

Movement Building Grant Recipients

Friends of ETC Group, Carrboro, NC

\$29,200

Outreach Activities in Synthetic Biology

ETC Group strives to promote biodiversity, democratic technology assessment, and just and sustainable food security and livelihood systems for the benefit of society. ETC Group conducts cutting-edge research, education and advocacy on the social and economic impacts of new technologies from a social justice perspective. Funding was provided to support a series of education and outreach events, on the East and West Coasts, on the topic of synthetic biology and in coordination with other civil society partners. Grant was made in 2008.

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Louisiana Bucket Brigade, New Orleans, LA

\$25,000

Refinery Efficiency Initiative The goal of the Refinery Efficiency Initiative is to reduce Louisiana refinery accidents, which release thousands of pounds of toxics into the air. Through an innovative and strategic combination of public database management and grassroots organizing, the LABB will enable neighborhood organizing groups to report, access and analyze refinery accident data, identify common and systemic causes of refinery accidents, and work with regulatory agencies and industry to find systemic solutions. A Movement Building grant was provided as seed money to support the development of the comprehensive and user-friendly public database which will serve as a catalyst for bringing the refineries and the EPA to the table to develop Best Management Practices and ultimately reduce or eliminate refinery accidents in Louisiana and eventually, the country. Grant was made in 2009. www.labucketbrigade.org