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FY 1995 SMALL GRANT RECIPIENTS

REGION 1

Massachusetts

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative Roxbury, MA	\$ 5,000
Environmental Diversity Forum Boston, MA	\$ 3,961
Massachusetts Coalition for a Better Acre Lowell, MA	\$ 20,000
The Holden School, Inc. Charleston, MA	\$ 20,000
ROCA Inc. of North Suffolk Chelsea, MA	\$ 20,000
Lena Park Community Development Corp. Dorchester, MA	\$ 20,000
Lawrence Planning & Neighborhood Lawrence, MA	\$ 20,000
Housatonic Valley Association Pittsfield, MA	\$ 20,000
Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Dorchester, MA	\$ 18,172
Massachusetts Fitchburg Spanish Council Fitchburg, MA	\$ 20,000
Massachusetts Health Research Institute Boston, MA	\$ 19,236
Merrimack River Watershed Council West Newbury, MA	\$ 9,750

Connecticut

New Haven Urban Resources Initiative New Haven, CT	\$ 18,417
Organized North Easterners, Clay Hill and North End, Inc. Hartford, CT	\$ 3,961
South End Community Center Bridgeport, CT	\$ 20,000

Vermont

Riverwatch Network Montpelier, VT	\$ 20,000
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Rhode Island

Roger Williams Park Zoo - Zoo Power Providence, RI	\$ 11,844
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Roger Williams Park Zoo - Youth in the Environment Providence, RI	\$ 14,934
The Providence Plan Providence, RI	\$ 10,000
Maine	
Houlton Band of Maliseets Indians Houlton, ME	\$ 3,961
Indian Township - Passamaquoddy Princeton, ME	\$ 20,000
Total	<u>\$319,236</u>
REGION 2	
Virgin Islands	
Virgin Islands Conservation Society St. Thomas, VI	\$ 20,000
New Jersey	
Isles, Inc. Trenton, NJ	\$ 20,000
Citizen Policy and Education Fund Hackensack, NJ	\$ 20,000
Greater Newark Conservancy Newark, NJ	\$ 20,000
Comité de Apoyo a los Trabajadores Agricolas Glassboro, NJ	\$ 20,000
New York	
Seneca Nations of Indians Irving, NY	\$ 20,000
Harlem Environmental Impact Project, Inc. New York, NY	\$ 10,000
Mt. Sinai Medical Center New York, NY	\$ 19,934
Chinese Progressive Association New York, NY	\$ 19,950
Citizens Committee for NYC New York, NY	\$ 20,000

Bronx Community College/Research Foundation of CUNY Bronx, NY	\$ 20,000
Rochester Council on Occupational Safety and Health Rochester, NY	\$ 20,000
United Community Centers, Inc. Brooklyn, NY	\$ 11,200
Richard Allen Center On Life, Inc. New York, NY	\$ 20,000
 Puerto Rico	
University of Puerto Rico Mayaguez, PR	\$ 20,000
Sociedad Ambientalista de la Catatonia, Inc. Barcelonita, PR	\$ 20,000
 Total	<u>\$301,084</u>
 REGION 3	
 Maryland	
Raising Hispanic Academic Achievement, Inc. Burtonsville, MD	\$ 19,908
Parks and People Foundation Baltimore, MD	\$ 15,390
Patuxent River 4-H Center Foundation Upper Marlboro, MD	\$ 10,800
Anacostia Watershed Society College Park, MD	\$ 20,000
 Virginia	
Virginia Water Project, Inc. Roanoke, VA	\$ 13,580
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Pulaski County, VA	\$ 19,728
American Lung Association of Virginia Richmond, VA	\$ 5,050
Arlingtonians for Clean Environment Arlington, VA	\$ 9,195
 Pennsylvania	
Clinton County Conservation District Clinton County, PA	\$ 20,000

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Delaware Bay Schooner Project	\$ 20,000
Dorchester, NJ	
School District of Philadelphia	\$ 19,674
Philadelphia, PA	
Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Fund	\$ 18,000
Carlisle, PA	
YMCA of Coatsville	\$ 20,000
Coatsville, PA	
Blacklick Creek Watershed Association, Inc.	\$ 20,000
Indiana, PA	
Council of Spanish Speaking Organizations	\$ 20,000
Philadelphia, PA	
Shippensburg University	\$ 8,544
Shippensburg, PA	
Moraine Preservation Fund	\$ 7,685
Zelienople County, PA	
 District of Columbia	
Institute of World Affairs	\$ 4,933
Washington, DC	
Environmental Law Institute	\$ 20,000
Washington, DC	
Chi Delta Mu Fraternity	\$ 20,000
Washington, DC	
 Total	<u>\$312,487</u>
 REGION 4	
Alabama	
Project Awake	\$ 20,000
Coatopa, AL	
Florida	
Florida International University	\$ 19,377
Miami, FL	
Citizens Against Toxic Exposure	\$ 20,000
Pensacola, FL	
Georgia	
People Working for People	\$ 20,000
Tifton, GA	
Newtown Florist Club	\$ 20,000
Athens, GA	

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Youth Initiative Project	\$ 10,362
Brunswick, GA	
Fulton Atlanta Community Authority	\$ 20,000
Atlanta, GA	
Clark Atlanta University	\$ 19,911
Atlanta, GA	
Woolfolk Citizens Response Group	\$ 20,000
Fort Valley, GA	
Hyde Park and Aragon Park Improvement Committee, Inc.	\$ 10,000
Augusta, GA	
 Kentucky	
Appalshop, Inc.	\$ 20,000
Whitesburg, KY	
 Mississippi	
Jesus People Against Pollution, Inc.	\$ 19,750
Columbia, MS	
Mississippi Human Services Agency	\$ 4,500
Jackson, MS	
 North Carolina	
Warren County Citizens Concerned About PCB's	\$ 19,000
Norlina, NC	
Concerned Citizens of Tillery	\$ 20,000
Tillery, NC	
 South Carolina	
The Columbia Urban League, Inc.	\$ 19,936
Columbia, SC	
 Tennessee	
Vanderbilt University Medical Center	\$ 7,000
Nashville, TN	

* One additional grant in this region is being processed for award.

Total	<u>\$300,836</u>
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REGION 5

Illinois

Community Health Partnership	\$ 19,963
Chicago, IL	

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Lead Elimination Action Drive	\$ 20,000
Chicago, IL	
Chicago Legal Clinic	\$ 5,800
Chicago, IL	
East St. Louis Metropolitan Ministry	\$ 20,000
St. Louis, IL	
Chicago Board of Education	\$ 20,000
Chicago, IL	
Parents Against Lead	\$ 15,000
Chicago, IL	
 Indiana	
Grand Calumet Task Force	\$ 20,000
Whiting, IN	
 Ohio	
Citizen's Policy Center	\$ 12,591
Cleveland, OH	
Community of Holy Rosary-St. John	\$ 14,498
Columbus, OH	
McElrath Improvement Corporation	\$ 12,646
Ravenna, OH	
Working In Neighborhoods, Inc.	\$ 20,000
Cincinnati, OH	
 Michigan	
Arab Community Center for Economic and Soc. Serv.	\$ 20,000
Dearborn, MI	
Michigan Migrant Legal Assistance Project	\$ 20,000
Grand Rapids, MI	
Greening of Detroit	\$ 4,000
Detroit, MI	
 Minnesota	
Grand Portage Reservation	\$ 20,000
Grand Portage, MN	
 Wisconsin	
Sokaogon Chippewa Community	\$ 19,997
Crandon, WI	
Wisconsin Community Action Program	\$ 20,000
Madison, WI	

Sixteenth Street Community Health Center. Milwaukee, WI	\$ 20,000
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Total	<u>\$314,495</u>
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REGION 6

Arkansas

Arkansas Delta Housing Development Corporation Forrest City, AR	\$ 20,000
Central Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District Lonoke, AR	\$ 20,000
White River Environmental Protection Association Elkins, AR	\$ 2,324

Louisiana

Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Xavier University New Orleans, LA	\$ 20,000
Iberville Parish Emergency Preparedness Plaquemine, LA	\$ 20,000
Southern Mutual Help Association New Iberia, LA	\$ 20,000
Algiers Community Improvement Association New Orleans, LA	\$ 20,000

New Mexico

San Jose Community Awareness Council, Inc. Albuquerque, NM	\$ 20,000
Asociacion del Medio Ambiente de Sunland Park, Inc. Sunland Park, NM	\$ 20,000
Pueblo of San Juan San Juan Pueblo, NM	\$ 19,702
Pueblo of Acoma Acomita, NM	\$ 20,000

Oklahoma

East Central University Ada, OK	\$ 19,980
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Cherokee Nation Tahlequah, OK	\$ 19,992
Texas	
City of Laredo Laredo, TX	\$ 18,002
Prairie View A&M Prairie View, TX	\$ 20,000
YMCA of Metro Ft Worth Fort Worth, TX	\$ 20,000
Total	<u>\$300,000</u>
REGION 7	
Iowa	
Black Hawk County Health Department Waterloo, IA	\$ 20,000
Kansas	
Haskell Indian Nations University (Bill Welton) Lawrence, KS	\$ 20,000
Haskell Indian Nations University (Carol Bowen) Lawrence, KS	\$ 20,000
Friends University Wichita, KS	\$ 19,719
Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas Horton, KS	\$ 20,000
Prairie Band of Potawatomi Indians Mayetta, KS	\$ 17,047
National Hispanic Council on Aging in Wichita Wichita, KS	\$ 19,982
Missouri	
American Lung Association St. Louis, MO	\$ 8,500
The Curators of the University of Missouri Columbia, MO	\$ 17,445
Greater St. Louis Lead Poisoning St. Louis, MO	\$ 20,000
Leadbusters, Inc. - Westside Housing Organization Kansas City, MO	\$ 20,000
Higbee Community Betterment Association, Inc. Higbee, MO	\$ 12,050

Wesley House Association St. Louis, MO	\$ 18,360
Nebraska	
Douglass County Health Department Omaha, NE	\$ 20,000
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Macy, NE	\$ 20,000
Total	<u>\$273,103</u>
REGION 8	
Colorado	
El Paso County Department of Health and Environment Colorado Springs, CO	\$ 18,910
Cross Community Coalition Denver, CO	\$ 19,974
Denver Department of Health and Hospitals Denver, CO	\$ 20,000
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation Denver, CO	\$ 20,000
Council of Energy Resource Tribes Denver, CO	\$ 19,793
Sunnyside United Neighbors, Inc. Denver, CO	\$ 19,528
Montana	
Fort Belknap Community Council Harlem, MT	\$ 20,000
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Pablo, MT	\$ 20,000
Northern Cheyenne Tribe Lame Deer, MT	\$ 20,000
District XI Human Resource Council Missoula, MT	\$ 15,326
North Dakota	
Clean Water Fund Fargo, ND	\$ 20,000
South Dakota	
Jobs and the Environment Campaign Cambridge, MA	\$ 20,000

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Oglala Sioux Tribe	\$ 18,701
Pine Ridge, SD	
Western SD Community Action, Inc.	\$ 16,000
Rapid City, SD	

Utah

Utah Society for Environmental Education	\$ 19,590
Salt Lake City, UT	

Total	<u>\$287,822</u>
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REGION 9

Arizona

Arizona Department of Health Services	\$ 18,585
Phoenix, AZ	
Dine Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment	\$ 20,000
Winslow, AZ	
Don't Waste Arizona	\$ 20,000
Phoenix, AZ	
El Pueblo Clinic T.C.E. Program	\$ 20,000
Tucson, AZ	
Living is for Everyone	\$ 20,000
Nogales, AZ	
NACO Border Commerce	\$ 20,000
Naco, AZ	
Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	\$ 8,860
Scottsdale, AZ	
Tufts University, School of Medicine	\$ 19,702
Boston, MA	

California

African American Development Association	\$ 17,875
Oakland, CA	
Asian Pacific Environmental Network	\$ 20,000
Oakland, CA	
California Institute for Rural Studies, Inc.	\$ 20,000
Davis, CA	
Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee	\$ 20,000
National City, CA	
Ontario-Montclair School District	\$ 20,000
Ontario, CA	

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Pesticide Watch Education Fund San Francisco, CA	\$ 20,000
Ramona Gardens Resident Advisory Council Los Angeles, CA	\$ 11,851
Sierra Club Los Angeles, CA	\$ 20,000
West County Athletic Association Richmond, CA	\$ 19,056

Hawaii

Puna Malama Pono, Inc. Pahoa, HI	\$ 20,000
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Total	<u>\$295,929</u>
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REGION 10

Washington

Student Conservation Association Seattle, WA	\$ 20,000
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Total	<u>\$297,325</u>
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* fifteen additional grants in this region are being processed for award

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