

2009 Cal/EPA EJ Small Grant Projects

Non-profit Organization or Tribal Government	Grant Project Summary	Funding	Project Area (County)
Californians for Pesticide Reform (fiscal sponsor: Pesticide Action Network North America)	<p>The CPR Project was a collaborative project in Kern County with the organizations, Committee for a Better Arvin, Residentes Organizados Servidores al Ambiente Sano (in Wasco). The Project addressed Latino farmworker communities impacted by pesticide exposure by educating Arvin and Wasco community on the health dangers of pesticides and how to avoid exposure. The Project trained community members on how to effectively participate in pesticide related decision-making processes and facilitate a dialogue with the County Agricultural Commissioner and local school on pesticide issues. Pesticide Protection Zones were established with participation by the trained community members around schools in Kern County.</p>	\$19,078	Arvin (Kern)
Comfort Homesake, Inc	<p>The Comfort Homesake Project engaged limited English speaking, low-income stakeholders in five Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, San Francisco, and San Mateo in an information exchange event. The Project focused on encouraging healthy behavior changes to address asthma, community capacity building, and panel discussions with invited health providers and air district staff.</p>	\$10,000	Oakland (Alameda)
Comite Civico Del Valle, Inc.	<p>Comite Civico Del Valle partnered with Cal State University of San Marcos, National Latino Research Center and the Calexico New River Committee to build capacity in Imperial County to address local environmental problems. The Project held a 2-day environmental leadership summit with over 200 participants to enhance meaningful public participation and promote collaborations with academia and local and state environmental governmental agencies to document data related to community environmental exposures and health complaints.</p>	\$20,000	Brawley (Imperial)
Communities for a Better Environment	<p>The CBE Project engaged community residents in Oakland and Richmond through outreach and roundtable discussions to address greenhouse gas reduction strategies and reducing the numerous pollutants from various local sources. The Project focused on climate change and cumulative impacts policies. The Project developed a core of local stakeholders and administered health surveys in Richmond that address solution oriented policies on land use, transportation, energy usage, emergency preparedness and economic development. Other educational materials will also be developed.</p>	\$20,000	Oakland (Alameda)
Community Water Center	<p>The CWC Project developed and conducted educational, capacity building workshops in 10 communities on local water problems in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The Project conducted on-going meetings in 5 local EJ communities and provided logistical and capacity building support to AGUA coalition to address water issues. The Project also provided information, training, and technical/legal assistance to 4-5 local community-led water boards.</p>	\$20,000	Visalia (Tulare)

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Del Amo Action Committee	The Del Amo Action Committee Project facilitated environmental justice organizations from the Los Angeles area to travel to environmental decision-making meetings in Sacramento and other areas.	\$20,000	San Pedro (Los Angeles)
Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council	The Fort Bidwell Indian Community Council Project hosted a household hazardous removal clean-up event on the reservation to protect the health and environment of the Fort Bidwell Indian Tribal community.	\$10,000	Fort Bidwell (Modoc)
Fresno Metro Ministry	The FMF Project addressed exposure to toxic chemicals such as pesticides, cleaning supplies in homes and schools, and the impacts of climate change in Fresno. The Project identified the most effective way to engage in policy change and provided training and assistance in education and advocacy projects. The Project held an annual educational forum and made presentation to other Latino communities to build capacity within the community.	\$15,000	Fresno (Fresno)
Golden Gate Audubon Society	The Golden Gate Audubon Project addressed the lack of access to the outdoors by engaging 500 local elementary school students in outdoor experiences of restoration and wilderness activities and teaching solid stewardship concepts. The goal of the Project sought to build a constituency of and give voice to Bay Area residents committed to ecological protection.	\$20,000	Berkeley (Alameda)
GRID Alternatives - Greater Los Angeles	The GRID Alternatives Project utilized eight solar installations in Compton, Huntington Park, Long Beach, and Lynwood to directly educate and engage 80-200 low-income community youth members on EJ issues related to energy and climate emissions reduction. The Project provided information and training workshops to selected youth on the benefits of solar power.	\$20,000	Carson (Los Angeles)
Lao Khmu Association	The LKA Project educated the San Joaquin southeast Asian community through community forums, workshops, public events, and health promotion outreach.	\$10,000	Stockton (San Joaquin)
National Indian Justice Center	The NIJC developed a training program entitled, Tribal Sovereignty 101, to educate Tribes w/state, county and municipal employees on tribal sovereignty and the status of Indian lands in California. The NIJC also educated on environmental justice issues facing California Tribes and ways Tribes can participate in environmental decision-making processes to address the EJ issues in their respective areas.	\$19,165	Santa Rosa (Sonoma)
Pacific Institute	The Pacific Institute Project compiled nitrate contamination data via a research survey and build community capacity in the San Joaquin Valley. The Project also fostered relationships to foster team-building around collaborative solutions to prevent groundwater contamination and reducing community exposures.	\$20,000	San Joaquin Valley (San Joaquin)

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Physicians for Social Responsibility	The PSR-LA Project fostered the improvement of community stakeholders to effectively participate in public decision-making and build community capacity. The Project provided effective communications-training to teach community residents on how to effectively communicate in challenging environmental decision-making processes. The Project built upon existing relationships to ensure that south Los Angeles develops lasting capacity to address EJ issues and create healthier communities for its residents.	\$20,000	Los Angeles (Los Angeles)
Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment	The Rose Foundation Project provided information on connections between air quality and community health to 900 low-income high school students in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.	\$20,000	Oakland (Alameda)
San Jose State University Research Foundation	The SJSU Research Foundation Project worked with partners to map concentration of plant available heavy metals and pH found in four neighborhood gardens (Bayview Hunters Point, Mission District, Visitation Valley/Portola, Potrero Hill) in San Francisco. The Project also mapped upwind emission sources, Census tract data for ethnicity and mean household income levels to detect patterns in metal concentrations in and between the four selected neighborhoods. Data collected through garden soil testing was offered free of charge to target neighborhood and a survey of gardeners to determine with crops are grown by particular ethnic groups. Soil analysis was completed for well-known heavy metal toxins such as lead, copper, cadmium, nickel, arsenic and chromium. A bi-lingual pamphlet was created to assist communities in improving their health by outlining safe rates of ingestion and providing inexpensive resources for soil testing.	\$19,343	San Jose (Santa Clara)
Sierra Fund	The Sierra Fund Project developed educational materials and materials for clinic staff that will raise the awareness of legacy mining toxins in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Legacy toxins included mercury, arsenic, lead, and asbestos.	\$19,987	Nevada City (Nevada)
Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians	The Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Project facilitated seasonal environmental planning and informational meeting for Tribal members on management practices development, protocols, and ordinance within environmental law. The Project's goal was to support community involvement on the Soboba reservation through environmental education.	\$15,000	San Jacinto (Riverside)
Tree People	The Tree People Project trained Spanish-speaking Los Angeles residents to participate in tree planting and care efforts and encourage the residents to organize tree events in their local communities. Fifty Los Angeles residents took part in a series of classes about urban forestry and community organizing about tree planting and tree care.	\$19,725	Los Angeles (Los Angeles)

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<p>United Cambodian Families</p>	<p>The UCF Project held roundtable discussions for elders, parents, and youth to discuss how to foster meaningful public participation from the Cambodian community in Stockton, San Joaquin County. The Project also established the Cambodian County Environmental Leader Group to promote community involvement in promoting clean water practices and policies and climate change emission reduction processes and programs.</p>	<p>\$10,000</p>	<p>Stockton (San Joaquin)</p>