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Mentoring a Movement, Empowering People, Preventing Harm

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# INTRODUCTION

CHEJ is excited to report that despite an unfriendly administration, we are winning in dozens of community fights across the country. Thanks to our donors and our supporters, we were able to provide leadership skills, facilitate strategic action plans, supply scientific analysis, and provide resources to frontline communities through our grants program and so much more.

Although Washington is rife with conflict and gridlock, our field is moving forward and local community groups are winning significant goals. Community leaders understand that they need to create change and find the solution to their problems closer to home. The federal government is not likely to or can't take action to solve community problems due to EPA budget cuts and efforts to reverse regulatory protections.

As you read through this report, you'll get some insight to our work, our many accomplishments and the strength and passion of community efforts from the past six months. From 800 people attending the People's Action Institute's Convention to, finally after 30 years of struggle, the leaders in Minden, West Virginia succeeding in getting on to the Superfund National Priorities List, it has been a successful year for CHEJ and our members.

Also highlighted is our report on President Trump's EPA and the progress of the Superfund program after it was announced as a high priority program three years ago. The report released stunning findings. We found that middle class white communities received most of the clean up actions across the country. Sites without a responsible corporation that is still in business today are commonly referred to as orphan sites. Orphan sites remain "orphans" under Trump's EPA, which is counter to the reason the program was established in the first place.

# CHEJ AT WORK: COMMUNITY STORIES

Below you will find several of our community highlights over the past year.

## The People Marched on Washington



800 leaders traveled from across the country to attend the People's Action/CHEJ convention in Washington, D.C.

People loaded buses, traveled to EPA Headquarters and demanded that EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, meet with community leaders to hear the stories of real people who are sick and have died at the hands of the EPA. We put a complete stop to business as usual, shutting down the street between the EPA building and Trump Towers. Leaders, using a bullhorn, told the stories

of the people in their lives who have passed away from environmental pollution. Some staff members from the EPA came down to observe and listen. As a result of this protest, EPA agreed to meet and talk with leadership about our demands. To date, the EPA has visited two communities.

## March For Minden, WV

Over 150 Minden residents and allies marched through Minden to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of innocent families living with PCB exposure. They took to the streets to memorialize the Minden residents who they believe lost their lives to PCBs, to support those who are currently suffering from PCB-related illnesses and to pay tribute to the activism that first brought attention to toxic dumping in Minden in the 1980's and 1990's. The Concerned Citizens to Save Fayette County first tried to get something done in the late 80's. Finally, thirty years later, in response to the march and advocacy work by local leaders, EPA designated the community as a Superfund priority site, opening doors for greater resources and a fuller examination of the pollution.



## Taking Seats of Power – from those who don't/won't represent the people



In November, leaders in Dunmore, PA won four out of five city council seats; one as a write-in candidate! "I'm doing this because I've always loved Dunmore and always been active in environmental causes," said Brier, who credits a large group of volunteers for her write-in win.

The last five years have demonstrated that anti-landfill expansion candidates dominate every race. In this election, Dunmore voters

made it clear that what's in their best interest is their health, wellbeing and future. Angry at the "No" vote on September 19<sup>th</sup> by city council to a landfill expansion question, an angry overflow crowd chanted "*Vote Them Out,*" and **they did.**

### **With The Right People in Office - Good Things Happen!**

NJ Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, appointed last year, took on a big polluter. He sued chemical giant DuPont in March, seeking financial damages for widespread pollution that contaminated air, soil and water at four sites across the state and endangered the health of thousands. Included among the exposed are residents of a Pompton Lakes neighborhood who have endured cancer-causing solvents beneath their homes for decades.



"We allege that DuPont's leaders knew or at the very least should have known that its actions were contaminating New Jersey's resources and harming the local community," Grewal said. "The state has told DuPont since the 1980s to figure out just how far the contamination goes and to clean it up... but DuPont has not lived up to its responsibilities."

In 2008, at a packed hearing, it was announced that the solvents were vaporizing up through the soil into some basements in the Pompton Lakes neighborhood. CHEJ worked with the local group trying to get then Gov. Chris Christie to list the site on Superfund. The neighborhood, which was also contaminated with mercury and lead, has elevated levels of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and kidney cancer among residents. More than 300 homes have installed ventilation systems to remove the hazardous vapors. When the community was hit by Superstorm Sandy and lost power, their homes lost protection and filled with toxic vapors.

### **North Carolina Orders Duke Energy to Dig Up Nine Coal Ash Ponds.**



Duke had proposed to either cap the material in place — in leaking, unlined landfills — or to develop a "hybrid" of excavation and cap-in-place. Residents across the state demanded that the state force the utility to fully excavate all the material and place it in a lined landfill.

The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League said, "this is great news for the communities that have been impacted by Duke Energy's coal ash. It also presents an opportunity for North Carolina to have a conversation about just disposition of this dangerous byproduct. Historical precedent indicates that rural low-wealth counties and communities of color will be targeted for mega coal ash landfills. Creating new toxic sites and victimizing more communities is not the answer."

### **Yankton Sioux Tribe & CHEJ Mapping Water**

CHEJ is working with tribal members to develop a database of water quality and pollution sources that impact the Yankton Sioux tribal reservation. The goal of the project is to develop a

co-management plan for the Missouri River Bioregion and to define the current water quality should future pollution occur. Our technical assistance staff is working on a targeted 180-mile area of the Missouri River that borders the Yankton Reservation to first identify and gather existing water sampling data. The Data Center at Tufts University is helping to input and analyze that data. CHEJ, working with indigenous leaders, will develop a sampling plan for additional sites in the targeted area once the database is complete and analyzed.



## Way to Go Governor Justice and Senator Joe Manchin!



EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler, WV Governor Jim Justice and two Republican Representatives made the announcement to list Minden on the Superfund National Priority list. This came after Senator Joe Manchin (WV) sent a powerful letter to the EPA restating his support for adding the town of Minden to the Superfund Priority List.

Headwater Defense has been working to get this site on the National Priorities List for years. Residents exposed to PCBs have shown a significantly higher rate of cancer than other people in Fayette County. The residents are demanding relocation as the area is completely contaminated with PCBs and floods regularly.

## Baltimore Clean Air Act to Force Closure of Two Huge Waste Incinerators

In February, Baltimore's mayor signed the Baltimore Clean Air Act. The new law is expected to force the closure of two major waste incinerators in the city that can't afford to meet the strict requirements. One closure is the city's largest air polluter, the 2,250 ton/day Wheelabrator trash incinerator. The second closure is the nation's largest medical waste incinerator, Curtis Bay Medical Waste Services, which accepts medical waste from about 20 states and Canada.



*Fighting for environmental health and justice is a marathon, not a sprint.* Many of you may remember CHEJ's Stop Dioxin Exposure Campaign and Health Care Without Harm that spun out of the Stop Dioxin Exposure Campaign effort in 1999. Leaders involved in both of those efforts targeted both incinerators for shut down. Today, because of continued efforts in the field from many extraordinary Maryland citizens and organizations both incinerators will be closed. Congratulations to all that played a role in this very long tedious fight.

## Detroit Incinerator Will Permanently Close



The Breathe Free Detroit Campaign has been working for years for Detroiters' right to breathe clean air, for just transition for workers and residents once the incinerator closed and for movement towards zero waste. On March 28, Detroit celebrated the closure of one of the world's largest incinerators, a facility that has been a bad neighbor for over 30 years, unable to comply with Clean Air Act laws and odor restrictions. This is a great victory for the community and public health. Breathe Free Detroit stated, "We will continue to pursue environmental justice with our goals of protections for the workers and residents and working toward serious reducing, reusing and recycling efforts to produce zero waste."

## CHEJ and People's Action Institute No More Sacrifice Zones Campaign

CHEJ and People's Action Institute are working together to develop a No More Sacrifice Zones Campaign with a focus on air emissions from reporting facilities. Over the summer, CHEJ interns and staff researched and collaborated on policy handles that come together to create a No More Sacrifice Zone Policy Proposal. Along with the Texas Health and Environment Alliance, CHEJ and PAI organized a meeting in Baytown, Texas to present and engage the community in a conversation about the proposed policy. CHEJ and People's Action Institute will continue to organize community meetings in 2020 including, Africatown, AL, Dallas, TX, and more.

### No More Sacrifice Zones



## Buckeye Environmental Network



The Buckeye Environmental Network (BEN), in Athens, Ohio and its affiliates have achieved victory in shutting down the Ginsburg injection well in Athens County after more than seven years of organizing. The well had been a major concern for the community and during a meeting with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, an order had been sent to the well owners to clean out the holding pits and test them for leaks. Owners decided to shut down the well, along with its swimming pool-sized open pit of toxic radioactive waste.

For years, Ohio residents were told the spreading of waste from unconventional wells was safe for purposes of removing ice and as a dust suppressant. Data received showed that waste or 'brine' from 151 conventional and unconventional oil and gas wells is highly radioactive. BEN has developed a task force to develop statehouse allies and craft a bill to stop the spreading of 'brine' or products made from oil/gas waste on Ohio roads and in their communities.



BEN has facilitated constituent meetings to protest Ohio SB 33, or the anti-protest bill, and supported a petition delivered to the governor by Ohio clergy members. The bill has passed through the Senate and sits in continuing committee hearings. BEN is continuing to rally people to testify, with over a hundred testimonies now on public record. If the bill passes, BEN is contemplating holding a human rights tribunal on the bill and hand delivering the hearing transcript to the United Nations in New York.



## CHEJ Superfund Meetings on Capitol Hill

Throughout the course of the fall, CHEJ met with the staff members of 8 Representatives and 4 Senators to champion support for a Polluter Pays Fees bill. During each meeting CHEJ discussed the current status of the Superfund program with its limitations in funding and the necessity of a bill that requires polluters to fund Superfund site cleanup. Some of the offices CHEJ met with included: Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV), and Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL).



## 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue North Birmingham Superfund Site



The 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Superfund Site in North Birmingham includes four minority neighborhoods, Harriman Park, Fairmont, Collegeville, and North Birmingham that surround the ERP Coke Plant. Air and soil testing of the surrounding communities revealed excessive levels of arsenic, lead and PAHs. Charlie Powell, a community member of North Birmingham and President of the People Against Neighborhood Industrial Contamination (PANIC), met with EPA administrators, Peter Wright and Steven Cook at a quarterly meeting organized by CHEJ to discuss relocation options for residents within the community poisoned from the plant's pollution. In December,

Powell attended a meeting with Birmingham's mayor Randall Woodfin and EPA officials to discuss a plan for the remediation and relocation of the site. Plans for the 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Superfund site will continue into 2020.

## United Nations Tribunal of Human Rights Violations from Fracking

CHEJ was involved in three of the United States field Tribunals in Athens, Ohio, Youngstown, Ohio and Charlottesville, VA. Lois Marie Gibbs served as a Juror in all three field Tribunals. Teresa Mills CHEJ's Ohio organizer was both on the overall advisory panel and assisted community leaders to understand the rules and help with logistics in all three-field hearings. These field hearings provided the basic information for the large Tribunal held in Oregon. This is an



incredible victory, which provides yet a new tool in the toolbox for communities to fight back against Fracking. The Permanent Peoples' Tribunal released its Advisory Opinion, recommending a worldwide ban on hydraulic fracturing, the extreme oil and gas extraction technique known as 'fracking.' The Tribunal found that the materials and infrastructure of fracking inherently and necessarily violate human rights. The specific rights violated include the rights to life, to water, to full information and participation, and especially the rights of indigenous people, women and children.

Governments have an affirmative obligation to protect the rights of their citizens, according to internationally recognized human rights Covenants and Declarations. When governments fail to adequately regulate harmful oil and gas industry practices, they fail to meet their human rights obligations. And when governments fail to take measures to prevent the advance of climate change and its impacts on the rights to life, liberty, and security, they are failing to meet their internationally recognized human-rights obligations. Widespread government failures have created a global "axis of betrayal," according to the international court, in which governments and fossil-fuel industries collude – at a great cost to people and the planet – in human-rights violations to their mutual profit.

### **Science and Technical Assistance**

An important part of CHEJ's work to mentor activists and organizations in their efforts to prevent harm is helping them understand the complex science that surrounds environmental health issues. We explain reams of technical testing data, cleanup plans, and site proposals in order to level the playing field, so that people can have a say in the environmental policies and decisions that will affect their health and well-being. At the same time, we educate our constituency about the role of science in winning local community battles, and about the connections between the environment, our health, the economy and social justice.

In addition to answering calls and email requests, our science department completed 16 detailed technical reviews in 2019, analyzing lengthy documents and providing written comments. CHEJ also publishes and distributes 140 guidebooks and fact packs designed to support the efforts of community groups facing environmental health threats.

# CHEJ'S REPORT ON TRUMP'S SUPERFUND ACTIVITIES

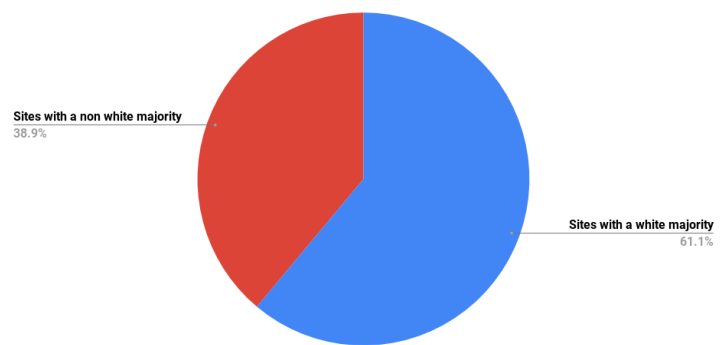


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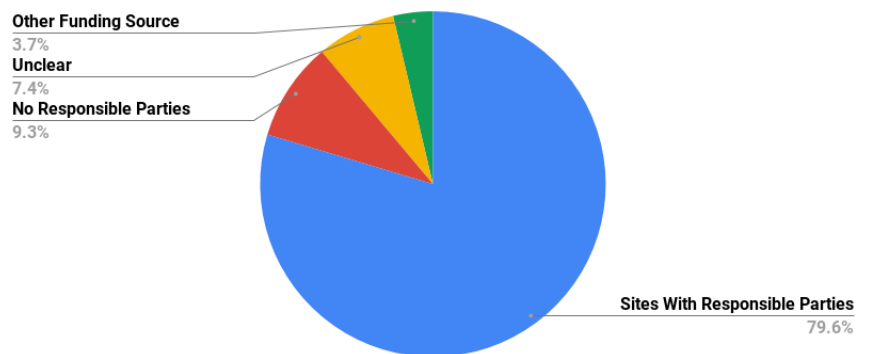
CHEJ has closely followed Superfund under President Trump since he made the program a central part of his EPA, while dismantling other protective policies. While Trump has set himself apart from other administrations in the work he has done on Superfund, his progress is not as comprehensive as his speeches make it sound. In a meeting with Superfund community leaders, Scott Pruitt stated that the selection of Superfund sites was based solely on “site-specific opportunities

The selected sites were not chosen for the toxic risks to human health or the environment; they were shovel ready or ready for delisting after a five-year review.

- 61.1% of the sites targeted by the Trump Administration were in majority white areas. 40.7% of the population living in the same zip code as one of Trump’s Superfund sites is minority, defined as anyone who doesn’t identify as white only. According to an EPA report, the population around Superfund sites are more minority, low income, linguistically isolated, and less likely to have a high school education than the U.S. population.



- The majority, 79.6%, of Superfund sites targeted for cleanup by the Trump Administration have responsible parties to pay for the cleanup. Out of 54 sites on the Administrator’s Emphasis and Redevelopment Opportunity lists, only 5 were confirmed to be Orphan sites. For four sites, no clear determination could be made, and for two sites, there were potential funding sources that were not potentially responsible parties.



- Trump’s budget has cut Superfund funding to a new low. In the first three years of Trump’s presidency, Superfund received \$2,878 million dollars compared to Obama’s Superfund allocation of \$4,470 million dollars.

- Without reinstating the Polluters Pays Fees orphan sites will never be cleaned up. Recently, Minden, West Virginia was added to the Superfund priority list. The site has been defined as an emergency removal site for over thirty years. Minden has no responsible party as the company went out of business decades ago and is not likely to be cleaned up any day soon.
- Without building the fund through Polluters Pays Fees, EPA will not have the ability to use their triple damages or have adequate funds to cleanup a site and sue responsible corporations later.
- Without the fee the agency is handcuffed in their ability to act, with little or no resources, to protect public health and the environment at Superfund sites.

See full report: [A Report on the US EPA's Superfund Program Under the Trump Administration](#)

# CHEJ'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS



CHEJ held eleven successful training sessions in 2019 with 412 leaders attending several from 39 states and the District of Columbia. CHEJ training sessions are both about leadership skill building, and providing tools and education on specific issues. Several highlights include:

**Media Messaging** – Focused on how to sharpen leaders’ skills in communicating with the media and the public. This training was very helpful in building grassroots leaders’ skills to move messages that make a difference, inspire, galvanize and give voice. Included were strategies on how to reach out to reporters, frame organization issues, and pitch group stories.

**Building an Organization – Getting people involved** – Learning various ways leaders can build and strengthen their group's membership and spirit! Guest expert organizers talked about ways leaders can re-energize their organization and improve the group’s outreach, activate members, improve publicity and refine organizing tactics and strategies. Additionally, leaders were invited to bring their questions and concerns to the call, while CHEJ staff and guests helped troubleshoot and refine the group's plans.

**Fundraising – What you need to know** – Fundraising not only provides resources to pay the rent or hold a training, it also forces leaders to plan their work out beyond next month and build a base of individual supporters that provide flexible resources. The training covered what leaders need to understand about researching and applying to foundations and how to build a successful individual donors’ campaign.

**PFAS in Drinking Water: A Grassroots Perspective** – PFAS is a man-made group of over 4,000 chemicals found in common products such as Teflon pans, microwave popcorn bags, and fire-fighting foams. Grassroots groups around the country are working together for proactive national change to remove the chemicals from drinking water. This was both an educational workshop, as well as, a coalition building effort.

**Fighting Pipelines on Every Front** – This workshop described how to fight pipelines on all fronts at the local, state and federal levels. Some of the topics covered in the training call included how to fight a permit, looking for opportunities on a local level that can be used in places like a floodplain ordinance and ideas and strategies on how to pass laws that require state environmental quality to complete individual stream crossing, using 401 permitting.

**Social Media: Using Social Media to Build a Grassroots Movement** – Social media is an important part of any grassroots movement. It can be an effective tool to raise awareness for a cause, and to begin to build a following of people interested in getting involved in your movement/issue. In this training, experts covered the basics of how to use each platform and offered advice on the best social media strategies.

**Health Effects of Toxic Chemicals** – This training provided a general overview of how toxic chemicals affect the human body. Explaining how people are exposed to toxic chemicals; what happens when chemicals enter the body; how the body deals with chemicals; and how exposures result in adverse effects. We also talked about why not everyone responds the same way to the same exposure and why some people are more sensitive than others to the same chemical exposures. Lastly, there was a discussion on what can be done to reduce your exposures to toxic chemicals.

**Sacrifice Zones: An Exploratory Conversation** – The purpose of this call was to explore the possibility and interest in developing a campaign to provide relief for sacrifice zones, or communities chronically damaged by polluting facilities. Although there are many different types of sacrifice zones, our focus was aimed at communities that are strictly affected by air polluting facilities. During this call we discussed: How to identify a sacrifice zone; Goals to achieve remediation for impacted communities; Possible tools the Environmental Protection Agency has provided to assist in defining a sacrifice zone; and Potential policy proposal ideas.

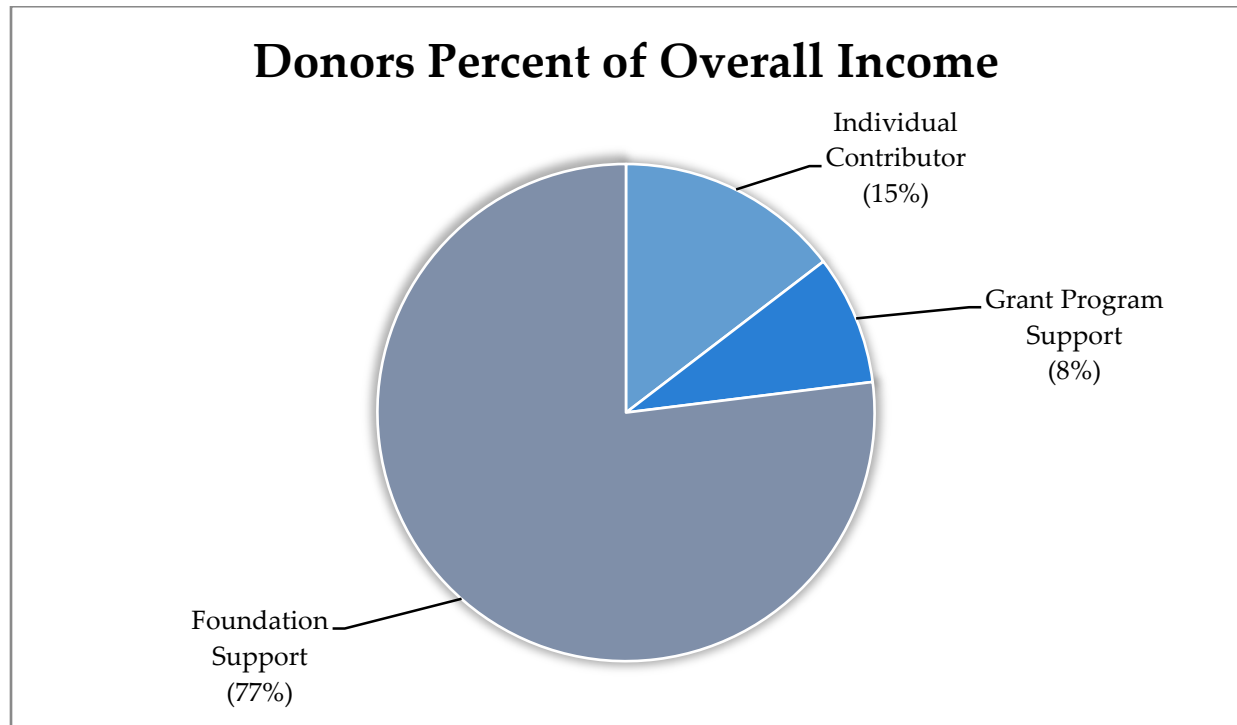
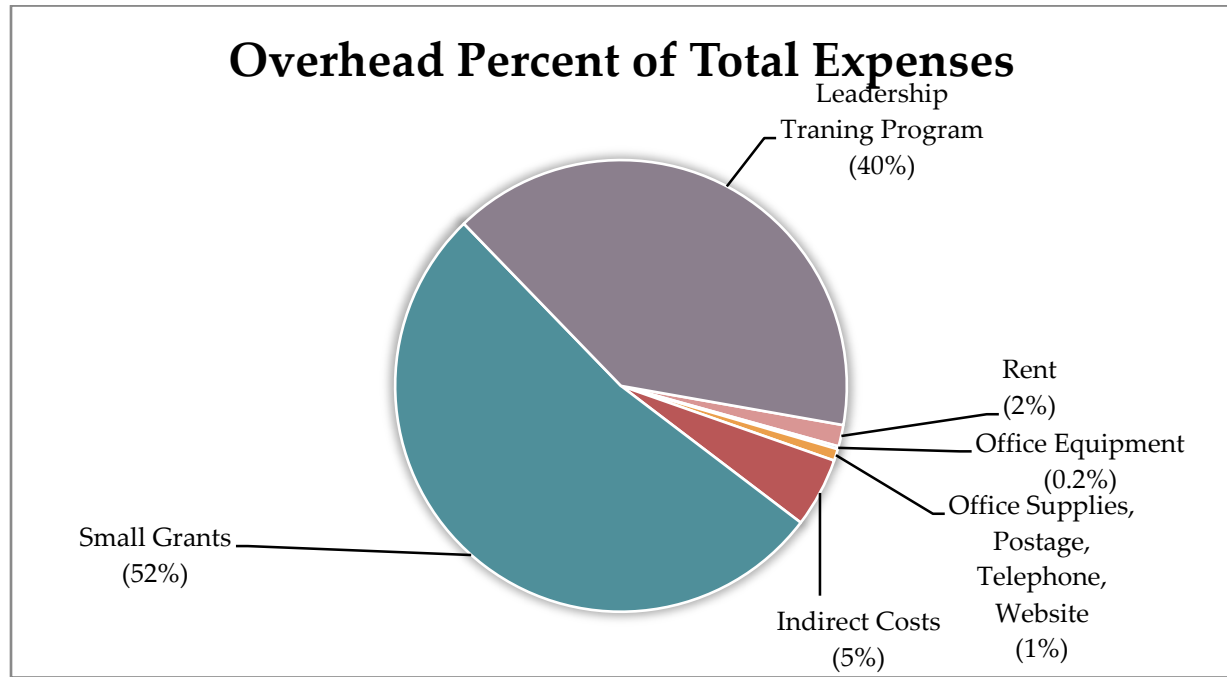
**Using Your Voice this Election Season – As a C 3 Organization What Can You Do?** Election years provide a great opportunity for public charities to highlight issues and interact with candidates and the voting public. However, public charities cannot support or oppose candidates, and must avoid the appearance or reality of electioneering and other partisan activity, including in social media communications. This training highlighted ways leaders can get involved, both on behalf of their organization and in an individual capacity.

**How Our Country Got Where We Are** – This was a historical look at how we arrived at where are today in the current “political moment.” All communities face many challenges, but these problems did not start with the election of Donald Trump. The problems started well before he was elected. It was the natural outcome of the changes that have been taking place over the last forty years. Those changes have resulted from a deliberate plan by the wealthiest people in this country to reshape our economy and society in their interests.

**Small Grants Training** – CHEJ has a small grants program for grassroots groups working on environmental health and justice issues. This grant program supports projects that help groups move toward their goals by building leadership, increasing capacity and/or providing training and education. CHEJ held four trainings about this program on who qualifies for a grant, and how to answer the questions on the grant application.

**States with Participants in our Trainings:** AK, AL, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DE, DC, GA, IA, IL, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VA, VT, WA, WI and WV

# CHEJ 2019 FINANCES



# CHEJ'S SMALL GRANTS SUMMARY

CHEJ's Small Grants Program is about getting resources into the hands of grassroots groups who are fighting for a clean, healthy community. The program often pits small low-wealth communities against larger multi-national corporations. We received 278 grant applications through four application opportunities. One hundred and fifteen applications qualified for review and support. We were able to support 57 applications, which are listed below. CHEJ was able to provide a total of \$447,492 in support to grassroots grantees. We are excited to be able to continue to provide this service to grassroots fighting for a healthy community and environment.

| Organizational Information  | Organizational Goals  | Project Goals  |
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| <p><b>Baker City (FL) Coalition of Communities for EJ</b><br/>           Sonja Peterson-Lewis<br/>           6200 Wayne Ave, #A-102<br/>           Philadelphia, PA 19144<br/> <b>Website:</b> none<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> none</p>  | <p>Educate residents of low-wealth and minority communities about Environmental Justice and the link to human rights and health. Acquaint residents with larger struggles and engage residents in developing action plan to eliminate present EJ threats and prevent future threats to life and property.</p> | <p>Project goals include: raise residents' EJ and human rights consciousness, knowledge and activism; have residents join/work with BCCEJ to expose and remove present threats and strategize for representation on decision-making boards as informed advocates for fair treatment and community development.</p>   |
| <p><b>Citizens for a Clean Wausau</b><br/>           Thomas Kilian<br/>           133 E Thomas Street<br/>           Wausau, WI 54401<br/> <b>Website:</b> CleanWausau.com<br/> <b>Facebook:</b><br/>           Facebook.com/CleanWausau</p>  | <p>Develop a strategic plan and a decision-making model for Citizens for a Clean Wausau, integrated with proper coaching and guidance.</p>  | <p>Define an overarching path between where we are today and achieving our goals in the future. Better define current and new member roles to relieve some of the "growing pains" that are anticipated in the future.</p>  |
| <p><b>Coshocton Environmental &amp; Community Awareness (CECA)</b><br/>           Nick Teti<br/>           18998 CR 3<br/>           Warsaw, OH 43844<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.CecAware.org">www.CecAware.org</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b><br/> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/cecaware/">www.facebook.com/cecaware/</a></p> | <p>Organizational goals include: expanding CECA's membership and role in Coshocton and in Ohio; stop the expansion and the continuation of waste operations in Ohio; monitoring current operations: and, preventing and opposing new development that threatens our environment and health.</p>               | <p>Grow CECA's membership around these five goals: continue to oppose any permits for Buckeye Brine; train citizens to monitor activity and promote accountability for waste disposal operations; organize citizens to oppose statewide policies and plans to expand waste production, pipelines, and plastics manufacturing in Ohio; and work toward statewide collective action with other Ohio environmental activists.</p> |



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| <p><b>Education, Economics, Environment, Climate and Health Organization</b><br/>(EEECHO)<br/>Katherine Eglund<br/>605 Rosemary Drive<br/>Gulfport, MS 39507<br/><b>Website:</b> None<br/><b>Facebook:</b> eeecho</p>  | <p>Engage vulnerable communities in a holistic approach of education, planning and advocacy to improve their environment, health and overall quality of life.</p>   | <p>Protect and sustain historic low-income communities of color. A focus will be on the historically significant North Gulfport/Turkey Creek Community. Turkey Creek has a rich heritage and distinction of being founded by emancipated slaves.</p>  |
| <p><b>Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future</b><br/>(FaCT)<br/>Ron Prosek, Contact Debbie Cowden<br/>3437 County Rd 959<br/>Loudonville, OH 44842<br/><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.factohio.org">www.factohio.org</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b> none</p>                             | <p>Sponsor a statewide summit to help FaCT become better known. Develop the FaCT Board of Directors by holding a board retreat to work on strategic planning for the next 2-5 years.</p>  | <p>Inspire activists by building ideas, networking and speaking on strategic planning. Develop fundraising strategies, build job description for FaCT staff and host a FaCT board retreat for strategic planning,</p>   |
| <p><b>Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition</b><br/>Jessica Girard<br/>1327 Hayes Ave<br/>Fairbanks, AK 99709<br/><b>Website:</b><br/><a href="http://www.fairbanksclimateaction.org">www.fairbanksclimateaction.org</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b> none</p>  | <p>Build communication and narrative strategies by training leaders within FCAC at workshops in Interior Alaska. A communications strategy will shape and uplift the coalition's goals to shift the dominant story around economic and climate justice in Alaska.</p> | <p>Build capacity and skills for narrative strategy development within FCAC to uplift a shift towards a regenerative economy. Build capacity within Interior Alaska organizing community, sharing skills to elevate intersectional voices and visions working towards justice.</p>                      |
| <p><b>FreshWater Accountability Project</b><br/>Leatra Harper<br/>P O BOX 473<br/>Grand Rapids, OH 43402<br/><b>Website:</b> FWAP.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b> FreshWater Accountability Project</p>   | <p>Build awareness on harms of proposed petrochemical build-out on the Ohio River PTT Global cracker plant, and empower and support local community members.</p>  | <p>Build on organizing work, hold informational meeting, and send regular updates via email, postal service and flyers to inform residents of visions for a better future. Build resources to canvass on cracker plant.</p>   |
| <p><b>Friends of Calwa, Inc</b><br/>Sandra Celedon<br/>3980 E. Jensen Ave<br/>Fresno, CA 93725<br/><b>Website:</b><br/><a href="http://www.friendsofcalwa.org">www.friendsofcalwa.org</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/><a href="https://facebook.com/friendsofcalwa">facebook.com/friendsofcalwa</a></p> | <p>Empower community residents with different perspectives and from different backgrounds to serve as advocates in their communities.</p>   | <p>Educate and train no less than 25 Calwa community members in a six-month leadership development cohort to provide community members with the resources and skills they need to be civically engaged in local decision-making processes. Advocate for the health and well being of the community.</p> |

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| <p><b>Upper Green River Network (CO Riverkeeper)</b><br/> Rica Fulton<br/> 1962 Van Buren St.<br/> Laramie, WY 82070<br/> <b>Phone:</b> 970-799-3316<br/> <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:rfulton3@uwyo.edu">rfulton3@uwyo.edu</a><br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://greenrivernetwork.org">greenrivernetwork.org</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b> Upper Green River Network</p> | <p>Provide travel and lodging funds for participants from low wealth communities to participate in SCREE's Moab outreach event on June 22-23, 2019. The public lands and water event will include members from tribes (Ute Mountain Ute, Uintah-Ouray Ute, Dine, and Hopi Tribes), legal scholars, authors, non-profits and community members.</p> | <p>Our goal is to foster dialogue and share stories regarding the Colorado Plateau and River that stem from storytelling and relationship building. Collaborative learning will help all participants become active members of the future of Colorado River Management discussions.</p>   |
| <p><b>Headwaters Defense: Minden Community Action Team</b><br/> Brandon Richardson<br/> 146 Virginia Street<br/> Oak Hill, WV 25901<br/> <b>Website:</b> none<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://facebook.com/groups/headwatersdefense">facebook.com/groups/headwatersdefense</a></p>  | <p>Empower the community of Minden, WV by sharing stories, planning a march, improving communication, and training ourselves on how to accomplish these things successfully. Retain the skills required to do these actions so they can be used to execute future projects.</p>  | <p>Interview 50 community members in Minden with the intention to continue this project with more funding. Recruit 1,000 community members, allies, faith leaders and organizations to attend the march in June. Empower community member through skill shares: storytelling, interviewing skills rooted in anti-oppression principles, planning large events, and navigating bureaucratic barriers, basic outreach and recruitment skills.</p> |
| <p><b>JAPRI Community Outreach Program</b><br/> James Woodley<br/> 2350 Saintsville Road<br/> Greenville, NC 27834-8293<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.japri.org">www.japri.org</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b> none</p>   | <p>Build capacity within two North Carolina counties to address emerging health, environmental, and justice issues and ultimately articulate these issues before the decision makers and media. Build board capacity, potential staff and volunteers.</p>  | <p>Develop leaders in five communities within two counties. Conduct meetings in each of the target communities to rally additional members to address environmental health issues before decision makers and/or media.</p>  |
| <p><b>People Against Neighborhood Industrial Contamination (PANIC)</b><br/> Charlie Powell<br/> 1406 4<sup>th</sup> Way NW<br/> Centerpoint, AL 35215<br/> <b>Website:</b> none<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> PANIC-People-Against-Neighborhood-Industrial-Contamination</p>   | <p>Growing PANIC to advocate for the finalization of the 35th Avenue Superfund site on the NPL list. Strengthen PANIC in 2019 through increased membership participation and support.</p>  | <p>Bring relief in the form of relocation for those who desire by persuading Governor Kay Ivey to support the NPL for the 35th Avenue Superfund site. To do this, PANIC must increase membership participation and support at PANIC meetings by 50%.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Protecting Our Waters</b><br/>Iris Bloom<br/>116 Schoonmaker Lane<br/>Stone Ridge, NY 12484<br/><b>Website:</b><br/><a href="http://protectingourwaters.wordpress.com">protectingourwaters.wordpress.com</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/><a href="http://www.facebook.com/ProtectingOurWaters/">www.facebook.com/ProtectingOurWaters/</a></p> | <p>Protect community health and safety, climate, air and water, by passing 10 moratoria on fossil fuel power plants in the mid-Hudson Valley along Central Hudson's existing fracked gas pipeline.</p>  | <p>Assist 10 - 25 towns to write zoning laws to prohibit fossil fuel power plants and win.</p>  |
| <p><b>Alliance to Halt Fermi 3</b><br/>Carrie Christoph<br/>P.O. Box 511001<br/>Livonia, MI 48151<br/><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="http://www.face.com/athf3">www.face.com/athf3</a></p>  | <p>Host a series of small dollar fundraisers that will help fund a more comprehensive development plan for the Alliance to Halt Fermi 3. These events are designed to capitalize on ATHF3's status as a coalition to reinvigorate professional connections between activist communities.</p>  | <p>Raise funds to continue our important Got KI Campaign. Help foster social and professional relationships among activists and agencies involved in the environmental and social justice movements. Share subject matter information, best practices, and organizing ideas between agencies and activists.</p> |
| <p><b>AMMD Pine Grove Project</b><br/>Kevin Halligan<br/>3677 Forest Haven Dr.<br/>Richmond, VA 23234<br/><b>Website:</b> none<br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/><a href="mailto:AMMDPinegroveproject@facebook.com">AMMDPinegroveproject@facebook.com</a></p>   | <p>Engage with community members through neighborhood canvassing, inform and educated household residents, obtain demographic data, and enlist their support to stop the proposed huge toxic landfill from destroying the rich history, ecology, and social fabric of the historically African American community of Pine Grove</p> | <p>Recruit individuals to establish Canvassing Teams skilled at building trust, educating, interviewing and persuading community members to assist with historic and community preservation efforts and convince residents that a strong unified community is the first step in opposing the Mega-Landfill.</p> |
| <p><b>Benton Township Quarry</b><br/>Brenda Weilder<br/>445 N Graytown Rd<br/>Graytown, OH 43432<br/><b>Website:</b><br/><a href="http://www.stopquarrydumping">www.stopquarrydumping</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b> Benton Township Quarry Dumping Opposition</p>   | <p>Protecting Benton Township water through continued community engagement and activism.</p>  | <p>Grow the number of local resident activists in our group, continue information stream to the public and also continue our monitoring and reporting efforts to permanently close this unprecedented landfill.</p>   |
| <p><b>Concerned Citizens of Richmond County</b><br/>Debra David<br/>343 N NC Hwy 177<br/>Hamlet, NC 28345<br/><b>Website:</b> None</p>   | <p>Educate people, help with work force and educate the community on health issues. Go door-to-door for membership outreach.</p>  | <p>Organize a healthy community and educate people about environmental health issues in the community.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Facebook:</b> None</p>  |  |   |
| <p><b>Defend Ohio</b><br/>Barbara Dyskant<br/>3624 Jollytown Rd.<br/>Hinsdale, NY 14743<br/><b>Website:</b> None<br/><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/grpi[s/20218112548032842/">www.facebook.com/grpi[s/20218112548032842/</a></p>   | <p>Direct action for media, communication, and organization training to membership. Purchase supplies for banners needed for public outreach and recruitment.</p>  | <p>Improve member skills including decision making, communication, safety, messaging, legal, creative media and visuals to help carry out actions and raise awareness. Increase potential allies to prevent construction of the Northern Access Pipeline</p>  |
| <p><b>First Peoples' Conservation Council of Louisiana</b><br/>Rosina Philippe<br/>3731 Oak Point Rd<br/>Montegut, AL 70377<br/><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.fpcclouisiana">www.fpcclouisiana</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b> none</p>  | <p>Gather six high risk coastal tribes of the First Peoples' Conservation Council to do planning for adaptation to climate impacts that are already displacing tribe members, including health impacts of no-potable water, and contaminated soils and water ways while practicing traditions of the tribes.</p> | <p>On a long weekend this fall, celebrate customs and life ways while discerning the most critical issues around displacement and water intrusion. The project includes shared learning of at-risk medicinal and traditional foods, cooling systems and 'old ways' of preparations needing little energy, while discussing larger strategies of sustainability.</p> |
| <p><b>Genesee County Hispanic Latino Collaborative</b><br/>Armando Hernandez<br/>PO Box 320494<br/>Flint, MI 48532<br/><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.gchlc.org">www.gchlc.org</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/gchlc/">www.facebook.com/gchlc/</a></p>  | <p>Train volunteers to offer bilingual door-to-door educational sessions on environmental safety focused around the lead issues and pollutants issues in Flint Michigan's Latino community</p>   | <p>Make sure that Flint's Latino community has not overlooked measures to counter mounting health risks from drinking and bathing in toxic water and assist the Hispanic/Latino residents in obtaining safe water. This community has been excluded from citywide interventions and grants, yet located in highly contaminate area.</p>                             |
| <p><b>Liveable Arlington</b><br/>Ranjana Bhandari<br/>903 Loch Lomond Dr<br/>Arlington, TX 76012<br/><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.liveablearlington.org">www.liveablearlington.org</a> (under construction)<br/><b>Facebook:</b> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/LiveableArlington/">www.facebook.com/LiveableArlington/</a></p> | <p>Continue community mobilization to organize Arlington neighborhoods against new gas well permitting. Support the community with all aspects of the process and get more gas well ordinance improvements this way.</p>   | <p>Support and empower Arlington neighborhoods to fight permitting of new gas wells close to their homes and continue to build community wide opposition to gas drilling and fossil fuels through our campaigns to stop new gas well permits.</p>   |
| <p><b>Nash Stop the Pipeline</b><br/>Marvin Winstead<br/>540 Sandy Cross Rd</p>   | <p>Stop the Atlantic Coast Pipeline by building local and statewide people power through education,</p>  | <p>Increase our current member by 30% to 40%. Sponsor two local rallies and place five ad</p>   |

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| <p>Nashville, NC 27856<br/> <b>Website:</b> nopipeline.net<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> Nash Stop the Pipeline</p>  | <p>capacity building, training, ad placements, media events and rallies.</p>  | <p>campaigns in the local paper, radio and social media platforms. Participate in two train-the-trainer opportunities to help us build capacity.</p>   |
| <p><b>Northampton County Citizens Against Coal Ash</b><br/> Alfred Kwasikpui<br/> PO Box 532<br/> Seaboard, NC 27876<br/> <b>Website:</b> None<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> Northampton County Citizens Against Coal Ash</p>  | <p>Determine if two prior coal ash placements and reported illicit dumping in a local river have contaminated soil and water and promote means of preventing further environmental and health harms.</p>  | <p>Test water and soil next to a coal ash placement and provide training to nearby residents and workers about coal ash harms and means to protect health, crops and livestock.</p>  |
| <p><b>Rabun Gap</b><br/> Tom Resta<br/> 24 Chechero St Suite 3 PMB 122<br/> Clayton, GA 30525<br/> <b>Email:</b> reweaving@yahoo.com<br/> <b>Website:</b> None<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> None</p>  | <p>Complete a strategic plan development to educate our Southern Appalachian community on Rabun County Water and Sewer Authority's (RCWSA) operation of a newly built drinking water treatment plant on a GA EPD Designated Level 1 Hazardous Waste Site, formerly Burlington Mills and Rabun Apparel, LLC.</p> | <p>Educate community members to build membership of our newly formed chapter. Create working relationships within the county and authority governments to encourage site remediation of the affected property. Treating pesticide polluted water for resale is a public health concern that requires public awareness.</p> |
| <p><b>Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing our Environment</b><br/> Tabitha Tripp<br/> PO Box 1325<br/> Vienna, IL 62906<br/> <b>Website:</b><br/> <a href="http://www.dontfractureillinois.net">www.dontfractureillinois.net</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b><br/> /dontfractureillinois/?ref=bookmarks</p> | <p>Raise awareness and stop the Pond Creek mining permit from building a pipeline, which seeks to discharge 3.5 million gallons daily of untreated mining waste water with chloride and sulfur in excess of allowable limits into the Big Muddy River.</p>  | <p>Build community opposition towards building of a pipeline and force the company to treat the wastewater onsite, while simultaneously demanding our state and local governments transition away from dirty energy and towards renewable energy for the health and safety of the communities and planet.</p>              |
| <p>Twin Ports Action Alliance<br/> Ginger Juel<br/> 2121 1/2 Vermilion Rd.<br/> Duluth, Mn 55803<br/> <b>Website:</b><br/> twinportsactionalliance.org<br/> <b>Facebook:</b><br/> TwinPortsActionAlliance/</p>   | <p>Create a community safe from the threat of Hydrogen Fluoride, a disaster chemical used at the Husky Superior Refinery in Superior. Engage and educate the community about the impact of this refinery on their lives.</p>  | <p>Pass a statewide ban of Hydrogen Fluoride at refineries in Wisconsin; have the city of Duluth, Minnesota adopt a resolution in support of increasing refinery safety; and develop an evacuation and hazmat plan for St. Louis County and Duluth, MN.</p>  |
| <p><b>Del Amo Action Committee</b><br/> Cynthia Babich</p>   | <p>Develop a strategic plan laying the foundation for the next</p>  | <p>Develop a strategic plan to help residents achieve health,</p>  |

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| <p>4542 Irone Ave<br/>Rosamond, CA 93560<br/><b>Website:</b><br/><a href="http://www.delamoactioncommittee">www.delamoactioncommittee</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b> none</p>  | <p>decade. Two components will include Board Development and Volunteer Training. After increasing the area served during last year's door-to-door outreach, Del Amo Action Committee now needs to increase the board's representation, review by-laws and train new volunteers.</p> | <p>security and happiness. Encourage the next generation of community leaders to carry on our mission of direct engagement and build the capacity of the board.</p>  |
| <p>Citizens for a Healthy Community<br/>Natasha Leger<br/>211 Grand Avenue, Suite 118<br/>Paonia, CO 81428<br/><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.chc4you.org">www.chc4you.org</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/><a href="https://www.facebook.com/citizensforahealthycommunity/">/citizensforahealthycommunity/</a></p>                           | <p>Build capacity to respond to a changing and challenging strategic landscape now that Colorado has passed sweeping oil and gas reform that puts community activism in the middle of contentious federal preemption issues and private property and mineral rights.</p>            | <p>Train a new generation of community activists. Rivera Sum to train, inspire and empower the community, especially young kids and families, to resist oil and gas development in new and innovative ways.</p>  |
| <p><b>Glenn Environmental Coalition</b><br/>Rachael Thompson<br/>4472 New Jesup Highway, C<br/>Brunswick, GA 31521<br/><b>Website:</b><br/><a href="http://www.glynnenvironmental.org">www.glynnenvironmental.org</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/><a href="https://www.facebook.com/GlynnEnvironmental/">facebook.com/GlynnEnvironmental/</a></p> | <p>Educate subsistence fishers, educators, and health care providers on how to mitigate health risks from consuming seafood caught within the local seafood consumption advisory area.</p>  | <p>Implement new outreach efforts and utilize community-organizing techniques to increase awareness of Glynn County's seafood consumption advisories and increase awareness of the health risks associated with consuming contaminated seafood.</p>  |
| <p><b>Midwest Environmental Justice Organization</b><br/>Maria Powell<br/>1311 Lake View Ave<br/>Madison, WI 53704<br/><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://mejo.us">mejo.us</a><br/><b>Facebook:</b> None</p>  | <p>Reduce exposures to PFAS through effective community and political advocacy in Madison, Wisconsin by creating the People's PFAS Action Team (PPAT)</p>   | <p>Recruit and organize the People's PFAS Action Team (PPAT) with at least ten people from Madison's Truax neighborhood who are affected by PFAS pollution and willing to take actions to address it. Build the PPAT's collective capacity to identify and reduce PFAS exposures through community and political advocacy.</p> |
| <p><b>People for Community Recovery</b><br/>Courtney Hanson<br/>13330 S. Corliss</p>   | <p>Improve organizational capacity and impact through board leadership development and strategic planning.</p>  | <p>This project aims to recruit new board members, provide board training, establish a solid board governance structure and</p>  |

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| Chicago, IL 60827<br><b>Website:</b><br>peopleforcommunityrecover.org<br><b>Facebook:</b><br>facebook.com/PCRChicago/   |   | execute a collaborative strategic planning process to cover the next 3 years of work.  |
| <b>Philly Thrive</b><br>Alexa Ross<br>4840 Walton Ave<br>Philadelphia, PA 19143<br><b>Website:</b><br>PHILLYTHRIVE.ORG<br><b>Facebook:</b> PHILLY THRIVE  | Develop the leadership of key movement leaders within PhillyThrive and within the community.  | Development of leadership among black women who are already key community leaders in South Philadelphia.   |
| <b>Buckeye Environmental Network</b><br>Roxanne Groff<br>PO Box 824<br>Athens, OH 45701<br><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.benohio.org">www.benohio.org</a><br><b>Facebook:</b><br>Buckeye.Environmental.Network/   | Recruit new board members and increase the capacity of the Buckeye Environmental Network. Develop a new five-year strategic plan with the new board, new executive director and 10 organizational stakeholders.   | Refresh the board of directors and energize the group's members. Find a new executive director as the current ED will be retiring in July 2020. The new board will take office in December. Hold a weekend leadership training retreat for the new board leaders and the new executive director. |
| <b>Texas Campaign for the Environment Fund</b><br>Robin Schneider<br>105 W. Riverside #120<br>Austin, TX 78704<br><b>Website:</b><br><a href="http://www.texasenvironment.org/fund">www.texasenvironment.org/fund</a><br><b>Facebook:</b><br>facebook.comtexasenvironment | Empower communities to fight for more clean-up agreements and stronger remediation standards at toxic sites. Our work with affected communities is helping them become a healthier and safer place to live.   | Build grassroots pressure and a powerful coalition that will influence state officials to strengthen the toxic site cleanup and screening standards that are significantly less protective than the federal guidelines and those in other nearby conservative states.                            |
| <b>Citizens for a Clean Wausau</b><br>Thomas Kilian<br>133 E Thomas Street<br>Wausau, WI 54401<br><b>Website:</b> CleanWausau.com<br><b>Facebook:</b><br>facebook.com/CleanWausau/  | Compel the government to require the definition of the full extent and nature of industrial contamination. Attain remediation of contamination where it exceeds standards and halt the ongoing contamination of current sites so that potential health risks do not continue for the community. | Define an overarching path between where the group is today and achieving its goals in the future. Define current and new members' roles which should relieve some of the "growing pains" that are anticipated in the near future.   |
| <b>Powder River Basin Resource Council</b><br>Jill Morrison<br>934 N. Main Street   | Protect Wyoming's public health and safety from oil and gas development, as well as its natural resources. Work for   | Require protection of public health and safety from oil and gas drilling and development. Protect water, air, and land   |

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| <p>Sherian, WY 82801<br/> <b>Website:</b><br/> <a href="http://www.powderriverbasin.org">www.powderriverbasin.org</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b> @<br/> PowderRiverBasinResourceCouncil</p>   | <p>better enforcement and improvements to the existing rules. Work to prevent oil and gas contamination and clean up existing contamination from drilling, production, and waste sites.</p>   | <p>resources. Push for effective enforcement and regulatory improvements of existing rules, as well as the prevention and clean up of oil and gas contamination, drilling, production, and waste sites.</p>   |
| <p><b>Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League</b><br/> Louis Zeller<br/> PO Box 88<br/> Glendale Springs, NC 28629<br/> <b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.bredl.org">www.bredl.org</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b><br/> BlueRidgeEnvironmentalDefenseLeague/</p> | <p>BREDL respectfully requests \$17,700 to conduct their first Major Donor Ramp Up, a process for cultivating and soliciting the next generation of major donors who will support BREDL's operating budget through the year 2025.</p> | <p>The goal of BREDL's Major Donor Ramp Up is to develop relationships with 40 to 50 individuals in the geographic area served by our Coal Ash Campaign, who will each make a donation to BREDL between \$1,000 and \$50,000 by the end of 2020.</p>  |
| <p><b>Just Moms STL</b><br/> Karen Nickel<br/> P O Box 1761<br/> Maryland Heights, MO 63043<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> West Lake Landfill &amp; Just Moms STL</p>   | <p>Secure a safe and permanent solution at the West Lake/Bridgeton Landfill Superfund site, and educate residents and elected officials on the Final Remedy and radioactive contamination in the neighboring communities.</p>         | <p>Project goals include providing: immediate voluntary relocation assistance for homeowners located within one mile of landfill fence line; a fair market property value assurance for homeowners living within five miles of landfill for a minimum of five years; a safe and permanent solution to the radioactive wastes at the landfill; education and awareness resources within the community; and, organized records and documents.</p> |
| <p><b>Ohio Poor Peoples Campaign</b><br/> Rev Joan VanBecelaere<br/> PO Box 980<br/> Worthington, OH 43085<br/> <b>Website:</b> none<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> OhioPPC</p>   | <p>Publicly highlight the substantial ecological exploitation and devastation that residents are facing in Southeast Ohio through a tour of impacted areas and to collaboratively set an agenda to address those issues.</p>          | <p>Project goals include: Raising awareness of ecological issues in southeast Ohio; bringing together a diversity of groups to highlight the issues; developing a collaborative action agenda to address the issues; and, develop an action plan to achieve the agenda led by southeast Ohio impacted residents, as a step in a longer process.</p>   |
| <p><b>Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency (LEAD)</b><br/> Rebecca Jim<br/> 19289 South 4403 Drive</p>   | <p>Host a LEADs 21 Conference to bring national attention to the community on health and environmental issues</p>   | <p>Continue educating our community about environmental concerns, create opportunities for leadership and</p>   |



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| <p>Vinita, OK 74301<br/> <b>Website:</b><br/> <a href="http://www.leadagency.org/">http://www.leadagency.org/</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b><br/> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/leadagencyinc">https://www.facebook.com/leadagencyinc</a></p>   | <p>experienced at the site. Partial funding 2<sup>nd</sup> year VISTA</p>  | <p>re-engaging community on TAR Creek Superfund site.</p>   |
| <p><b>Appalachina Gas Working Group</b><br/> Dr. Randi Pokladnik<br/> PO Box 6753<br/> Huntington, WV 25772<br/> <b>Website:</b> none<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> none</p>   | <p>Organizational goals include: Educate and empower locals affected by the buildup of fracking, petrochemicals and plastics in the Ohio Valley; make community members aware of how plastics affect health and how they are tied to the Appalachian Storage Hub; and, train attendees in lifestyle changes to spur change in their communities.</p>             | <p>Ensure at least 15 community members understand the basics of plastics production and its relation to fracking. Commit to at least: write one LTE; share their knowledge with three others; adopt plastic reduction lifestyle changes; contact two public officials regarding petrochemicals and fracking in their communities.</p>                        |
| <p><b>Bayview Hunters Point</b><br/> Tony Kelly<br/> 1734 Newcomb Avenue<br/> San Francisco, CA 94124<br/> <b>Website:</b> none<br/> <b>Facebook:</b> none</p>   | <p>Support two retreats for its Board of Directors and senior staff in the fourth quarter of 2019 and the second quarter of 2020, to: build leadership capacity and recruit/secure new Board members; develop and ratify Strategic and Business plans; and, establish standards for ongoing program assessment and new opportunities for organizing.</p>         | <p>After eight months of volunteer work, Bayview Hunter Point is renewing its organization and launching innovative new programs. Following the retreats, it will have a strong organizational mandate for its programs and the assessment of those programs, and clearly defined paths to fundraising and institutional stability for the coming decade.</p> |
| <p><b>Alabama Interfaith Power and Light/People's Justice</b><br/> Rev. Michael Malcom<br/> 1500 Daniel Payne Drive Suite 102<br/> Birmingham, AL 35214<br/> <b>Website:</b><br/> <a href="http://thepeoplesjusticecouncil.org">thepeoplesjusticecouncil.org</a><br/> <b>Facebook:</b><br/> ThePeoplesJusticeCouncil</p> | <p>The PJC will engage faith and community leaders throughout North Birmingham on environmental justice and faith-based responses. The PJC will facilitate EJ and faith leaders in providing community training on grassroots organizing and facilitate the creation of an action plan to immediately address the environmental threats to North Birmingham.</p> | <p>Engage (at least) 20 faith and community leaders in North Birmingham and to create an action plan that gives North Birmingham residents tools to bring awareness of and calling for environmental justice at the 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Superfund site and the ill-affected areas surrounding it.</p>  |

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| <p><b>Coal River Mountain Watch</b><br/>Vernon Haltom<br/>7503 Coal River Road<br/>Naoma, WV 25140<br/><b>Website:</b> crmw.net<br/><b>Facebook:</b> CRMWSTOPMTR/</p>                 | <p>Empower and assist residents fighting back against irresponsible coal industry practices and compel regulatory agencies to do their jobs.</p>  | <p>Have mountaintop removal mining and other destructive coal industry operations shut down, denied, or delayed by monitoring the sites and permits for violations. Further train, empower and organize residents, and opposing new operations.</p>   |
| <p><b>Texas Health and Environment</b><br/>Jackie Young<br/>3262 Westheimer Rd. #142<br/>Houston, TX 77098<br/><b>Website:</b> txhea.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b> @TXHEA</p>              | <p>Ensure Houston has a safe, equitable environment for all who visit and live in the region. Abandoned toxic waste sites are a serious threat to human health and to the environment. In Harris County alone, there are more than 20 Superfund sites and hundreds of groundwater contamination cases each year.</p>                            | <p>The San Jacinto River Coalition works towards full remediation of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. For the Jones Rd. Project, the primary goal is to secure a safe drinking water source for residents and to conduct a health study with Texas Department of State Health Services.</p>   |
| <p><b>Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition</b><br/>P O Box 6753<br/>Huntington, WV 25773<br/><b>Website:</b> ohvec.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b> OhVEcInWV</p>                              | <p>Engaging affected residents in the process of devising goals and tactics to protect property and health from fracking gas extraction and petrochemical build out. Build people power and build relationships.</p>  | <p>Host a 2-day strategic planning session that includes affected residents. Devise a 1-3-year strategic plan to slow or stop fracking related development and petrochemical build out in WV, including the Appalachian Storage Hub. Petrochemical complex.</p>   |
| <p><b>GASP Al</b><br/>Michael Hansen<br/>2320 Highland Ave. S, Ste 270<br/>Birmingham, Al 35205<br/><b>Website:</b> gaspgroup.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/>facebook.com/gaspgroup</p> | <p>Support and develop Gasp’s grassroots outreach and community organizing efforts in “environmental justice communities” (low-income and majority-minority neighborhoods near sources of pollution) in the greater-Birmingham area — especially those in and adjacent to the 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue Superfund Site in northern Birmingham.</p> | <p>The two primary goals of the Environmental Justice Organizing Project are: to conduct grassroots organizing and outreach in order to significantly reduce industrial sources of pollution in the north Birmingham area and to rectify decades of environmental racism that still harms residents today</p> |
| <p><b>Neighbors Allied for Good Growth</b><br/>Anthony Buissereth<br/>110 Kent Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor<br/>Brooklyn, NY 11249<br/><b>Website:</b><br/>northbrooklynneighbors</p> | <p>NBN seeks to strengthen its community-based environmental justice and health advocacy and outreach by deepening its impact on air quality, toxic legacy, toxic site remediation. and trash and waste.</p>  | <p>Raise awareness of toxic legacy and organize residents around issues of environmental health. Create a map showing toxic hazards and provide informational resources. We aim to reach 4,000 residents.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Facebook:</b><br/>facebook.com/northbrooklynneighbors</p>   |   |   |
| <p><b>Chesapeake Climate Action</b><br/>Mike Tidwell<br/>PO BOX 11138<br/>Takoma Park, MD 20913<br/><b>Website:</b> chesapeakeclimate.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/>Facebook.com/ChesapeakeClimate</p>           | <p>Create alternatives to Hogan CARES through volunteer-led town hall meetings and speaking events at places of worship, which will help us diversify our base.</p>   | <p>Build up and diversify Chesapeake Climate Action's "snowflake" so volunteers become stronger leaders who are representative of the area.</p>   |
| <p><b>Better Path Coalition</b><br/>Karen Feridun<br/>260 East Main Street<br/>Kutztown, PA 19530<br/><b>Website:</b> betterpathcoalition.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/>facebook.com/betterpathpage/</p>         | <p>Have funds available to be able to respond quickly when opportunities present themselves to advance the goals of fighting the natural gas and petrochemical industries in our state, climate change and environmental injustice.</p> | <p>Our goal is to have funds available to be able to respond quickly when opportunities present themselves to advance the goals of fighting the natural gas and petrochemical industries in our state, climate change, and environmental injustice.</p> |
| <p><b>Rensselaire Environmental</b><br/>Peter Mannella<br/>36 Partition Street<br/>Rensselaer, NY 12144<br/><b>Website:</b><br/>dunnlandfill.weebly.com<br/><b>Facebook:</b><br/>facebook.com/DunnLandfill/</p> | <p>CHEJ organizers conduct trainings, messaging, and advocacy and Strategic Planning. With the attendance of Lois Gibbs and Stephen Lester to help group implement grassroots campaign.</p>   | <p>To shut down the Dunn C&amp;D dump, the state's largest C&amp;D dump and ensure Waste Connections does a health protective cleanup of the dump, school and impacted homes.</p>   |
| <p><b>Faith Communities Together</b><br/>Deborah Cowden<br/>3437 County Rd 959<br/>Loudonville, OH 44842<br/><b>Website:</b> factohio.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b> /FrackFreeCleveland</p>                          | <p>We aim to continue to champion the rights of those being unfairly affected by fracking, including many rural people with fewer financial assets and less power.</p>  | <p>We plan to undertake a strategic planning process this year. We want to plan to improve our fundraising, outreach to members and recruit interns.</p>  |
| <p><b>350 NH</b><br/>Lila Kohrman-Glaser<br/>4 Park St. Suite 304<br/>Concord, NH 03301<br/><b>Website:</b> 350nh.org<br/><b>Facebook:</b> facebook@350NH</p>   | <p>Build grassroots people power to force state regulators to deny permits for the proposed Granite Bridge fracked gas pipeline and tank. Educate thousands of people, build public opposition and take action to give the</p>          | <p>Stop the expansion of toxic and explosive fracked methane gas infrastructure in NH. Support the development of the environmental justice movement and build lasting local power in Southern NH.</p>  |

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|  | communities a voice in the decision-making process.  | Protect local communities, natural environments and drinking water sources from pollution and degradation.  |
| <b>Georgia Interfaith Power and Light/Peoples Justice</b><br>Codi Norred<br>701 S. Columbia Dr. Campus<br>Box #326<br>Decatur, GA 30300<br><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://gipl.org">gipl.org</a><br><b>Facebook:</b> /GeorgiaIPL/ | Educate the residents of Glynn County about the potential health impacts of four Superfund sites located there. Further ensure that these potential health impacts are taken into account by the county and cities as a key focus of their disaster and resilience planning. | Host at least 10-12 Superfund 101 workshops in congregations in Glynn County and have opportunities for meetings between the community, local stakeholders, and non-profit partners to determine a strategic plan to systematically address the community's concerns. |
| <b>Citizen Action WV</b><br>Gary Zuckett<br>1500 Dixie St.<br>Charleston, WV 26311<br><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://wvcaef.org">wvcaef.org</a> and <a href="http://wvcag.org">wvcag.org</a><br><b>Facebook:</b> /WVCAG/          | Mentor established grassroots EJ groups and build power around a just transition. Move toward jobs creating a solar and wind renewable economy.  | Identify new fence-line community leaders with passion for a just transition and provide them with tools to build local power.  |