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GHHI Awarded \$100,000 EPA Grant to Advance Climate Change Education in Maryland

BALTIMORE, MD—The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) is one of only 33 organizations to be awarded funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Education Grants Program. GHHI's \$100,000 grant will support efforts to educate Marylanders about climate change, actions that can be taken to reduce a household's greenhouse gas emissions, and resources to assist with climate action. The GHHI project funded by this grant will focus on grassroots, cross-sector advocacy to advance healthy, climate change-resilient housing in the state.

"The EPA grant will help us provide vital education to Maryland residents about the intersection of climate change, housing, and health" said Ruth Ann Norton, President and CEO of GHHI. "This project will enhance our ongoing efforts to inform and educate Marylanders about the short- and long-term health, economic, and climate benefits of electrification and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. We are grateful for the EPA's leadership and support of our work."

"Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration, EPA is getting federal funds to community-based organizations who know best how to use the funds to tackle their most pressing environmental and health problems," said EPA Mid-Atlantic Regional Administrator Adam Ortiz. "We need organizations like Green & Healthy Homes Initiative to help communities take actions against climate change and create plans to build stronger, more resilient places to live, work and thrive."

Outcome goals for GHHI's EPA grant-funded Environmental Education Program will be implementation of housing policies and program practices in Maryland that are collaborative, health protective, and community informed. Long-term goals of the program include a positive impact on health and housing outcomes for vulnerable communities, and increased protection against the impacts of climate change.

Click here to read the EPA's full press release.

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