

SHADE EQUITY MASTERPLAN FOR THE UNINCORPORATED EASTERN COACHELLA VALLEY

SUMMARY

The Kounkey Design Initiative (KDI), a community development and design non-profit, partnered with the University of California Los Angeles and the Oasis Leadership Committee to prepare a Shade Master Plan for the Eastern Coachella Valley's (ECV) unincorporated communities. Their \$644,411 grant will be spent on these low-income and language-segregated communities through the assessment of shade capacity and the identification of strategies to incorporate shade in priority areas. The Coachella Valley is notorious for its desert climate and the Eastern communities are not exempt. This region is affected by multiple sources of pollution as evidenced in Figure 1, and is also burdened with high levels of poverty, low levels of education, and limited access to healthcare. The residents of the East Coachella Valley experience extreme heat levels on a daily basis which affect their everyday lives. By developing a Shade Master Plan, KDI and its partners will provide relief for the ECV community. Through community engagement, they will make sure residents are in charge of decisions. KDI is already aware of some of the issues these communities face and will make sure to provide accessible opportunities.

LEAD APPLICANT

Kounkey Design Initiative

PARTNERS

University Of California Los Angeles, Oasis Leadership Committee

TOTAL AWARD

\$644,411

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CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Results

