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As this year comes to a close, 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 so much more to dozens of groups, including those shown here.



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SUMMARY OF 2018 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHEJ has had a very busy and exciting year. 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 because the federal government is not likely to take action or can't, due to EPA budget cuts and efforts to reverse regulatory protections.



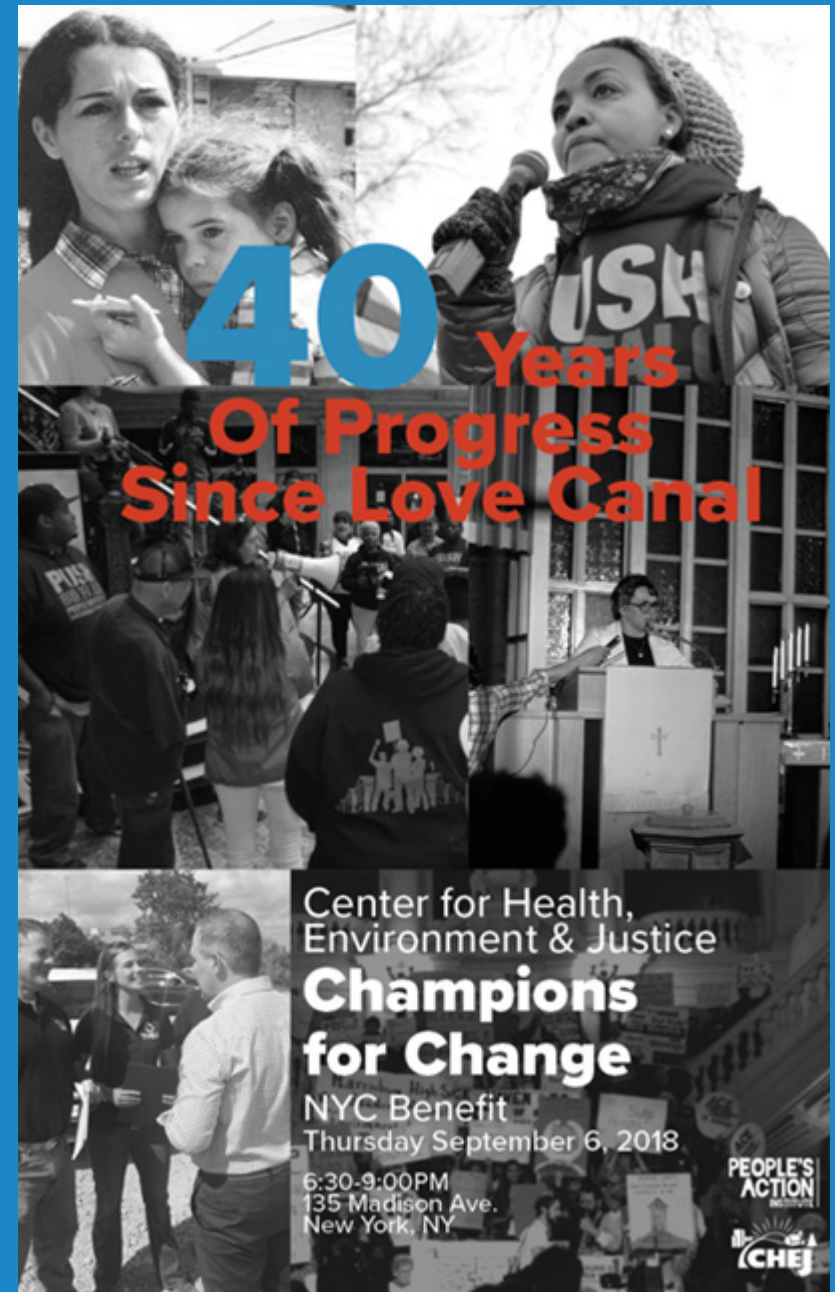
Lois Gibbs With Activist Jackie Young

Summary of 2018 Accomplishments

- Historically, local groups faced with serious environmental health risks would often wait for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to act instead of working with local and state legislators. Today, community leaders are much more engaged in strategies and organizing that is closer to home. Groups we have trained or worked with in other ways to advance their goals have had remarkable success. For example, West Virginia has withdrawn its permit for the Mountain Valley Pipeline. North Carolina has paused the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline for more study of the impact on surface and groundwater. Texas Health and Environment Alliance in Houston, TX won total removal of the waste in the local Superfund site. The Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League, a multi-chaptered organization, successfully stopped fracking in North Carolina by passing local ordinances.
- CHEJ trained 629 leaders from thirty-seven states and Canada through our training program series, which included the following sessions: How to Raise Money for Groups Through Individuals; The Importance of Civil Engagement; Children and Environmental Health; Contaminated Drinking Water; Media, Effective Messaging & Framing Your Issue; Fighting Pipelines on Every Front; Back to School Toxics Free; and Superfund – What you need to know about Trump's Plans.
- CHEJ utilized our small grants program to provide resources to grassroots groups. The groups received training and seed money to act on what they learned, as well as other capacity building needs. This year, we provided thirty-nine grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$18,000, totaling a sum of \$277,642 dollars to various deserving organizations across the country.

Summary of 2018 Accomplishments

- We've helped move forward fifteen Superfund sites that have been dormant for decades. At each of these Superfund sites, CHEJ strategically worked with community leaders to put together a realistic and strategic plan of action. We, alongside fence line Superfund community leaders, secured and facilitated four meetings with Administrators at EPA including Scott Pruitt and Andrew Wheeler. These meetings resulted in some form of positive action at the site of every leader who attended the meetings.
- CHEJ is now fully merged with People's Action Institute, allowing us to expand our reach in the field and build cross issue efforts. For example, when encouraging community leaders to call their legislators around the EPA budget cuts, we encouraged leaders to also mention their opinion around health care reform. The merger with People's Action and the following cross-pollination was celebrated at our Champions for Change event this past September. Champions for Change also raised support for our ongoing collaborative work.



HIGHLIGHTS OF CHEJ'S WORK IN 2018

Superfund Implementation Under Trump's EPA

In May of 2017, former Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the creation of a task force to recommend reforms to EPA's Superfund program. Although there are no records of its meetings, we know that the Task Force's issued 42 recommendations for reforms to the program are organized around five goals:

- Expediting cleanup and remediation
- Re-invigorating responsible party cleanup and reuse
- Encouraging private investment
- Promoting redevelopment and community revitalization
- Engaging partners and stakeholders

It is worth noting that protection of the public health and the environment are not included in these goals. While one of the stated goals is to engage stakeholders, no stakeholders were consulted in the formulation of the 42 recommendations. CHEJ's understanding is that EPA plans on moving the Superfund program forward as a priority throughout 2019.

1,344 active Superfund sites in the United States



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One of the recommendations was to create a "top ten list" for the Administrator's weekly attention. EPA published a list of 21 sites that would be targeted for "immediate, intense action," ostensibly in response to this recommendation. It is not clear what factors were used to choose sites for the "top ten list." Since the release of the report, CHEJ has had the opportunity to focus strategically on those 21 sites to hold EPA's feet to the fire and work with local leaders to get protective actions. The majority of the priority sites have responsible parties that are still in business and have adequate resources to fund the cleanup.

At the sites that were chosen as priority sites EPA has defined the cleanup plan, posted their Record of Decision in the federal register and have forced the responsible parties to come up with the funds needed to clean up those sites. Additionally, EPA warned some of the responsible parties against trying to fight the EPA in court, stating that if they attempt litigation, EPA will use the legal handles within the program against them. We believe EPA is using the triple damages clause to head off these possible retaliations from responsible parties. The clause is a provision of the Superfund law that allows EPA to recover triple its cleanup costs from responsible parties who refuse to comply with the agency's cleanup decision.



HIGHLIGHTS OF CHEJ'S WORK IN 2018

Superfund Implementation Under Trump's EPA

CHEJ has worked to ensure EPA is making progress in these new goals, particularly in terms of EPA's "engaging partners and stakeholders" objective. We asked for quarterly meetings at headquarters in D.C. for EPA to meet with community leaders from Superfund sites. EPA agreed, and CHEJ has been using those meetings to foster direct communication between

community leaders and EPA decision makers. The results have been effective. For example, a leader from New Hampshire stated the following:



"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for bringing me to DC to advocate for my community, as well as the greater Superfund community at large. Hearing the stories of my fellow advocates from around the country was emotional and inspiring. Potentially impacting growth in the Superfund program [is] priceless!"

HIGHLIGHTS OF CHEJ'S WORK IN 2018

Superfund Implementation Under Trump's EPA

CHEJ organized four meetings at EPA Headquarters in Washington, D.C for January 24, April 19, September 12 and August 6, 2018. Leaders from 15 different sites, representing 12 groups, attended the meetings. These leaders included:

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| Charlie Powell | People Against Neighborhood Industrial Contamination (PANIC) | Birmingham | AL |
| Linda Robles | EJ Task Force - AZ | Tucson | AZ |
| Destiny Duran | EJ Task Force - AZ | Tucson | AZ |
| Larry Davis | People Against Haz Wastes | East Chicago | IL |
| Dawn Chapman | Just Moms STL | St. Louis | MO |
| Karen Nickel | Just Moms STL | St. Louis | MO |
| Charlotte Keys | Jesus People Against Pollution | Columbia | MS |
| Lee Ann Smith | Power Action Group | Asheville | NC |
| Jillian Lane | Safe Water Action -Coakley Landfill | Greenville | NH |
| Anne Rabe | Hoosick Falls Concerned Citizens | Hoosick Falls | NY |
| Rebecca Jim | Local Environmental Action Demanded | Tar Creek | OK |
| Yvette Arellano | TX Environmental Justice Advocacy | Houston | TX |
| Rosanne Barone | Texas Campaign for the Environment | Houston | TX |
| Andrew Dobbs | Texas Campaign for the Environment | Austin | TX |
| Jackie Young | TX Health & Environment Alliance | Houston | TX |
| Susie Jenkins | Headwater Defense | Minden | WV |
| Kimberly Lilly | Headwater Defense | Minden | WV |
| Brandon Richardson | Headwater Defense | Minden | WV |

CHEJ worked the day before the meetings with these community leaders to ensure they would articulate their concerns and needs, wouldn't repeat each other, and would and would push for other related program changes. Following the meetings, we worked with leaders to strategically use the meeting and commitments by EPA to hold EPA accountable for achieving the community's goals.

2018 WINS RESULTING FROM OUR SUPERFUND PROGRAM

A subcommittee of community leaders is working with EPA Superfund Technical Assistance Grant program to streamline it and make the program more applicable to community needs. A clearer EPA process and community communications have been developed to assist leaders in better understanding and taking advantage of the program. CHEJ helped secure a \$50,000 grant for the East Chicago, IN site, which is comprised of a low-income African American community. The community was partially evacuated earlier this year, and needed funds for a technical consultant.

We have moved sites forward that have been dormant for decades. At each of the Superfund sites listed below CHEJ strategically worked with local leaders to put together a strategic plan of action.

\$115 MILLION-DOLLAR CLEAN UP IN HOUSTON, TX

Polluted By: International Paper/Waste Management

This cleanup took place at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site and is a total removal of the wastes. Jackie Young, the local leader at this site, really took Scott Pruitt on. When he was touring the site to assess an area flooded by Hurricane

Harvey, Jackie drove her car to the only access road and blocked the road so Pruitt and his security team could not leave until they heard her explain the community's side of the story. Total removal of the site was announced by EPA a few months later with the polluters, not the taxpayers, paying the costs.



Photo: Michael Paulsen

2018 WINS RESULTING FROM OUR SUPERFUND PROGRAM

\$205 MILLION-DOLLAR CLEAN UP IN ST. LOUIS, MO

Polluted By: Manhattan Project Wastes and Republic Services
Agreement to remove all the radioactive waste and store it above ground in a bunker was secured. The turning point for this site came when now former EPA advisor Albert Kelly agreed to visit and hear about the problem. A group CHEJ works with, Just Moms, took control of the meeting, the room set-up, the meeting's agenda, and turned out hundreds of people. Thirty-eight people spoke at the meeting, describing their problems living next to a burning landfill. CHEJ helped them define their strategy and traveled to St. Louis the day before the meeting with Kelly to run through the plan of action and to help the speakers be clear, short and cohesive. It worked. All the radioactive wastes will be removed, and the polluters will pay the costs.

HOOSICK FALLS, NY

Polluted By: Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics
After inviting a local leader to our September quarterly meeting at EPA Headquarters, EPA visited the site and met with the community. Residents in Hoosick Falls were told not to drink the water because the municipal water supply had tested at 600 parts per trillion (ppt) of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). The EPA health standard is 70 ppt. The community also has a pediatric cancer cluster which families believe are related to water contamination. EPA agreed to continue to test for contamination and if necessary, provide permanent clean water supply to the entire community. The testing and new water wells are moving forward.

\$ 85 MILLION-DOLLAR CLEANUP, EAST CHICAGO, IL

USS Lead
1,000 people in a subsidized housing complex built on top of lead smelter waste were evacuated in October. The community was found to have high levels of lead and arsenic in the soil of yards and parks. In 2009, the site was placed on the Superfund list and signs were posted throughout the community, "Don't Let Kids Play In Dirt." Many of the over 800 children in this community had levels of lead 3 times the safe limit in their blood. The cleanup has begun on sections of the community and the subsidized housing has been torn down. What began as a lead crisis quickly evolved into a public health and housing crisis. Where do 1,000 people find affordable housing in East Chicago? In October 2018 the community group, with CHEJ's assistance, was able to secure a technical assistance grant.

COAKLEY LANDFILL, NH

Polluted By: Coakley Landfill Group
Leaders attending CHEJ's September quarterly EPA meeting convinced EPA to visit the site and meet with the larger community. PFOA, PFOS, and 1,4-dioxane have been found in groundwater monitoring wells at the site at levels exceeding EPA health advisories. These chemicals have also been found in residential drinking wells. EPA agreed to test the aquifer and provide alternative water to the community through a new well if tests show contamination. CHEJ secured the meeting with high-level EPA staff and worked in advance with the community to ensure the best results from the in-person meeting and to secure water replacement wells if necessary.

2018 WINS RESULTING FROM OUR SUPERFUND PROGRAM

SILVER BOW CREEK, MT

Polluted By: Atlantic Richfield Company

The Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area site is in Butte, Montana and includes 26 miles of stream and stream side habitat contaminated by mining operations. The community won a change in the record of decision document for cleanup, with EPA announcing new cleanup goals to be completed in the approximately 30-mile Superfund site by 2024. It is very difficult to get a Record of Decision changed, especially when up against a polluter like Atlantic Richfield, who has not yet released the total costs to the public. Butte has been listed on the National Priorities List of contaminated sites for more than 35 years. The 2024 delisting date includes the entire site, including Berkeley Pit. A new record of decision is scheduled for early 2019.



Brad Tyer

MINDEN, WEST VIRGINIA

Polluted By: Shaffer Equipment

In October 2018 EPA announced its proposal to add the Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek Area Site in Minden, West Virginia to the National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund sites. The site, contaminated with PCBs, was used more than 30 years ago to manufacture electrical equipment for the local coal mining industry. The first action by EPA was in 1984 under their Emergency Cleanup program, but little was done when the technology used to clean up the site failed. Local activists say that by their count, roughly a third of Minden residents have died from or been diagnosed with cancer in recent years. The Minden Community greeted the announcement with mixed feelings. While relieved that the site will finally be cleaned up, many questions remain about how much of the contamination will be covered by the cleanup. They also know it's going to take a long time to get it done. For this reason, the group is continuing to focus on relocation for the families who live around the site.



Joe Puchek

2018 WINS RESULTING FROM OUR SUPERFUND PROGRAM

BIRMINGHAM, AL

Polluted By: ABC Coke/Drummond

Like with Minden, WV, CHEJ is working with EPA and leaders from Birmingham, AL to try and get this site, which is contaminated with lead and arsenic, on the National Priority List so they too will receive full attention and access to public participation programs. The site was proposed for Superfund Listing in 2014 but corruption within the state government and payoffs by the polluter Drummond stopped the process. On July 22, 2018 a federal jury in Birmingham found Drummond vice president David Roberson and Balch lawyer

Joel Gilbert guilty on public corruption charges, including bribery, fraud, money laundering, and conspiracy -- all related to bribing former state Rep. Oliver Robinson, who stepped down. An Environmental Protection Agency administrator and a former Alabama Environmental Management commissioner was indicted on ethics charges on November 14, 2018.

This low-income African American community has lead and arsenic contamination throughout the neighborhood. EPA has only agreed to remove the surface soils in yards that had levels above the health standard. The polluter, an ABC Coke facility of Drummond

Company, continues to spew black smoke with lead and arsenic through the air and back onto the yards and homes. Additionally, there are mountains of coal ash that blow through the community on windy days. Nothing is being done about either of these on-going contamination issues.

Instead of stopping toxic air emissions from the industrial coke plant and properly cleaning up the contaminated soil throughout the community, EPA and health authorities gave each family a piece of paper. It included a list of things the families should do –rather than actions the polluter ought to take– to avoid exposures to chemicals in their air and backyard soil. For instance, EPA recommended that families “undress the children at the doorway so any chemical that gets onto their clothes and shoes will not be tracked into the home.”



Birmingham mother has her son tested for lead poisoning

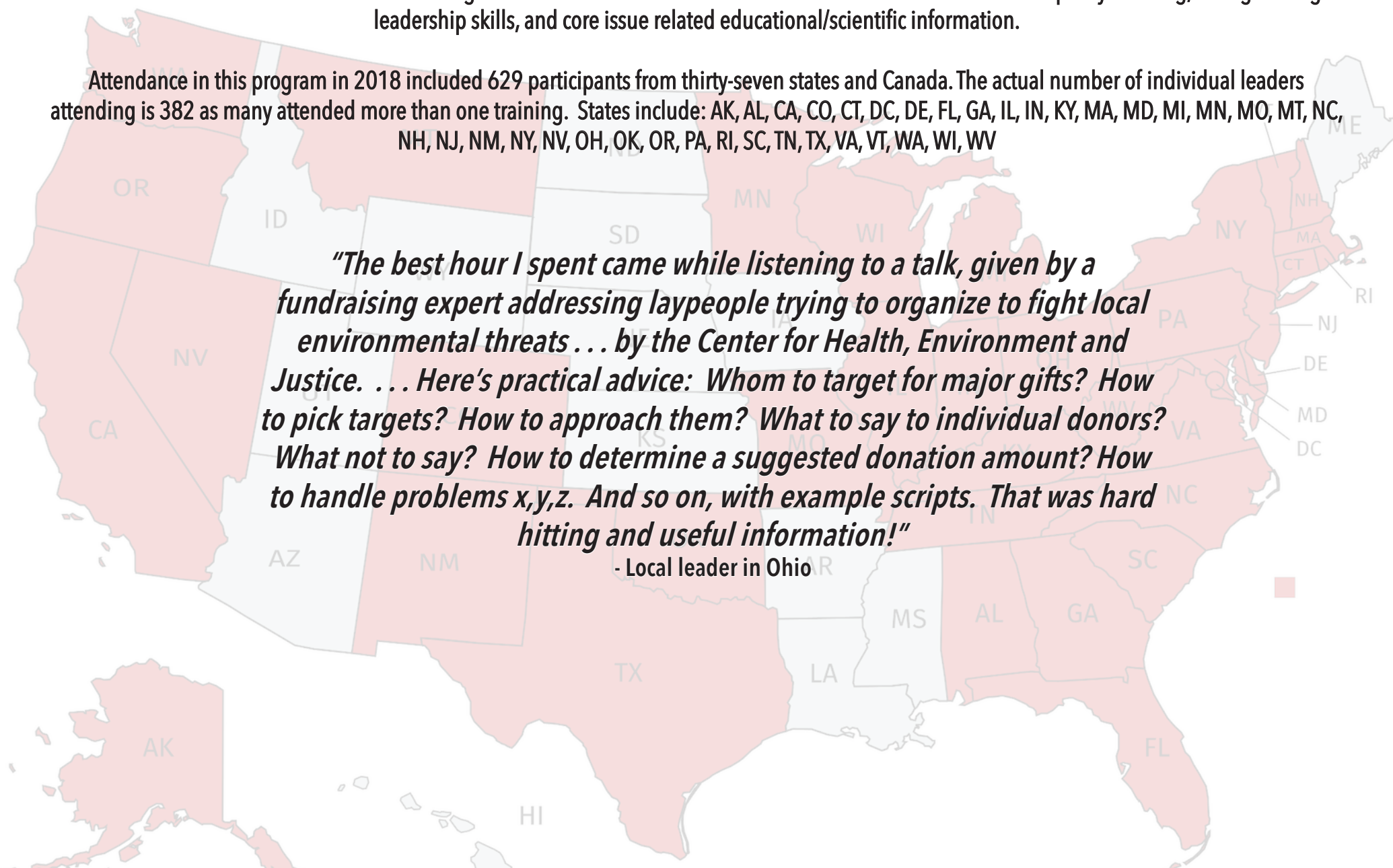


Mountain of coal ash

CHEJ'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM CONTINUED THROUGHOUT 2018

Grassroots leaders look forward to our trainings as we work to make the information accessible and focused on capacity building, strengthening leadership skills, and core issue related educational/scientific information.

Attendance in this program in 2018 included 629 participants from thirty-seven states and Canada. The actual number of individual leaders attending is 382 as many attended more than one training. States include: AK, AL, CA, CO, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NV, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV



"The best hour I spent came while listening to a talk, given by a fundraising expert addressing laypeople trying to organize to fight local environmental threats . . . by the Center for Health, Environment and Justice. . . . Here's practical advice: Whom to target for major gifts? How to pick targets? How to approach them? What to say to individual donors? What not to say? How to determine a suggested donation amount? How to handle problems x,y,z. And so on, with example scripts. That was hard hitting and useful information!"

- Local leader in Ohio

CHEJ'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM CONTINUED THROUGHOUT 2018

Trainings:

How to Raise Money for Groups Through Individuals – Training on how to build a donor campaign that will support the organization's important work year after year.

The Importance of Civil Engagement – Why civil engagement is important. Getting involved in community affairs and exploring taking a major step and running for office.

Children and Environmental Health – Exploring the link between chemical exposure and adverse health effects on children and steps impacted residents can take to protect their families.

Contaminated Drinking Water – What impacted residents need to know about a new federal program with \$5.5 billion for replacing lead pipes. Learn about water testing, particularly for lead, including what leaders need to know about testing, what to look for, who should do the testing, and how testing should be done.

Media, Effective Messaging & Framing Your Issue – Learn how to sharpen skills for communicating with the media and the public. This training will help to build skills in order to advance messages that make a difference, inspire, galvanize and give voice.

Fighting Pipelines on Every Front – At the local, state and federal levels fighting every permit, no matter how small it might seem. Looking at ordinances on the local levels that can be changed in advance, like floodplain ordinances, or the ordinance which allowed the compressor station.

Back to School Toxics Free – What residents need to know to avoid buying school products that contain toxic chemicals. Providing USPIRG's shopping guide to serve as a vital tool for finding products free of several types of toxic chemicals.

Superfund – Necessary information regarding Trump's Plans. How to hold the EPA's feet to the fire and win protective cleanups.

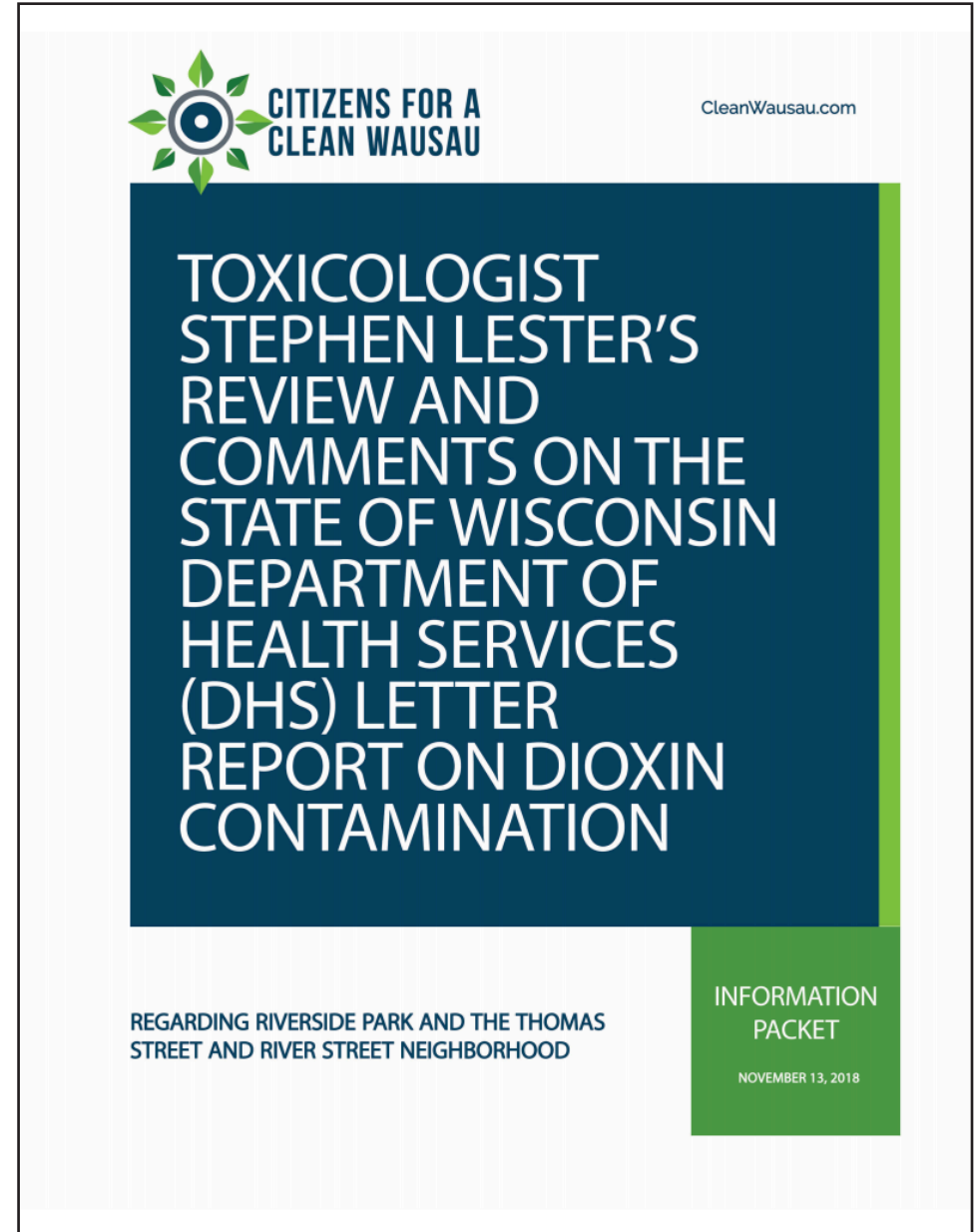
TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE

"Can't tell you how much I appreciate your wisdom and accessibility. I will do my best to take these next steps as we outlined...[Thanks] tons!!!"

- Leader from Oklahoma City, OK

Community organizations need scientific and technical support to truly understand the data and conclusions in many state and federal studies on health or environmental impacts from a source of pollution. To hire someone with the right expertise is very expensive, which makes technical consultants out of reach for most communities.

CHEJ fills this need through our scientific and technical program. Not only do groups receive the information and explanation they are seeking but they obtain help from someone who can be trusted. CHEJ technical and scientific staff have no stake, financial or politically in the local site, so our critiques are impartial information that assist the community in understanding and addressing the situation. Below are a few examples of the types of technical reviews CHEJ has completed.



TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE

YANKTON SIOUX TRIBE/ WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS – YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA, CHEJ is working with the Yankton Sioux who are developing a co-management plan for the Missouri River watershed that will restore traditional Native practices of water and land management. To realize this goal, the tribe is generating an inventory of the plants, wildlife, water, aquatic life, and cultural and ceremonial sites at the targeted area. CHEJ's role in the project is to define the existing water quality on reservation land along a targeted portion of the Missouri River. To achieve this goal, CHEJ has been gathering existing water quality data and identifying pollution sources including non-point sources on both reservation and non-reservation land. Once collected, the data will be analyzed and presented in a simple, user-friendly way.

"We can't tell you how grateful we are for CHEJ. You've been our rock and have been there for us throughout the fight, since 2014. CHEJ's worked closely every step of the way and [we] couldn't have won [this fight] without your help. Thank you."

- Community Leader from St. Louis, Missouri

JUST MOMS STL/ BRIDGETON-WEST LAKE LANDFILL – BRIDGETON, MISSOURI, For more than six years, efforts to control an underground landfill fire at the Bridgeton Landfill in St. Louis County, MO failed as complaints about odors and concerns about health effects increased. This landfill is part of a large complex that includes a federal Superfund site where 8,000 tons of highly radioactive waste is buried in the West Lake Landfill which is unlined and sits immediately adjacent.

To address these concerns, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) completed a Health Consultation report. CHEJ reviewed this report and submitted comments during the public comment period. Although ATSDR verified that emissions from the landfill are affecting people's health, CHEJ pointed out that these findings underestimate the true health risks. Exposure to volatile chemicals such as benzene that are present in the landfill gas were not included in ATSDR's analysis. Even worse, the government failed to share what it knew about the health risks (done through real time monitors) with the public when they occurred to warn people of the increased levels of toxic chemicals coming from the landfill.

FRIENDS OF LACKAWANNA/KEYSTONE LANDFILL – DUNMORE, PENNSYLVANIA, For 30 years the towns of Dunmore and Throop have been home to one of the largest landfills in the state. Friends of Lackawanna (FOL) formed to stop the expansion of this landfill which is located in the midst of several thriving residential communities. The expansion would add over 100 million tons of trash and create a mountain of garbage twice the current height, making it higher than the Statue of Liberty. ATSDR conducted a health consultation which CHEJ reviewed and submitted comments during the public comment period. CHEJ pointed out that ATSDR's review was incomplete because it relied on limited available environmental and health data to draw its conclusions and recommendations. ATSDR also failed to conduct an analysis of the cumulative risks the residents living near the landfill face and to discuss how the use of limited environmental and health data impacts its analysis and evaluation of the public health risks posed by the Keystone Landfill.

TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC ASSISTANCE

CITIZENS FOR A CLEAN WAUSAU/SOIL CONTAMINATION – WAUSAU, WISCONSIN, Residents living immediately adjacent to the former Wauleco window manufacturing site were struggling to understand the extent of dioxin contamination in their neighborhood. The company used the wood preservative pentachlorophenol in its manufacturing process, which generated significant dioxin emissions. Soil samples taken by the state showed significant dioxin levels in soil and a report by the state's toxicologist found no cause for alarm. However, CHEJ's review of this report found that the risk calculations and analysis conducted by the state failed to consider the cancer risk posed by exposure to dioxins. Only the non-cancer risks posed by exposure to dioxin were considered. The risk of developing cancer is the most dominant and important risk posed by exposure to dioxin. CHEJ included other concerns in its letter report to the group and is continuing to work with the community.

PROJECT FAITH APARTMENTS/INDOOR AIR QUALITY ANALYSIS – KING GEORGE, VIRGINIA, CHEJ reviewed several independent reports that evaluated the indoor air conditions at the Project Faith Apartment Complex and prepared a written report. Air samples were collected from several homes in the apartment complex following numerous complaints about poor air quality and adverse health effects people believed were related to the poor air quality. The air was analyzed for particles, gases, chemical pollutants, and mold as well as ambient temperature and humidity. CHEJ found that in all cases, the underlying issues identified in these reports appeared to be connected to unacceptably low ventilation rates. The residents at this apartment complex had reported a series of health problems consistent with the expected symptoms of an under-aerated living environment. After reviewing the two reports, CHEJ concluded that there was ample evidence that the air quality and the ventilation in the tested homes was inadequate and may be the source of the adverse health symptoms experienced by residents.



**Friends of
Lackawanna**



**CITIZENS FOR A
CLEAN WAUSAU**

JUST MOMS



COMMUNITY SKILL TRAINING & ASSISTANCE

"Excellent job organizing the board development/ strategic planning retreat. We have a lot of good ideas to chew on (I would say ruminate, but that'd be elitist). Having Lois Gibb's vast experience and ideas gives us a better perspective on what we need to do and where we need to go."

- Leader from Georgia

TONAWANDA COKE – SHUT DOWN AND WORKERS TRANSITIONING, Clean Air Coalition of Western New York, (CAC) had a major victory this year. This December 2018 they shut the polluting facility down. Despite efforts by New York State and EPA, Tonawanda Coke Corporation would not run its facility in compliance with state and federal environmental law. EPA is taking all necessary steps since shut down to safeguard the community and secure the facility while looking towards future cleanup needs.

In addition to the shutdown, CAC won support for the 100+ workers at the plant for retraining and succeeded in obtaining the creation of a rapid response unit at the Department of Labor to specifically support their transition. Despite these victories, there is still a great deal to be done to protect the community, including the cleanup of the coal ash sites.

Over the years, CHEJ has provided leadership training, organizational capacity building assistance, and other training to leaders within CAC. In fact, CAC established a Lois Gibbs Fellowship which focuses on building activists' skills and fostering relationships between grassroots actors and decision makers. This Fellowship program is a 9-month program that provides citizen leaders with the tools and training to build sustained political will to improve the environment and health in Western New York neighborhoods.

This facility was releasing benzene and other chemicals into the air of the surrounding neighborhoods. In December 2009, more than 50 federal and state agents raided the Tonawanda Coke facility, spending most of the day collecting evidence for an ongoing investigation. Tonawanda Coke was convicted in 2013 of violating federal law for releasing coke oven gas containing the carcinogen benzene into the air and improperly handling hazardous sludge on the ground. As part of its sentence, it was fined \$12.5 million and required to pay up to \$12.2 million to fund two studies of the health and environmental impacts of the facility on the community.



COMMUNITY SKILL TRAINING & ASSISTANCE

QUINDARO, KANSAS STOPS A DUMP & PROTECT HISTORICAL UNDERGROUND RAILROAD SITE,

This was a huge victory on many levels for a small town in Kansas. Years ago, Quindaro, KS was targeted for a new landfill. This is an historic African American low-income community. It is well known as a part of the Underground Railroad Network for Freedom. The ruins of the town of Quindaro therefore hold a unique three-fold significance as a Bleeding Kansas site, a stop on the Underground Railroad, and the site of an enduring African American community founded by freed slaves. The community reached out to CHEJ for assistance in organizing the community and helping to develop a strategic plan for beating back the landfill, which would be located at the center of this historical site. Part of the strategic plan was how to move forward after they win to protect this valuable place in the future.

The community successfully stopped the landfill and then went on to ensure the future of this historic community would be preserved. They requested protective status for the location from the National Register of Historic Places. In October, they won the designation.

TUCSON, AZ ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE,

Local leaders in Tucson are dealing with a nasty contaminated site which they believe is releasing chemicals into the air around and in the C.E. Rose Elementary School. New leaders have emerged and CHEJ worked with this core group to expand their reach and build a strong community organization to address this new threat. We held bi-weekly calls with the leadership and travelled to Tucson provide to one-on-one training to leaders. The leaders then successfully built a community organization and convinced EPA to meet with them, tour the site and began negotiations on what needs to be done to protect the school children, teachers and families living around the site.

CLEAN AIR COALITION, PITTSBURG, PA,

CHEJ worked with groups across the state to advance a new state plan of action. Two hundred and fifty people attended the large group meeting to discuss an organizing plan to build support across the state around fracking and pipeline proposals. The discussed plan involves developing groups of ten people to recruit groups of ten other people. PA has been besieged with gas related activities that have destroyed the environment and placed public health at grave risk.

COSHOCTON ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY AWARENESS (CECA), COSHOCTON, OH,

CHEJ's history with CECA goes back to 2011 when horizontal fracking first started in Ohio. The small group fought to stop three class II injection wells but failed. In 2018, CHEJ learned that the owner of the three injection wells had applied to convert two of the wells into class 1 hazardous waste injection wells. The same owners were responsible for the now-closed facility in Winona, Texas that had caused many health problems for the Winona community. CHEJ was able to reach out to the leader of the Texas group. The leader then agreed to come to Ohio to speak to the community about what they had experienced in Texas and to testify at the public hearing held by the state agency. The group turned out over 300 people for the hearing and got their Senator to request that the agency extend the comment period for 30 days. This is an ongoing fight and CHEJ continues to provide training, technical and organizing assistance to the group.

COMMUNITY SKILL TRAINING & ASSISTANCE

BROAD RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION, BOWMAN, GA

This group has been around since 1991, and like many groups within the network, they were ready to review their board makeup, their organizational capacity, and work on growing their membership. CHEJ worked with the Board of Directors and members of this group to develop a new organizational and strategic plan to grow their membership, increase involvement from members and recruit for new board positions.

ELYRIA AND SWANSEA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, DENVER, CO

This group comes from a mostly low-income, Latino neighborhood, and is among areas targeted for demolition by the Colorado Department of Transportation to undertake a five-year construction project to widen a 12-mile stretch of Interstate 70. The community also has one of the more serious toxic Superfund sites of the neighborhoods, at the location of the former Omaha and Grant Smelter, that does not yet have a comprehensive remediation plan. CHEJ assisted the neighborhood association with strategic planning to focus their efforts, and prioritize their goals and plan of action. The group decided that they would begin by focusing on the immediate expansion plan for interstate I-70 through the lens of a low income, minority community.

"It's an issue of economic justice. The project would force the displacement of people of color and the poor,"

- Leader from Denver, CO

"Texas has been a sacrifice zone for polluting industries for far too long, and everywhere we go in the state Texans are fed up and demanding action from their members of Congress—Republican and Democrat alike. We will be delivering these thousands of original, often handwritten messages to members' offices when we travel to Washington to meet with EPA officials and our colleagues from around the country."

- Leader in Austin, Texas



ATLANTIC COAST'S 600-MILE PIPELINE HITS MORE DELAYS IN NORTH CAROLINA

"We cannot express enough what it has meant to have your support for our work in Buckingham County, Virginia. It has made all the difference for our grassroots community organizing activities. To have Lois as our chief judge for the People's Tribunal was a huge boost for all of us across both the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina route and the Mountain Valley Pipeline's Virginia route."

- Leader in Buckingham, Virginia

A federal appeals court in Richmond, VA ruled on December 10th that work must stop on the pipeline until March, when courts are set to review federal permits that allow the pipeline to operate in the habitat of four endangered species.

North Carolina regulators delayed making a decision on the 600-mile Atlantic Coast Pipeline's clean water certificate and postponed several other environmental permits. The primary issues groups are working to remedy include:

Environmental Justice: In all but one county along the pipeline's 180-mile route in North Carolina, African Americans, Native Americans and those living in poverty make up a greater percentage of the population than the statewide average. More than a quarter of the state's Native Americans live along the project's path.

Air Quality: Project developers need to convince state regulators that emissions of smog, soot, and other toxic pollutants from a compressor station at the Virginia border won't exceed allowable limits. The African American community in Northampton County where the compressor is proposed is already over-burdened with toxic emissions.

Rivers and streams: The biggest test for pipeline developers is showing regulators they will minimize harm to the state's waterways, wetlands, and to dozens of rare and endangered species that dwell there.

Sedimentation and Erosion: On top of the 401-water permit, the state must approve the pipeline developers' plans to minimize erosion and sedimentation during construction. These are the leading sources of water pollution in the state.

Polluted runoff: Metering stations and contractors' yards along the pipeline's route will convert over a dozen acres of forests and farmland to concrete, creating polluted runoff. Regulators have asked for more information before it will approve two stormwater permits for these activities. This victory follows on the heels of BREDL's Stop the Pipeline Tour last year from NC through Virginia.



WHY CHEJ'S ORGANIZING AND TRAINING MATTERS

CHEJ's training and mentoring, and a small amount of resources can create Superheroes. Just a little more than three years ago, Jackie Young, director of Texas Health Environmental Alliance (THEA), moved from a concerned individual to a sophisticated advocate. In 2014 she told CHEJ she wanted to start a group to work on toxic sites in Houston, Texas. CHEJ worked to help her clarify her goals, objectives and audience. She raised \$250,000 in six months, turned out hundreds of people and developed a strategic plan.

When Harvey hit Houston, her primary waste site was underwater. Dioxins, mercury, and other toxins washed up on local yards. The community near the site is low income and multiracial. EPA's No Fishing sign looked out of place among the dirt and yards dotted with silver beads of mercury.

When EPA came to Texas before the storm, they extended an invitation to meet if she came alone. Jackie refused. After Harvey dropped over 50 inches of rain in the Houston area, Jackie received an e-mail from a journalist wanting to know if she was joining Administrator Pruitt on his tour around the San Jacinto Waste Pits Superfund site. Yes, she said even though she had no idea he was coming, and she wasn't invited. She drove her car with her colleague to the only access road, blocked it and waited for Pruitt to return in his car. When he arrived, surrounded by journalists, she ambushed him with a folder of information and told the community's story. THEA has been working to get the toxics out of their community for 3 years. Families fish in the San Jacinto River despite the warnings, because they are poor and need to feed their families. This toxic site must be cleaned up. Two weeks later Pruitt announced that EPA will remove all the waste and make the responsible parties pay for the cleanup.

CHEJ is proud of this story as it shows how ordinary people can organize and make a difference with training, resources and mentoring. The victory isn't the cleanup, it's that people have engaged, realized the power of people working together and have confidence going into the next struggle.

Jackie Young received our Champion of Change Award this year along with Dr. Beverly Paigen the scientist who helped win relocation for Love Canal families forty years ago and several members of People United for Sustainable Housing Buffalo's (PUSH Buffalo).



CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE EVENT



On September 6th, we celebrated 40 years of progress since Love Canal and our exciting merger with People's Action Institute at our Champions of Change reception in New York City.

This year we honored the work and achievements of Jackie Young in special recognition of the on-the-ground work of grassroots leaders from frontline communities in Houston, Texas; Beverly Paigen the scientist who documented the health impacts at Love Canal; and Lucy (Luz) Velez and Christian Parra representing People United for Sustainable Housing in Buffalo, NY for their organizational efforts to provide safe, energy efficient homes for low income families. Fun was had by all and we raised necessary financial support to continue our work this coming year.

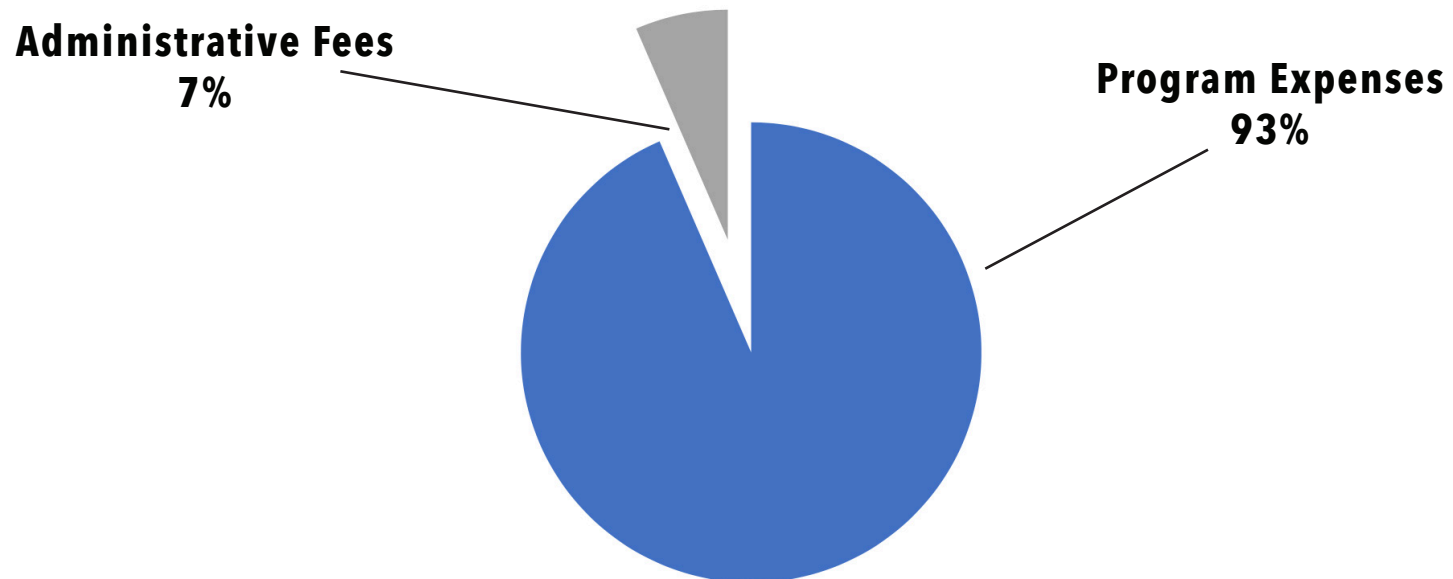


OUR FINANCES BY THE NUMBERS

2018 CHEJ REVENUE



2018 CHEJ EXPENSES



CHEJ'S SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

"We are thrilled to be partnering with CHEJ and [are] ready to move forward with the project! I want to especially thank you for all of your time and valuable input in the proposal writing process - it has been wonderful to work with you and looking forward to continuing."

- Leader from Traverse City, MI

This program is designed to support grassroots groups working on environmental health and justice issues. Grassroots communities of color, low wealth, rural and urban groups are encouraged to apply. The program supports projects that help groups move toward their goals by building leadership, increasing capacity and/or providing training and education. A priority of CHEJ's Small Grants Program is to help grassroots community groups to build their capacity. The program was created especially to reach people from low wealth communities and communities of color who are impacted by environmental harms.

In 2018, CHEJ's small grants program provided resources to grassroots groups who received training and/or seed money to act on what they learned. Using the qualifying application we provided thirty-nine grants that ranged from \$1,000 to \$18,000 totaling \$277,642 dollars to organizations across the country. The following list provides the details of the amazing organizations we supported from the field.



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| Albany County Clean Water Advocates Laramie, WY 82070 Website: www.albanycountycleanwateradvocates.org Facebook: Albany County Clean Water Advocates \$1,000 | To expand our activist base and educate the general public through better use of social media and graphics. Coupled with conventional community organizing tactics to pressure relevant decision makers. | Utilize improved educational materials and outreach techniques to mobilize public support for aquifer protection, regulation and enforcement. |
| Benton Township Quarry Dumping Opposition Graytown, OH 43432 Website: www.stopquarrydumtping.com Facebook: Benton Township Quarry Dumping Opposition \$5,000 | Grow the number of local resident activists in our group, continue the information stream to the public and continue our monitoring and reporting efforts to close the landfill. | Continue to build community involvement, increase exposure through media, Facebook, website and signage. Monitor activity at the quarry. |
| Broad River Watershed Association (BRWA) Bowman, GA 30624 Website: www.brwa.org/ Facebook: www.facebook.com/BRWAGeorgia/ \$2,925 | Board capacity-building workshop with an emphasis on the process of institutional visioning and strategic planning. This will help BRWA to become more effective. | Grow leadership capacity; provide guidance and structure in the development and implementation of a strategic plan; grow membership and increase involvement and recruitment for board positions. |
| Citizens to Preserve Ligonier Valley, Inc. Ligonier, PA 15658 Website: http://cplvweb.com/preserveligoniertwp Facebook: none \$5,000 | To inform and engage our citizens on the importance of preserving clean air, water, land, and ourselves from the health and environmental destruction caused by unconventional drilling. | To learn more effective strategies to inform community members of the dangers of fracking to our health and environment and to engage them to join our efforts. |
| Coshocton Environmental and Community Awareness (CECA) Warsaw, OH 43844 Website: www.CecAware.org Facebook: none \$5,000 | To have Ohio EPA deny conversion of class II well to class I hazardous waste wells and to build our group capacity. | Stop the conversion of the two Buckeye Brine wells and receive training to build our group capacity. |
| Fairbanks Climate Action Coalition Fairbanks, AK 99709 Website: www.fairbanksclimateaction.org Facebook: none \$5,000 | Build community capacity and skills for nonviolent direct action by organizing workshops in Alaska. Develop a tactical toolkit for effective resistance against fuel extraction in Alaska. | Capacity and skills for nonviolent resistance to extractive and polluting projects being pushed in Alaska. Elevate the voices of Alaska Native groups who are resisting the desecration of sacred and traditional lands and waters. |

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| Faith Communities Together for a Sustainable Future FaCT Ohio Loudonville, OH 44842 Website: www.factohio.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/frackfreeCleveland \$4,620 | Aid groups in southeast Ohio dealing with shale development. We will offer leadership training, suggestions for mitigating health exposures in the face of shale development, regional networking opportunities. | Develop new chapters of FaCT Ohio, increase membership, develop contacts throughout Ohio. Hire an intern to help plan and implement this program and facilitate utilizing social media. |
| Hillsboro Air & Water Forest Grove, OR 97116 Website: www.hillsboroairandwater.org Facebook: none \$5,000 | Increase mailing list from 75 to 125. We request help in skill-building sessions to develop organizational structure, build broad base coalition, work with media, to develop a strategic plan. | Build sufficient citizen power to allow our voices to be heard. Develop a strong organizational structure. To develop a powerful media message and a three-year strategic plan. |
| Headwaters, Inc. Whitesburg, KY 41858 Website: www.kyheadwaters.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/kyheadwaters/ \$3,500 | To facilitate the development of a detailed, strategic plan for Headwaters. With input of the board, this plan will create a blueprint for the next few years and provide how the organization will carry out its mission. | Review of bylaws, mission, vision, and individual board member roles; development of a recruitment strategy for board members. Creation of detailed plans for fundraising, coalition building and social media. Beginning of strategic plan implementation. |
| Liveable Arlington Arlington, TX 76012 Website: https://savelakearlington.org Facebook: none \$3,500 | Community outreach to organize Arlington against new gas well permitting. Most residents are not aware when hearings are scheduled, or how to participate in them and make change. | To support and empower Arlington neighborhoods, to fight permitting of new wells close to homes, to build community opposition to drilling through our campaign to stop new gas wells permits. |
| Southern Illinoisans Against Fracturing Our Environment (SAFE) Vienna, IL 62906 Website: dontfractureillinois.net Facebook: www.facebook.com/dontfractureillinois/ \$5,000 | Bottoms up organizing strategies, acquire data to assist environmental groups working on drinking water and health legislation, oppose new infrastructure and support shifting our economy to renewable energy solution. | Organize oil and gas communities using the Toxic Trespass assessment model, empower marginalized, rural communities to use their voice about laws affecting water, health, property rights and environment. Support legislation for a transition to clean energy. |
| Torch Clean Air Now, Defend Ohio (Torch CAN DO) Coolville, OH 45723 Website: www.torchcando.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/torchcando \$5,000 | We have been working tirelessly to protect communities and our natural resources from the growing threat from fracking and the greater risk of accident and toxic waste spills like the one our community just had. | After going through the "Citizens as First Responders" training we realize we need to not only receive training on EPCRA but also want to help other groups understand their rights under the Emergency Planning Community Right To Know. We find that this law is not used as it should be. |

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| Comite Pro Uno Maywood, CA 90270 Website: none Facebook: Maywood Health Activism, Maywood United \$5,000 | Inform and educate the people of Maywood on lead in soil and water. Also inform residents on the Hexavalent Chromium Plant next to an elementary school. | To engage our members in developing a community base to fight for environmental justice in Maywood, CA. |
| Citizen Pollution Watch Westerville, OH 43081 Webpage: none Facebook: facebook.com/CitizenPollutionWatch \$5,000 | To grow awareness for the industrial site in our neighborhood, and for Citizen Pollution Watch; To grow participation in Citizen Pollution Watch, a group started to address the air and water pollution issues related to this industrial site. | To design and launch an interactive website; To design an informational tri fold; To create a short professional documentary complete with citizen interviews; To enhance the informational booth complete with informational materials; Enhance info. boards; Advertise in local media/social media, etc. |
| Community Members for Environmental Justice Minneapolis, MN 55412 Webpage: none Facebook: none \$2,500 | Use tour as an organizing tool for building education, power and leadership for residents to begin engaging in making our community healthier and safer. | Grow the number of northside residents active in the Upper Harbor Terminal redevelopment design, allocation of Northern Metals money, the Northside Green Zone. Ultimately, to have community power built to the point where health is used for decisions. |
| Frac Sand Sentinel Chippewa Falls, WI 54729 Webpage: none Facebook www.ccc-wis.com \$5,000 | To support the Native American, indigenous and rural people confronted with issues regarding the mining, processing and trans-load of silica sand from their surroundings in the 22 counties where frac sand is produced in Wisconsin and Midwestern states. | 1) To provide informative materials to stakeholders in the areas where frac sand is being mined, processed, and trans-loaded; 2) To assist individuals and groups in the development of goals, strategies, and tactics as they face environmental health and justice threats of new mining companies, expansions, and reduced restrictions. |
| Frackfree America Hubbard, OH 44425 Webpage: www.frackfreeamerica.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/frackfree \$5,000 | To raise awareness of the public health and safety dangers and environmental justice impacts of injection wells and man-made earthquakes in order to demand that "regulators" and corporations halt these dangerous processes. Safe and fair alternatives must be immediately sought. | Create, develop, organize, strategize, and promote Citizens Against Injection Wells to educate and organize grassroots communities to lawfully stop injection wells, especially in the Appalachian region of Ohio and surrounding areas. Engage an experienced facilitator to conduct a workshop to provide guidance on local and regional organizing strategies and capacity-building to our local group. Knowledge gained will be implemented in our region. |

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| Just Moms STL Maryland Heights, MO 63043 Webpage: www.justmomsstl.org Facebook: West Lake Landfill & Just Moms STL \$5,000 | Our organization's purpose is to achieve a safe and permanent solution at the West Lake/Bridgeton Landfill Superfund site and to educate residents and elected officials on the Proposed Final Remedy and the radioactive contamination along Coldwater Creek in our neighboring communities. | Immediate voluntary relocation assistance for homeowners located within one mile of landfill fence line. Fair market property value assurance for homeowners living within five miles of landfill - minimum of five years. A safe and permanent solution to the radioactive wastes at the landfill. Education/awareness. Maintain and organize records/documents. |
| Local Environmental Action Demanded Agency (LEAD) Vinita, OK 74301 Webpage: www.leadagency.org Facebook: leadagency.inc \$5,000 | Financing 20 th annual conference. LEAD brings State/Federal officials and researchers together to inform our community on health and environmental issues they experience by living in a superfund site. | Continue educating our community about environmental concerns; Creating opportunities for leadership; Re-engaging the community in advocacy; To collectively reflect on the 20 years of challenges and successes at the Tar Creek Superfund site. |
| Martin County Concerned Citizens Inez, KY 41224 Webpage: none Facebook: none \$5,000 | Organize citizens' concerns for adequacy and safety of the water supplied by the Martin County Water district and engage in regulatory process underway to address problem. | Build capacity, increase public participation, build power and solidarity among residents facing water contamination issues and other environmental injustices. |
| Silver Valley Community Resource Center Kellogg, ID 83837 Webpage: silvervalleyaction.org Facebook: Silver Valley/Children Run Better Unleaded \$2,668 | SVCRC has experienced board attrition and with recent victories being made through grassroots organizing the purpose of funding is to bring in new/diverse voices for leadership. This begins with the strategic planning/education to build upon foundation of years of cultivating grassroots support to determine the future/direction/sustainability. | The SVCRC has worked against the greatest obstacles in the nation's largest Superfund Site, holding government agencies accountable, working toward environmental and human (lead) health restoration. With progress made we need to resurrect/elect new leaders to set in motion a new direction for SVCRC to continue its stewardship of our community. |
| Sustainable Medina County Wadsworth, OH 44282 Webpage: sustainablemediancounty.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/sustainablemedinacounty \$5,000 | Medina County has been experiencing firsthand the impacts of fracked gas infrastructure. Sustainable Medina County has worked to bring these issues to the forefront and educate the citizens of potential dangers. A natural next step is to conduct air and sound monitoring as well as have the tools needed to be environmental first responders. | Our project goals are to conduct pre and post air and sound monitoring. This will enable us to equip citizens with objective and real information to advocate for a healthy environment. A second goal is to use the Citizens as First Responders training, so citizens are versed on being environmental first responders. This is a critical need since pipeline and compressor station are in construction phase at present. |

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| Tri-Chapter Citizens for Environmental Justice Dilkon, AZ 86047 Webpage: www.dine-care.org Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/carefordine/ \$5,000 | To empower members of the Tri-Chapter Citizens for Environmental Justice and build capacity within the group through organizational development, strategic planning, and leadership training. | Develop a 2-year strategic vision for TCCEJ; Recruit new active organizers; Strengthen leadership skills among group members to support ongoing work. |
| Twin Ports Action Alliance Duluth, MN 55803 Webpage: twinportsactionalliance.org Facebook: Twin Ports Action Alliance \$5,000 | Educate the fence line community, and those within the vulnerability zone of alternatives and dangers of HF used at the Husky Refinery in Superior, to include current inadequate fail-safes & emergency unpreparedness of responding agencies. Campaign for passage of an ordinance banning HF in Superior city limits before reconstruction of the refinery. | Practice evacuation drills. Passage of ordinance banning HF use in city limits. Permanent positions on the Community Advisory Panel for Superior Citizens, representing the Fence line community. Installation of real-time public air monitoring devices with data accessible freely online. Programming to better prepare school district in the event of another disaster. |
| We Are Not Expendable McDonald, OH 44437 Webpage: none Facebook: in progress \$5,000 | The oil/gas industry and Ohio regulators have manipulated science to the point where it is now "beneficial" to use oil/gas waste as residential ice removal product. Based on the review by the CHEJ Science Director it is obvious that this waste belongs in a radioactive waste facility and not on our roads or our driveways. | To build the capacity of citizens that oppose this product. Our project will build opposition to any attempt to move forward the two bills in the state legislature that would allow this waste to become a commodity. We have been successful in stopping any vote and will remain vigilant in watching the lame duck session where there may be a vote. |
| Black Belt Citizens Fighting for Health and Justice Uniontown, AL 36786 Webpage: blackbeltcitizens.org Facebook: Black Belt Citizens \$10,000 | Alabama's Black Belt are negatively impacted by rural isolation, poverty, daily pollution, severe lack of access to basic services, and systemic racism. In 2017, 40% of the population in Perry County lived in poverty, the highest in the state. Uniontown residents are overburdened by toxic landfills, contaminated water, political corruption, and lack of health professionals | The overall goal of the network is to be governed and led by residents, to connect communities with amazing organizations that share similar values, to strategically develop partnerships that serve the diverse needs of the community, and to grow the network's ability to improve the health of families living in Alabama's Black Belt. |
| Communities United for Action Cincinnati, OH 45223 Webpage: www.cufacincy.org Facebook: cufacincy \$9,000 | Combined sewer overflows were built in predominantly low-income areas along the Mill Creek and Ohio River. Each year 11.5 billion gallons of sewage spews from these CSO into our years, basements and waterways. | Ensure that MSD conducts its business in public so that MSD is accountable to citizens. We will push for independent, external auditing of MSD, including an understandable and easily accessible system for public information. |

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| Del Amo Action Committee Rosamond, CA 93560 Webpage: www.delamoactioncommittee.org Facebook: none \$10,999 | Increase groups leadership capacity through door to door outreach efforts lead by our Youth Leadership. Mobilize community, building awareness on multiple toxic sources. Organize to reduce pollution by creating a land use plan. | Build community capacity through education. Ensure safe remediation of toxic contamination. Create land use plan specific to our environmental Justice community. |
| Neighbors Allied for Good Growth Brooklyn, NY 11249 Webpage: www.nag-brooklyn.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/nag.bklyn \$9,000 | Strengthen community based EJ advocacy and hire part time EJ program manager. | Raise awareness of lead toxicity, air quality, toxic remediation and their health hazards. Increase access to open space. Create materials to help residents protect their health. |
| Philly Thrive Philadelphia, PA 10143 Webpage: www.phillythrive.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/PhillyThrive \$7,930 | Generations of Philadelphians have paid with their bodies for the pollution of the Philadelphia Energy Solutions (PES) refinery. It's time for a transition to an energy system that uplifts generations to come, instead of burying them under illness, poverty, and a dying planet. It's time to #PayUpPES. | The #PayUpPES Campaign will mobilize fence line communities to hold PES accountable at every permit hearing, showing the costs residents pay for the refinery's dirty business. We call on local officials — from City Council to Air Management Services — to stand with us to demand wealth redistribution from the refinery to residents. |
| San Juan Collaborative for Health Equity Yatahey, NM 87375 Webpage: nmhep.org/partners/san-juan-community-che/ Facebook: none \$10,000 | Bring DCRE team members together for a three-day strategic planning retreat to identify priorities, set goals, and develop an action plan for the next two years. | Strengthen sense of direction and momentum within DCRE team; improve facilitation skills among team; improve DCRE's ability to provide vital support to our community partners in working towards health, wellness, and environmental justice for Diné communities in northern New Mexico. |
| Winyah Rivers Foundation Conway, SC 29528 Webpage: www.winyahrivers.org Facebook: none \$4,000 | Engage citizens of Robeson and Scotland Counties in advocacy against the Atlantic Coast Pipeline, including monitoring for water quality impacts during construction of the ACP and its infrastructure and raising local voices to State level dialogue on regulatory failure and energy policy changes. | To increase citizen advocacy against fossil fuel pipelines and pipeline infrastructure in impacted communities. To engage trained volunteers, including impacted landowners, in monitoring of pipeline construction and reporting on potential violations. |

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| Alaska Community Action on Toxic Anchorage, AK 99503 Webpage: www.akaction.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/akaction/ \$18,000 | “Power to the People” workshop will train members whose drinking water is contaminated with from industrial firefighting foam in grassroots organizing, advocacy, and leadership skills. Participants will develop a strategic campaign plan to achieve community-driven solutions. | Build capacity of local residents affected by PFAS-contaminated drinking water to organize, advocate, and achieve meaningful solutions including safe drinking water supplies, groundwater monitoring, health assessments, cleanup, and policy change to require the use of safer fluorine-free alternatives in firefighting foam. |
| Buckeye Environmental Network Athens, OH 45701 Webpage: www.buckeyeenvironmentalnetwork.org Facebook: none \$15,000 | To train community members on Emergency Planning Community Right to Know reporting on hazardous and toxic chemicals. | While EPCRA can be very useful to our communities, not enough emphasis is placed on the Community Right-to-Know provisions. These provisions help increase the public's knowledge and access to information on chemicals at individual facilities, their uses, and releases into the environment. An informed citizenry armed with knowledge can use the information to improve chemical safety and protect public health and the environment. |
| Clean Air Coalition of WNY Buffalo, NY 14209 Webpage: www.cacwny.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/CleasAireWNY \$12,000 | Fund a rapid response organizing initiative to reduce hazardous emissions at the Tonawanda Coke facility in NY. | To see Tonawanda Coke takes action to ensure compliance with laws. Grow advocacy by at least 200 residents. Double the number of Clean Air member on the campaign leadership team from 6 to 12. |
| East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice Commerce, CA 90040 Webpage: www.yecej.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/EYCEJ \$13,000 | Launch a community project to educate members about the problems with industrial agriculture and food system and build foundational understanding of pesticides and regulations. | Develop material of impacts of pesticide on agriculture. Conduct direct outreach to inform the community about the presence of pesticides and impact on health. Build power to foster dialogue towards solutions. |
| GreenRoots, Inc Chelsea, MA 02150 Webpage: www.GreenRootsChelsea.org Facebook: facebook@GreenRootsChelsea \$10,000 | GreenRoots seeks CHEJ support to conduct a community-led strategic planning process. The comprehensive planning process will include community engagement and input to shape future activities, as well as assist staff and board in creating goals and processes to achieve success in their environmental justice and public health work. | GreenRoots goal is to embark on a strategic planning process, involving the community and board in shaping the future of our work, prioritizing issues, and planning next steps. This process will create a three-year roadmap for GreenRoots' environmental justice and public health work together with our diverse community. |

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| Texas Campaign for the Environment Fund Austin, TX 78704 Webpage: www.texasenvironment.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/texasenvironment <i>\$15,000</i> | Build local leadership and empower communities to fight for more clean-up agreements at toxic sites and stronger remediation standards. Connect organizers and residents to expand network for sharing resources for self-protection. | Build grassroots pressure and a powerful coalition that will influence state officials to strengthen the toxic site clean-up and screening standards. |
| Texas Health and Environment Alliance Houston, TX 77098 Webpage: none Facebook: www.facebook.com/TXHEA/ <i>\$18,000</i> | Protect water resources and public health from harmful effects of toxic waste. Abandoned toxic waste sites are a serious threat to human health. Harris County has more than 20 superfund sites. | The San Jacinto River Coalition works towards full remediation of the San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site. Within the next year it is essential that a strong consent decree is secured for the Pits. |