



Community Action for a Renewed Environment

CARE Overview for CIAQ

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Community Action for A Renewed Environment (CARE)

CARE is a **community-based, community-driven** program created to build self-sustaining partnerships to help communities understand and reduce environmental and health risks.



CARE Goals

- Reduce exposures to toxic pollutants through collaborative action at the local level
- Help communities gain an understanding of all potential sources of exposure to toxic pollutants
- Work with communities to set priorities for risk reduction activities
- Create self-sustaining, community based partnerships that will continue to improve the local environment



Why CARE?

- Respond to **community requests** for help
- Develop a means to **address concerns** that are beyond reach of national regulation
- **Integrate agency programs** to improve support for communities
- **Mobilize new resources** and use local knowledge to achieve results
- Develop community **consensus on sources of risk** and risk reduction options.

The 4-Step CARE Model

- Build a Partnership
- Identify Problems and Solutions
- Take Action
- Become Self-Sustaining



CARE is multi-media . . .

- Air
- Water
- Land



CARE is Promotes Partnerships

- **Community Members**
- **Government – Local/State/Federal**
- **Local Business**
- **Academia**
- **Non profits**

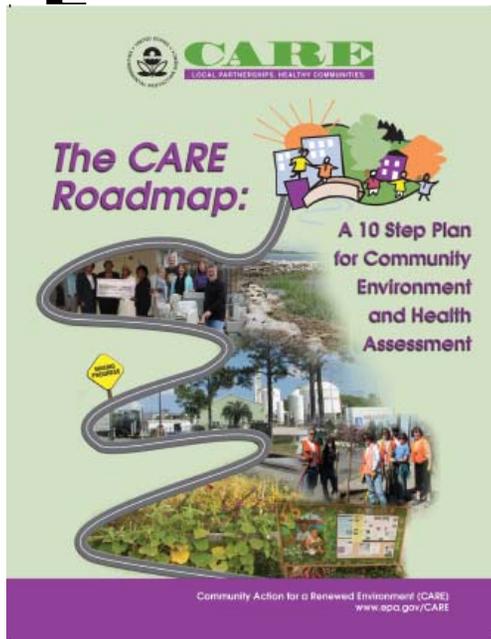
Cooperative Agreement \$

\$10.5M

- 68 grants awarded between 2005 and 2008
- 18 selectees in 2008



CARE Tools for Communities

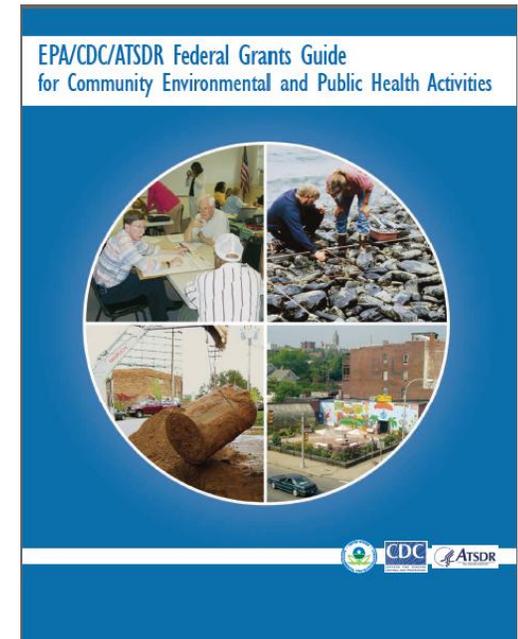
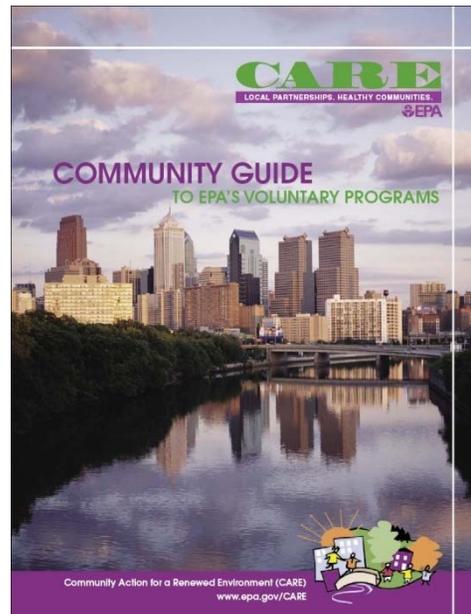


The CARE Roadmap

A method for communities to assess and address local risks

Community Guide to EPA's Voluntary Programs

A guide to EPA voluntary programs of greatest benefit to communities

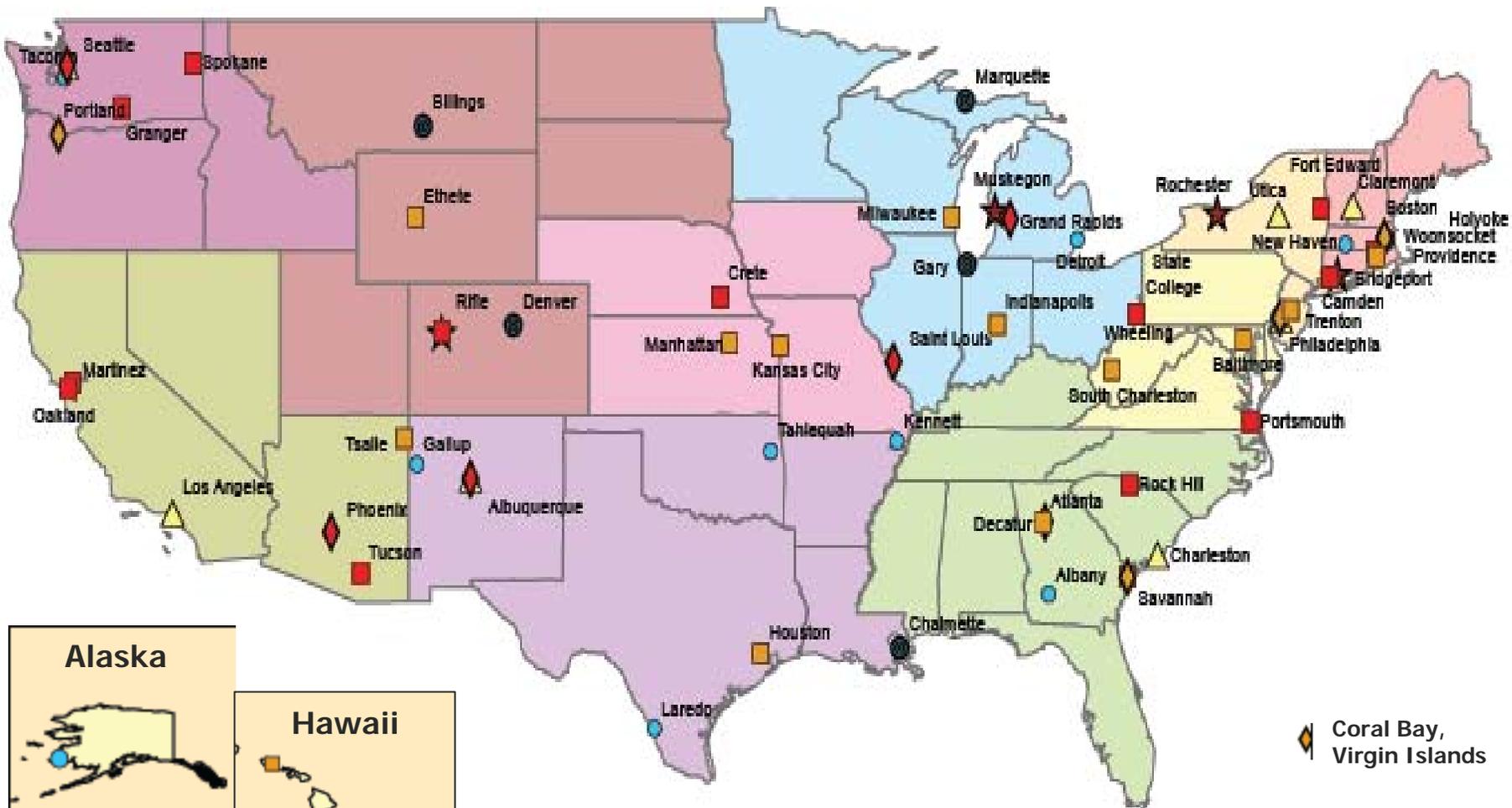


Grants Guide

compilation of funding sources for community environmental and public health activities

Coming soon

CARE COMMUNITIES 2005-2008



◆ Coral Bay, Virgin Islands

Legend by Level & Year

■ 2008 Level I	■ 2007 Level I	● 2006 Level I	▲ 2005 Level I
◆ 2008 Level II	◆ 2007 Level II	● 2006 Level II	★ 2005 Level II


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CARE Information

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*See CARE Website for
More Information:*

<http://www.epa.gov/care>