

Alternatives for Community and Environment, Inc.

(Roxbury, MA)

General Support

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 year

For general support to build the leadership of low-income and people of color communities in Greater Boston to win concrete victories and systemic change towards environmental justice. Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE) will organize and build coalitions to promote transportation justice, equitable development, and stronger environmental protection policies for EJ communities. In order to achieve systemic change in transportation justice issues, ACE will continue to facilitate the On the Move: Greater Boston Transportation Justice Coalition and organize the T Riders Union, a group that is organizing transit riders with 500+ members. ACE will organize public housing residents to win the campaign to Stop the Bioterror Lab and other local victories, while participating in coalitions on sustainable and equitable metropolitan development. ACE will also continue to develop youth leadership through an internship and an in-school curriculum in four schools, and provide an integrated set of services (legal and technical assistance, networking, and capacity building) for community groups working in the region. ACE staffs the Greater Boston Environmental Justice Network, bringing together 30 neighborhood groups and is the New England coordinator for the Northeast Environmental Justice Network. In addition, ACE coordinates the Massachusetts Environmental Justice Assistance Network, a network of more than 150 attorneys, public health professionals, and environmental consultants, who provide pro bono assistance to groups throughout the state.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$75,000 Environment Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*