

Liberty Hill Foundation

(Santa Monica, CA)

Environmental Justice Technical Assistance Program

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year

Presidential Authority Grant

To continue support for the Liberty Hill Foundation's Environmental Justice Technical Assistance Program, which provides leadership development and technical training for individual organizations, while helping to consolidate the loose network of environmental justice organizations in the Los Angeles region. In the coming year, the Program will focus on 1) bringing on a Community Coordinator/Evaluator to integrate a more cohesive approach in implementing the California Environmental Protection Agency Action plan which Liberty Hill and its partners helped establish; 2) one-on-one leadership coaching, assessment, and technical support; 3) forming mentor partnerships among new and emerging group with more established organizations that have the necessary technical expertise; 4) holding community-oriented workshops training organizations from legal issues to conducting public hearings and meetings; 5) building on the 2004 planning retreat, take the lead in organizing a series of meetings to assess current challenges and opportunities, and develop a coordinated work plan; 6) supporting the needs of grassroots organizations to cover transportation, phone banks, child care, bilingual materials, etc. to ensure meaningful public participation in environmental decision-making processes, and 7) providing media consulting with one-on-one assistance on an as-needed basis.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Environment/Contemplative Practice: *Goal I, Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*