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Chevron, Community Fund Advisory Committee Announce Grant Recipients *19 Deserving Organizations Awarded \$565,000*

RICHMOND, Calif., Jul. 15, 2009 – Chevron, working together with the Richmond Community Fund Advisory Committee (RCFAC), today announced it is awarding \$565,000 in grants to 19 community organizations in Richmond and West Contra Costa County.

“We are proud to support these programs that are making such an enormous difference in our community,” said Mike Coyle, Chevron Richmond Refinery Manager. “We take our commitment seriously to being a good community member . I know first hand that these programs make a direct and lasting difference in peoples’ lives.”

List of 2009 RCFAC Grant Recipients:

- Brighter Beginnings: Chevron Family Strengthening Center, \$15,000
- Build It Green: Training in Energy Efficiency Retrofit and Green Building, \$50,000
- Catholic Charities of the East Bay (CCEB): English Language Center, \$117,054
- EarthTeam Environmental Network: Eco-Stewards, \$5,000
- Greater Richmond Interfaith Program: Souper Center and Family Resource Center, \$50,000
- Lao Family Community Development, Inc: Success through Work and Self-Reliance, \$25,000
- Leadership Public Schools – Richmond: Academic Support Program, \$15,000
- NIAD Art Center: Artist Vocational Training Program, \$35,000
- Niroga Institute: Transformative Life Skills, \$10,000
- Pogo Park: Community Build, \$25,000
- Richmond Eagles: Eagles Football & Cheer Program, \$15,000
- Richmond Police Activities League: Education, Skills and Entrepreneurship, \$12,500
- Richmond Police Activities League: Community Youth Network, \$12,500
- Richmond Youth Media Project: Youth Media Education, \$50,000
- Salesian High School: Gang Prevention and Interview Program, \$25,000
- The Latina Center: Ya! Basta, \$44,000
- Washington Elementary PTA: Translation Equipment, \$2,000
- West Contra Costa Business Development Center: LEDI program, \$30,000
- West Contra Costa Salesian Boys & Girls Club: Computer Center, \$20,000
- YMCA of the East Bay - West Contra Costa Branch: Summer Day Camp, \$7,500

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Each of the 19 awardees makes a real difference in the community. An example of the kind of support our partnership will bring includes assistance for Catholic Charities of East Bay. With this new money, Catholic Charities will be able to fund three adult English as a Second Language (ESL) classes and enable 300 people to move forward with their education, a critical milestone on their way to self-sufficiency. The West Contra Costa Unified School District has been forced to cut essential programs including adult ESL classes.

"This funding supports one of Catholic Charities' key strategic focus areas, supporting the successful integration of immigrants in the East Bay," said Solomon Belette, CEO of Catholic Charities. "Adult Education and, in particular, English as a Second Language, Citizenship, and Civics, are important services that Catholic Charities has developed and championed and provide a pathway to full participation and integration into the community. We applaud Chevron for making this grant available as a demonstration of its commitment to the residents of Richmond and the broader community."

The RCFAC was originally created in 2008 as part of a larger \$61 million agreement to distribute funds to community based organizations serving the Richmond community. These funds were made available through an agreement between the City of Richmond and Chevron's Richmond Refinery. The agreement was approved by the City Council in July 2008.

As a result of a lawsuit filed by Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), Asian Pacific Environmental Network and West County Toxics Coalition and a decision by a superior court, that agreement has terminated and future funding for the RCFAC has been eliminated.

"These nineteen groups that received awards today exemplify the tangible evidence of the positive impact that can be achieved when we work together to make Richmond a better place to live," explained Coyle. "Chevron has had a long history of supporting community programs in Richmond, which we plan to continue. However, it is unfortunate that legal action will prevent this additional community funding from continuing."

About the Chevron Richmond Refinery

The Chevron Richmond Refinery is located on 2,900 acres 25 miles from San Francisco and produces high quality transportation fuels created for the San Francisco Bay Area and Northwest United States. We take pride in our commitment to serving our community, conducting safe operations, and protecting the environment. With a capacity to process 240,000 barrels of crude oil per day, Chevron Richmond Refinery makes gasoline for passenger cars, jet fuel for airplanes, and diesel fuel for trucks and trains. In addition to producing transportation fuels, the refinery produces a variety of lubricating oils which are distributed through the Western United States. Chevron Richmond Refinery is the largest producer of base oils, the main component of lubricant blends, on the West Coast.

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