

## **CCLI'S 2013 SEED GRANTS AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS**

Each year the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) gives out a series of community seed grants & excellence awards to worthy recipients in order to encourage leadership in the advancement of climate action, clean energy and conservation.

**The Climate Courage Award** – is given to a national, local or regional leader in government, business or civil society who makes an outstanding impact in addressing human induced climate change. CCLI presents the 2013 Climate Courage Award to Stephen Etsitty, who represents the Navajo Nation as the Director of the Navajo EPA, for his leadership role in helping arrive at the solution to decommission units 2 and 3 of the San Juan Generation Station Coal Plant. For many this is a vital, necessary progression towards cleaner and less polluting energy generation. For Mr. Etsitty and the Navajo Nation the decision to shut down half of the coal plant involves the prospect of job losses and economic disenfranchisement for many Navajo people who depend on the coal power generation and mining for their livelihood. So it takes bravery to embrace a major change when there is a lot on the line. It also takes wisdom to forge a solution that prevents massive amounts of climate, air, water and soil pollution while also helping the most affected people adjust and transition to hopefully an ever cleaner energy future. While the agreement was not perfect, and a lot of work remains to be done, like many other similar transitions from dirtier to cleaner fuels happening nationwide this San Juan Generation Station transition is a landmark step in creating a new culture of sustainable energy. The Climate Change Leadership Institute is proud to honor the instrumental players in this transition, including [Navajo EPA](#) Director Stephen Etsitty.

**Innovation Seed Grant Award** – The Climate Change Leadership Institute has teamed up with the Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce in presenting the Innovation Leadership & Seed Grant Award. The purpose of this annual award is to support budding sustainable businesses, encourage young people's environmental entrepreneurialism, help clean energy ingenuity take root in our community and inspire the public to invent or embrace local business solutions to global challenges like climate change. In our Land of Enchantment there are inspiring such stories unfolding including that of Robert Hockaday who after years of scientific service with Los Alamos Laboratory started Energy Related Devices. Among a series of patents & technologies he invented the cooling capable Black Tip device that makes solar panels last longer & perform better; he created a solar mounting technology that endures extreme weather (using recycled tires which spares greenhouse gas emissions by not having to burn all the rubber at landfills); and instead of taking his talent out of state, he's building his business in the eastern plains of New Mexico marketing his solar products to the ranching community. We're proud to present the 2013 Innovation & Seed Grant Award to Robert Hockaday of [Energy Related Devices](#).

**Direct Action Grant Award** – CCLI develops and implements a direct action project every year and CCLI gives out a Direct Action Seed Grant Award to encourage the community to lead local solutions to environmental/climate change challenges.

People who spearhead or implement climate leadership projects and/or community based environmental stewardship initiatives qualify for this seed grant award. This year CCLI is proud to present the Direct Action Award in conjunction with our [Conservation Leadership Award](#) in honor of the children of the Santa Fe Public Elementary schools who helped enact the ban on plastic bags which the Santa Fe City Council adopted in September of 2013. The children's creativity (dressing up, making signs, presenting and leading out in front of the City Hall) and perseverance (participating with numbers and unity, speaking up and presenting a sound case over the course of a year) contributed significantly to the City Counsel's decision to ban plastic bags. In honor of the elementary aged children's leadership exhibited in this direct action endeavor, CCLI is giving a small seed grant to every public elementary school in Santa Fe to support the existing – or if there's not one start up a new – student environmental action club (in some cases known as the Go Green Club in another case Global Warming Express or otherwise), and CCLI also stands ready to collaborate with these schools and student environmental clubs as needed.

[Justice Grant Award](#) – This grant award has to date been used to support and empower those internationally and/or here at home who have been unduly affected by the impacts of global climate change and the United States' disproportionately high level of per capita greenhouse gas emissions. CCLI is expanding the scope of the award this year to include those in civil society who help bring about justice and a greater social consciousness in addressing human caused climate change. To be a just nation, not only must we strive to right past wrongs, we also need to look inward and forward, we need to work to transcend the conventional confines and deepen our core principles so that going forward we may live in closer harmony with each other on Earth. This year, in the spirit of our people evolving toward a more just way of being towards each other and the climate that sustains us, CCLI is proud to present the 2013 Justice Award & Seed Grant to Rabbi Nahum Ward Lev. It has been said that “the arc of history is bent towards justice” but this does not just happen without us. Brave souls have stood up and the global community has learned to become more respectful and responsible over time. Through the quality and series of his teachings – including his community based seminars, his Beit Midrash learning group and his youth programs – Nahum has stood up and helped the community grow on the arc towards justice. The seed grant portion of this award will be used with Nahum to hold non-denominational workshop(s) on climate change, learning from the prophets of old and modern day activists to attain in our time a right relationship with the system of life on earth.

[Education Grant Award](#) – CCLI develops education projects, offers paid student internships and provides annual education leadership seed grant awards. This annual education award typically goes to a teacher, a school or an organization that fosters community based education or experiential learning in the important fields of environmental stewardship, climate change and/or ecology. This year CCLI presents the 2013 Education Grant Award to Xubi Wilson, the Renewable Energy Programs Coordinator with the [Santa Fe Community College Sustainable Technology Center](#). Xubi has been a long standing proponent and educator of sustainability. SFCC and CCLI recognize his outstanding commitment to the

community, and we look forward to on-going collaboration in the mutual advancement of education and climate leadership.

**Conservation Grant Award** - CCLI encourages energy & water conservation at once by running the [Conservation Quest](#) project and by providing this annual conservation grant award. CCLI's 2013 Conservation Grant Award is being presented in conjunction with the the 2013 Direct Action Grant. In honor of the local children's leadership in enacting a ban on plastic bags, each public elementary school in Santa Fe will receive a small seed grant to support or start a student led environmental club, and CCLI stands by the work with these clubs to implement environmental stewardship in our community.

To learn more about or apply for any of these seed grants or to nominate someone deserving of an award please visit [www.takeresponsibility.us](http://www.takeresponsibility.us) or contact [ccli@takeresponsibility.us](mailto:ccli@takeresponsibility.us).