

## CCLI's 2014 SEED GRANT ~ LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Each year the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) gives out community seed grant awards to worthy recipients to encourage leadership, develop alliances and reward responsibility in the advancement of climate stewardship. Below is a run down of the 2014 recipients and the award descriptions.

**The Climate Courage Award** is given to national, regional or local leaders in government, business and/or civil society who make outstanding impacts in addressing climate change. CCLI is proud to present the 2014 Climate Courage Award to two brothers from New Mexico named Robert and William Nordhaus. Robert has been instrumental in developing language in the Clean Air Act, most recently rule 111, that regulates carbon dioxide emission from power plant sources. William is instrumental in developing and pursuing the idea of a carbon tax. Pricing carbon dioxide and regulating its emission from power plants are primary ways the United States can lead and take responsibility to phase out greenhouse gas pollution. These public policy endeavors are vitally impactful and appreciated. The seed grant portion of the award will be given in the Nordhaus brothers' names to Cornerstones Community Partnerships and New Mexico Highlands University for scholarship funding.

**Innovation Seed Grant Award** - The Climate Change Leadership Institute teams up with the Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce in presenting the Business Innovation ~ Seed Grant Award. The purpose of this annual award is to support leading, longstanding or budding sustainable businesses in New Mexico, encourage young people's entrepreneurialism and spawn ingenuity in our communities on behalf of generating solutions to global climate change. In our Land of Enchantment there are many inspiring stories unfolding, and this year we recognize Sacred Power Corporation as our 2014 Innovation Award recipient. Sacred Power is a long standing leader in providing integrated solar power development statewide, but they are also notable for their innovation and altruism in working with Native American communities to provide affordable clean energy solutions. With the seed funds associated with this Award, Santa Fe Indian School (SFIS) students and staff will be commissioned to produce a video in native Navajo language on how to maintain solar systems for remote Navajo communities in need of these support services. If there is any seed funding after the videos are produced and distributed, we wish to help support a talented Native American student from SFIS to receive summertime workforce development and training with Sacred Power Corporation.

**Direct Action Seed Grant Award** - CCLI leads a direct action project every year and gives out a Direct Action Seed Grant Award every year to encourage the community to spearhead local solutions to our environmental/climate change

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related challenges. This year CCLI is proud to present the Direct Action Award to Reunity Resources which is a dynamic non profit organization dedicated to moving Santa Fe forward with meaningful composting and recycling solutions.

**Justice Seed Grant Award** – This grant award is meant for those internationally and/or here at home who have been unduly affected by the impacts of global climate change and/or for those in civil society actively pursuing climate justice and greater social consciousness to address the United States’ unacceptable per capita greenhouse gas emissions. CCLI is proud to present the 2014 Justice Award to Deborah Tang, the Executive Director of the St. Elizabeth Shelter which supports homeless people in the local community. St. Elizabeth Shelter is partnering with CCLI to create community gardens at their living centers and promote healthy living. The seed grant portion of the award will help cover costs associated with the garden project and provide the St. Elizabeth’s community with Farmer’s Market vouchers for organic food.

**Education Seed Grant Award** – In addition to developing education projects, school partnerships and stewardship workshops, CCLI provides this annual education leadership award to support students, teachers, schools, community based environmental education initiatives and/or organizations that raise vital public awareness. This year CCLI is dedicating the Education Seed Grant Award for a paid student internship to a worthy student at the Santa Fe Community College assisting on: (1) methane emission prevention in New Mexico (in response to the concerning NASA finding that we are a global hot spot of methane emissions); (2) the development of a Greenhouse Gas Emission Fee and Empowerment Fund for Santa Fe; (3) originating a web of painted green bike lanes extending out from downtown Santa Fe and (4) providing collaborative support to Santa Fe Public Schools’ student environmental clubs.

**Conservation Grant Award** – CCLI developed a project called Conservation Quest to focus on the energy, water & climate nexus. Beyond developing conservation related resources and partnerships we also aim to encourage energy and water conservation leadership by providing this annual conservation award. It’s not enough to convert our economy to renewable power, we must exponentially become more conservation minded, energy wise and water efficient. The 2014 Conservation Award goes to Dr. Jeri Sullivan Graham, a scientist at Los Alamos National Laboratory, for graciously giving her expertise and time developing the energy and water nexus initiative with NM Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources Department. We want to thank her and everyone involved with this important endeavor. The seed grant portion of this award will honor on this team’s behalf two worthy students in Northern New Mexico Colleges by assisting with their higher education, research and development in the fields of climate, energy and/or water conservation.

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