

## 2011 Grant Recipients



### **A Community Voice**

\$15,000

New Orleans, LA

The mission of A Community Voice (ACV) is to provide a vehicle for low to moderate income families to affect the issues that impact their everyday lives such as; affordable housing, discrimination, neighborhood improvements, and financial literacy. Funding was provided for the Equity in Rebuilding Project, which is a campaign for fair and equitable allocation of restoration dollars to the flooded, and still devastated, neighborhoods of post-Katrina New Orleans - as many hurricane recovery dollars have been used in unflooded neighborhoods. ACV are campaigning for improved communication between City Officials and residents to ensure transparent systems of how funds are allocated into different suburbs, and develop media campaigns and call for congressional forums to promote a 'fair recovery' to bring attention to the apparent misuse of recovery dollars.

[www.acommunityvoice.com](http://www.acommunityvoice.com)

### **Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE)**

\$7,500

Oakland, CA

The Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) is part of a multi-cultural, statewide grassroots organizing network fighting to raise the voices of California's working class communities through organizing, action and advocacy. The Transit Justice Organizing Project; a collaboration of ACCE, and 3 other Bay Area low income economic rights groups, is working to develop a regional bus riders union to create a more just, equitable and accessible regional transit system. Developing leadership of very low- and low-income bus riders of color, the Transit Justice Project will transform transportation policy-making in the Bay Area- a region where transit dependent workers face local and state policies that have allowed for the decline of the bus system. [www.calorganize.org](http://www.calorganize.org)

### **Amigos Multicultural Services Center**

\$10,000

Eugene, OR

Amigos Multicultural Services Center was established to promote respect for human rights and to advocate for the needs of immigrants from Latin America whose dignity and capabilities have been challenged by poverty, unjust treatment, and social exclusion. Juventad FACETA is a program that develops leadership among Latino youth in Eugene, Oregon, giving them the opportunity to develop goals for the organization. These youth members also rotate through the Amigos board of directors, which helps to further their leadership skills. [www.amigosmsc.org](http://www.amigosmsc.org)

### **Anchorage Faith & Action - Congregations Together (AFACT)**

\$13,000

Anchorage, AK

AFACT (Anchorage Faith and Action – Congregations Together) works from the faith principles and values of its members, applies those values to community issues, and takes democratic action to impact existing social structures for the common good of all citizens, particularly the disenfranchised. Funding was provided to expand their network beyond Anchorage with an emphasis on organizing Alaska's rural indigenous people.

[www.anchoragefact.org](http://www.anchoragefact.org)

**Atlanta Public Sector Alliance**

\$10,000

Decatur, GA

The Atlanta Public Sector Alliance engages in long-term, multi-issue, grassroots organizing in the Atlanta region. Addressing the current state budget crisis has led to layoffs, furloughs, privatization, and service cuts. These austerity measures, accompanied by attacks on immigrant rights, affect all aspects of metro Atlanta's public sector and demands an urgent, united response that brings together those most affected in the community with the public sector workers who serve them. Funding was provided in support of their Atlanta Human Rights Charter Campaign which is mobilizing community members to strategically respond to these attacks while also putting forward a long-term, positive vision of a metro area government that will respect, protect, and fulfill human rights for all residents. [www.atljwj.org](http://www.atljwj.org)

**Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition**

\$15,000

Austin, TX

The Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition (AIRC) promotes human rights and dignity, and social and economic justice for immigrants through community organizing, policy advocacy, and public education. Located in the capitol of Texas, AIRC aims to strengthen the individual and collective power of immigrants to demand justice by organizing the immigrant community through human rights education. Currently, AIRC has two ongoing campaigns: achieving comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level; and promoting responsible local law enforcement policies. [www.austinirc.org](http://www.austinirc.org)

**Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI)**

\$10,000

Oakland, CA

BAJI is an education and advocacy group comprised of African Americans and black immigrants. BAJI's goals are: 1) to develop a core group of African Americans who are prepared to actively support immigrant rights; and 2) to facilitate the building of relationships and alliances between African American and immigrant communities around a range of social issues to further the mutual cause of economic and social justice for all. BAJI works to engage African Americans and other communities in a dialogue that leads to actions that challenge U.S. immigration policy and the underlying issues of race, racism and economic inequity that frame it. General Support funding was provided. [www.blackalliance.org](http://www.blackalliance.org)

**Brooklyn Young Mothers' Collective**

\$15,000

Brooklyn, NY

The Brooklyn Young Mothers' Collective (BYMC) supports disadvantaged young mothers to develop into healthy, educated, self-sufficient women who are actively engaged in community life. BYMC provides young mothers with leadership development opportunities, peer-led group work, education advocacy and support services to ensure that they experience academic success, personal joy, and learn to engage in civic life. With a focus on maternal health, public education, child welfare and juvenile justice issues the young mothers participating in the Advocacy and Thought Leadership program will drive policy reform at the local and national level. These young women will then develop their own workshops, prepare the materials and bring up the next group of women. [www.bymcinc.org](http://www.bymcinc.org)

**CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities**

\$10,000

Bronx, NY

CAAAV works to build grassroots community power across diverse poor and working class Asian immigrant and refugee communities in New York City. The OUR Waterfront Campaign is a response to the City's plan to privatize the East River Waterfront. This community-led

campaign aims to preserve key locations along the East River Waterfront as public space; providing a park, basketball courts and affordable housing, rather than private retail and dining space and ending the push for gentrification in the area.

[www.caaav.org](http://www.caaav.org)

### **California Climate and Agriculture Network**

\$12,000

Sebastopol, CA

The California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN) is a coalition of organizations that are comprised primarily of farmers and individuals concerned about ecologically and economically healthy food and farming systems. General operating support was provided which will assist in supporting to build CalCAN's network, cultivate farmer leadership and advocate for various policy initiatives to incentivize climate-friendly farming and ranching practices.

[www.calclimateag.org](http://www.calclimateag.org)

### **Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs**

\$10,000

Hammond, IN

Calumet Project is a grassroots coalition of labor, religious, and community organizations working for social and economic revitalization of Northwest Indiana. The Bucket Brigade is a community based air-sampling program, which will be used to monitor the air quality around a BP Refinery and the confined disposal facility where the Army Corps of Engineers will unload the waste from the Indiana Harbor and Ship Canals dredging work. By presenting the results to legislators and the polluting industry, they hope to pressure the industry to install real time air monitors so that citizens can be aware of the state of the environment at all times, and to hold the polluters accountable for their impact on the environment.

[www.calproject.org](http://www.calproject.org)

### **Camden Churches Organized for People**

\$13,000

Camden, NJ

CCOP is a multicultural, faith-based organizing network, which brings together families from across the city in a common effort to address the serious concerns which affect them, including public safety, housing, economic development, healthcare and employment. CCOP's commitment to developing leaders is the cornerstone of its organizing philosophy. Funding was provided in support of The Next Generation, a program to train and develop newly emerging leaders that will positively impact youth's ability to express themselves as voices that matter in Camden. As leaders young people will address issues of economic revitalization, immigration and safety and challenge policies limiting their ability to prosper in the Camden.

[www.camdenchurches.org](http://www.camdenchurches.org)

### **CAUSA Oregon**

\$13,000

Salem, OR

CAUSA is a statewide, grassroots coalition based in the Latino community working to defend and advance the rights and well-being of immigrant workers and families in Oregon. Through partnering with immigrant, religious, labor, youth, and ally organizations, CAUSA works to create a society that recognizes the contributions of immigrants and upholds the values of democracy, equality, and respect. General operational support will continue CAUSA's work to defend and advance immigrant rights in Oregon, prepare and register Latino voters for the 2012 elections, develop leadership within the Latino community, and strategically communicate to our supporters and to the broader public.

[www.causaoregon.org](http://www.causaoregon.org)

### **Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center**

\$ 10,000

Twain Harte, CA

Central Sierra Environmental Resource Council has effectively served as the foremost environmental defender of water wildlife and wild places across more than 2,000,000 acres of

precious areas within the Northern Yosemite region of the Sierra Nevada. Currently Central Sierra Environmental Resource Council continues to work on their wildlife photo detection project that aims to discover where rare wildlife are surviving; water quality testing on forest streams and educational outreach for youth so that they gain environmental awareness and an understanding of water conservation. [www.cserc.org](http://www.cserc.org)

### **Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha**

\$15,000

Minneapolis, MN

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL; formerly known as the Interfaith Center for Worker Justices - ICWJ) organizes low-wage workers from across the Twin Cities to develop leadership and educate one another to build power and lead the movement for fair wages, better working conditions, basic respect, and a voice in the workplace. The Campaign for Justice in Retail Cleaning is a worker-led corporate accountability campaign, aimed at pressuring large retail chains to establish a code of conduct guaranteeing better wages and working conditions for the workers who clean their stores. [www.ctul.net](http://www.ctul.net)

### **Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers' Project**

\$15,000

Chicago, IL

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos is an immigrant-led organization on the southeast side of Chicago that educates workers on their rights, develops leadership within the immigrant community, supports and organizes all workers as they fight for their rights in the workplace, and organizes for changing policy that increases standards for immigrant workers. General operating support will help Centro de Trabajadores Unidos combat wage theft in their underserved communities.

[www.centrodetrabajadoresunidos.org](http://www.centrodetrabajadoresunidos.org)

### **Centro Laboral de Graton**

\$15,000

Graton, CA

The mission of Centro Laboral de Graton is to advance and protect the human, labor and civil rights of day laborers and their families. They promote participatory democracy, leadership and worker solidarity, in order to develop greater opportunities for employment, health, education and civic participation. Funding was provided for the North Bay Organizing Project, a coalition of 12 member organizations, that works together to address the issues of structural inequality; working poverty, racial profiling, toxic exposure, immigrant discrimination and access to affordable transportation.

[www.gratondaylabor.org](http://www.gratondaylabor.org)

### **Chainbreaker Collective**

\$10,000

Santa Fe, NM

Chainbreaker works to promote policies that expand public transportation, counter gentrification of working-class neighborhoods and slow urban sprawl in Santa Fe, NM and the surrounding region. Chainbreaker utilizes community organizing strategies to directly confront anti-worker and environmentally-hazardous transportation legislation and outdated city planning. Formed in 2004 to help provide access to transportation for working people in Santa Fe, Chainbreaker formed the Bicycle Resource Center (BRC) which provides refurbished bicycles and teaches mechanic skills to people in need of transportation. In 2008 they responded to the economic collapse by expanding their focus past bicycles and service provision to address the root-causes of transportation issues and hold elected officials accountable to the community. In 2009 they launched an education campaign to make the connections between gentrification, automobile dependency and poverty. General support funding was provided.

[www.chainbreaker.org](http://www.chainbreaker.org)

**Childhood Lead Action Project**

\$13,000

Providence, RI

The Childhood Lead Action Project (The Project) works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning through education, parent support and advocacy. The Project coordinates community-based education campaigns and mobilizes citizens to organize for environmental justice. Through the Up to Code Campaign, the Project will reduce the incidence of childhood lead poisoning by ensuring that municipalities are in full compliance with the state's Lead Hazard Mitigation Act. The passage of this act was a previous victory for the Project and its coalition partners, and established a framework for cities and towns to address lead hazards in rental units and other buildings. [www.lead safekids.org](http://www.lead safekids.org)

**Childspace Cooperative Development**

\$15,000

Philadelphia, PA

Childspace CDI is dedicated to improving the quality of jobs for traditionally low-paid child care workers and the quality of care received by the children and families they serve. Childspace CDI supports child care professionals in the Philadelphia area in gaining the skills they need to speak up for themselves and their field, and to run their businesses in a way that supports quality care. Funding was provided for the Child Care Voices Project, which aims to empower child care workers to develop their personal stories as a uniquely powerful narrative. These workers will present their stories to legislators and the media as a means to gain support for their policy goals of paid sick days and affordable healthcare. [www.childspacecdi.org](http://www.childspacecdi.org)

**Clean Air Coalition of Western New York**

\$15,000

Buffalo, NY

The Clean Air Coalition protects the right of Western New York residents to breathe clean air and live, work, and play in a healthy environment. To protect that right, the Coalition organizes community members and builds diverse coalitions to implement initiatives to reduce environmental hazards. Tonawanda Air Pilot Project (TAPP) is The Clean Air Coalition's campaign to effectively reduce air toxins produced by a foundry coke plant, petroleum distribution terminals, chemical bulk storage terminals, a coal-burning electric generation facility and a tire manufacturing plant, all producing air pollutants that far exceed state and federal guidelines. Working with officials TAPP will develop a comprehensive action plan to achieve toxic air reductions.

[www.cacwny.org](http://www.cacwny.org)**Coalición de Derechos Humanos**

\$15,000

Tucson, AZ

Coalición de Derechos Humanos ("The Human Rights Coalition") is a grassroots organization which promotes respect for human/civil rights and fights the militarization of the Southern Border region, discrimination, and human rights abuses by federal, state, and local law enforcement officials affecting U.S. and non-U.S. citizens alike. The Promotora program is a community, popular education-based project which seeks to facilitate the empowerment of community members by opening and furthering the discussion of human rights and the immigrant experience. Promotoras, traditionally women, are trained in abuse documentation and participate in the development of presentations, home visits, and various events aimed at promoting community education and direct involvement. [www.derechoshumanosaz.net](http://www.derechoshumanosaz.net)

**Coalition for Economic Justice**

\$15,000

Buffalo, NY

The Coalition for Economic Justice (CEJ) is an ongoing coalition of labor, faith, community, academic and student activists and organizations. Using coalition-building, grassroots mobilization, leadership development, direct action and policy development, CEJ engages in long-term campaigns to shift city, regional and state economic development decisions so that

environmental sustainability, worker justice, affordable housing, community involvement and other social outcomes are among the goals of the development. Funding was provided in support of Our Waterfront, Our Future, a campaign advocating for oversight of a community benefits agreement for Buffalo's Inner Harbor redevelopment; Getting our Money's Worth, a statewide alliance advocating for policies that promote good jobs and strong communities; and We are Erie County, a coalition of non-partisan groups working to increase inner city voter turnout in local elections. [www.buffalojwj.org](http://www.buffalojwj.org)

### **Coalition on Homelessness**

\$15,000

San Francisco, CA

The Coalition on Homelessness (COH) organizes poor and homeless people to create permanent solutions to poverty and homelessness while protecting the civil and human rights of those forced to remain on the streets. The Housing First for Families (HFF) Project seeks to organize and empower homeless and low-income parents through leadership development to create solutions to the housing and economic crisis they face. Homeless parent leaders will create work plans, organize various campaigns and engage with policy makers to create affordable housing for low-income and homeless families. [www.cohsf.org](http://www.cohsf.org)

### **Consumers for Dental Choice**

\$10,000

Washington, DC

Consumers for Dental Choice was established by consumer advocates, mercury poisoning victims, scientists and dentists to educate the public about the health and environmental dangers of mercury fillings, and to ensure more effective government oversight on amalgam. Funding support was provided for the Californians for Green Dentistry project that aims to inform city councils and residents about dental mercury pollution. Consumers for Dental Choice persuades governments to act; corporations to be accountable and for consumers to choose green alternatives to amalgam fillings that contain mercury. [www.toxicteeth.org](http://www.toxicteeth.org)

### **Dakota Resource Council**

\$10,000

Dickinson, ND

Dakota Resource Council (DRC) was formed to protect North Dakota's land, air, water, rural communities and agricultural economy. DRC uses grassroots actions to influence public opinion and shape public policy to protect and preserve sustainable agriculture, natural resources, livelihoods and community well-being. The Bakken Formation Project is engaging efforts to reduce the environmental risks of oil and gas activities in this western region of the state that has seen a tremendous boom in oil production, and consequently, spills. The Bakken Project will protect the rights of surface and mineral owners and help to address the environmental issues associated with the oil production. [www.drcinfo.com](http://www.drcinfo.com)

### **Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition**

\$15,000

Seattle, WA

DRCC was founded by local environmental, social justice, tribal and community organizations to secure a Superfund cleanup of South Seattle's Duwamish River that reflects the needs and values of its surrounding community. Funding was provided for general operational support of their continued work in a restoration of the environmental health of the river. Community Alternatives Workshops are empowering the local community to present clean up actions to the EPA that ensures the result of a "River for All." [www.duwamishcleanup.org](http://www.duwamishcleanup.org)

### **Empower DC**

\$15,000

Washington, DC

A membership-based organization, Empower DC's mission is to enhance, improve and promote the self-advocacy of low and moderate income residents in the District of Columbia in order to

bring about sustained improvements in their quality of life. They accomplish their mission through grassroots organizing and trainings, leadership development, community education and the development of grassroots campaigns to address pressing social issues identified by their membership. General operating support was provided for ongoing community organizing and leadership development activities, addressing the issues of affordable housing, quality affordable child care, quality public education and the preservation of public property.

[www.empowerdc.org](http://www.empowerdc.org)

**Environmental Justice Coalition for Water (EJCW)**

\$15,000

Oakland, CA

EJCW is a statewide coalition of more than seventy organizations which works to secure safe and affordable access to water resources for California's most disadvantaged communities, including low-income and people of color communities, as well as Native American Tribes, in both rural and urban regions of the state. Their work also builds the capacity of these communities to engage in water decisions and policies that affect their ability to access safe water resources. EJCW educates, empowers, and nurtures this community-based coalition that serves as a public voice and an effective advocate of environmental justice issues in California water policy. General operating support was provided to ensure EJCW continues to involve their low income community members in the decision making process and bring an end the unsustainable water management practices that exist in California.

[www.ejcw.org](http://www.ejcw.org)

**Eyak Preservation Council**

\$15,000

Cordova, AK

Formed after the devastating Exxon Valdez oil spill, the Eyak Preservation Council (EPC), is a grassroots environmental and social change organization dedicated to promoting sustainable communities and protecting and preserving wild salmon habitat and Indigenous culture in the ancestral Eyak homelands of the Prince William Sound and Copper River watersheds. A general support grant was provided to continue EPC's programs that guide and empower constituents to create and promote sustainable solutions, with the ultimate goal of securing permanent protection for wild salmon habitats.

[www.redzone.org](http://www.redzone.org)

**Faith Action for Community Equity**

\$15,000

Honolulu, HI

Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE) Maui exists to allow its members to live out their common, faith-based values by engaging in actions that challenge the systems that perpetuate poverty and injustice. Through the Maui Immigrant Rights Project, FACE will aim to empower lower income immigrants on the island and their allies with the skills they need to effectively challenge and change biased policies and practices that create tremendous hardships for Latinos, Micronesians, Tongans, Filipinos, undocumented immigrant children who were raised in the state, and other impacted populations.

[www.facehawaii.org](http://www.facehawaii.org)

**Friends of Justice**

\$15,000

Arlington, TX

Friends of Justice is a nonprofit organization that uses narrative campaigns to uphold human dignity and civil rights in our criminal justice system. Their goal is to build a new moral consensus for ending mass incarceration. General operating support was provided to continue the work of bringing the voices of marginalized people of color to the media's attention, by shaping the message of a case and challenging the prevailing assumptions about crime, race and justice.

<http://friendsofjustice.wordpress.com>

**Girls for Gender Equity**

\$10,000

Brooklyn, NY

Girls for Gender Equity is committed to improving the physical, psychological, social and economic development of girls and women. Through education, organizing, and physical fitness, Girls for Gender Equity encourages communities to remove barriers and create opportunities for girls and women to live self-determined lives. The youth-led Sisters In Strength (SIS) program is a leadership development, community organizing program that will engage youth to create and develop a campaign against, and raise awareness of, sexual harassment and discrimination within the local school system. Due to a lack of enforcement, new anti-harassment policies from the NYC Department of Education have done little to address and promote a safe and inclusive learning environment for students. Through SIS, youth will help fellow students to be aware of their rights, and coordinate with schools to be aware of their responsibilities in providing a safe and supportive learning environment.

[www.ggenyc.org](http://www.ggenyc.org)**Global Community Monitor**

\$15,000

El Cerrito, CA

Global Community Monitor provides technical assistance and campaign support to key US fenceline communities to address emerging pollution issues (such as natural gas fracking and tar sands oil refining), to pilot new community-friendly environmental monitoring tools and methods, to develop and win new fenceline policies, and to build the national fenceline movement. GCM's primary activity consists of providing training and ongoing technical assistance to community organizations fighting pollution as well as strengthening a national and international movement of people fighting industrial pollution and climate change. Funding was provided in support of their National Bucket Brigade Network.

[www.gcmonitor.org](http://www.gcmonitor.org)**Grassroots Institute of New Jersey**

\$10,000

Newark, NJ

The mission of the Grassroots Institute is to strengthen the progressive movement in New Jersey by bringing issues of social and economic justice to the forefront of public debate. They enhance the capacity of organizations to bring about policy change in the areas where they work by convening diverse nonprofits that represent disadvantaged constituencies; identifying areas for collaboration; and promoting policy alternatives on issues ranging from the state budget to health care and women's rights. General support was provided for their efforts uniting a broad coalition of New Jersey organizations around a campaign to reaffirm the state government's role in protecting New Jersey's working families and its most vulnerable residents. Through broad public education and organizing, they seek to build public support for new revenue solutions and a balanced approach to the state's fiscal crisis that will counter approaches that rely on cuts to essential services alone.

[www.betterchoicesfornj.org](http://www.betterchoicesfornj.org)**Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless**

\$10,000

Cincinnati, OH

The Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless is a unified social action agency committed to the ultimate goal of eradicating homelessness with respect for the dignity and diversity of its membership, the homeless and the community. The Coalition works towards this goal by coordinating services, educating the public, and engaging in grassroots organizing and advocacy. General Support was provided for their efforts advocating for a number of causes such as the saving and creation of low income housing, voting rights for people who are homeless, loss of human services budget from the city council and for a warm shelter to be open every night during the winter months. Programs include a speakers' bureau, street newspaper, People's Platform, and Homeless Congress.

[www.cincihomeless.org](http://www.cincihomeless.org)

**Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice** \$15,000

San Francisco, CA

Greenaction aims to mobilize community power to win victories that change government and industry policies and practices to protect health and promote environmental, economic and social justice. Funding was provided for the Kettleman City Environmental Health and Justice project which addresses the problems of public health, environmental justice and corporate and government accountability in the Spanish speaking farmworker town that suffers from a high rate of birth defects and infant deaths. Providing the mothers and residents with leadership skills, Greenaction engages the community to put the pressure on the Environmental Protection Agency and fight for policy changes. [www.greenaction.org](http://www.greenaction.org)

**GRO- Grass Roots Organizing** \$10,000

Mexico, MO

The mission of GRO - Grass Roots Organizing is to create a grassroots voice to win economic justice and human rights for all Missourians. GRO organizes in low-income communities, particularly rural communities of color. By engaging non-urban, underserved, unbanked, and under-banked communities; providing leadership development opportunities; and launching, managing and developing member-driven campaigns; GRO provides mobilization opportunities for those whose voices have been missing in debates about policies that affect them. GRO leads a campaign to stop predatory lending in Missouri, and its leaders play key roles in the Make Wall Street Pay and the New Bottom Line campaigns led by National People's Action and PICO. [www.gromo.org](http://www.gromo.org)

**Herstory Writers Workshop** \$15,000

Centereach, NY

Herstory provides opportunities through guided memoir writing that empower women from all walks of life to turn their intimate stories into works of art, crafted so that others can hear. Funding was provided for their Youth Writing for Restorative Justice and Racial Equity project, which engages formerly incarcerated teens and neighborhood youth by providing them with precise writing tools so they can become part of the public discourse in a way to effect positive change. [www.herstorywriters.org](http://www.herstorywriters.org)

**JUNTA for Progressive Action** \$10,835

New Haven, CT

Junta for Progressive Action, Inc. (JUNTA) provides services, programs and advocacy that improve the social, political and economic conditions of the Latino community in Greater New Haven, while nurturing and promoting its cultural traditions as it builds bridges with other communities. The Worker Center is a leadership development center that informs workers on their rights, helps recover wages and provides training on advocacy and community organizing. Funding was provided for the work developed through the Center and to continue to bring awareness to workers' rights violations in Connecticut. [www.juntainc.org](http://www.juntainc.org)

**Justice Committee** \$15,000

New York, NY

The Justice Committee (JC) is a Latina/Latino-led grassroots organization dedicated to building a movement against police violence and systemic racism in NYC. JC's organizing strategies include multi-generational leadership development, political education, based-building, solidarity work with other immigrant and people of color-led organizations, direct action, and advocacy and service provision to meet the immediate needs of victims and their families. Funding was provided in support of the Know Your Rights/Cop Watch Campaign, an on-going base-building and grassroots organizing campaign aimed at empowering low-income people of color to change the way policing occurs in low-income communities in New York City. The elements of

this campaign include: 1) The Washington Heights Cop Watch; 2) Know Your Rights Education; 3) The Cop Watch Network (Network); and 4) The Peoples' Justice Public Art and Advertising Campaign. [www.thejusticecommittee.org](http://www.thejusticecommittee.org)

### **Justice Now**

\$13,000

Oakland, CA

Justice Now is a human rights organization that partners with people inside women's prisons and local communities to build a safe, compassionate world without prisons. Justice Now promotes alternatives to policing and prisons, and challenges the prison industrial complex in all its forms through programming that intersects communications, policy, human rights, and direct service efforts to challenge imprisonment and the violence that accompanies it. General operating support was provided to continue their unique work building leadership inside women's prisons to challenge imprisonment and the violence that accompanies it.

[www.justicenow.org](http://www.justicenow.org)

### **Kids Are Priority One Coalition**

\$15,000

Montpelier, VT

Kids Are Priority One is Vermont's statewide early childhood coalition working to ensure that every Vermont child gets a good start. The Coalition believes that all Vermont children should have access to community-based high-quality, affordable child development services that support healthy development. The Quality Matters campaign, a statewide effort to improve the quality of early care and education, will engage and organize early care and education providers, and strengthen their capacities as leaders to enable their participation in policy opportunities on behalf of Vermont's children.

### **Klamath Forest Alliance**

\$10,000

Klamath Falls, OR

The Klamath Forest Alliance (KFA) is a grassroots community organization based in Orleans, California whose mission is to promote sustainable ecosystems and communities. Their goal is to defend and protect the wildlife, waters and old growth forests of these watersheds and to encourage active stewardship. General operating support was provided to defend the remote watersheds, which cover millions of acres of the Klamath Siskiyou Mountains in Northern California. Working collaboratively with local land managers, rural river communities, restoration councils and Native Tribes, KFA monitors and documents timber sales, grazing, mining and fire suppression activities on public land to make sure the USFS follows environmental law.

[www.klamathforestalliance.org](http://www.klamathforestalliance.org)

### **Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance**

\$10,000

Los Angeles, CA

KIWA is a multi-ethnic grassroots organization whose mission is to empower low-wage immigrant workers and to develop a progressive constituency and leadership in Koreatown, Los Angeles. KIWA's Community Leadership Development Program organizes and empowers low-income Koreatown workers and residents to be actively engaged in strategic actions to achieve long-term improvements in the community. Support will sustain the curriculum development, materials and workshops for KIWA's Leadership Academy. [www.kiwa.org](http://www.kiwa.org)

### **Lakeview Action Coalition**

\$15,000

Chicago, IL

Lakeview Action Coalition is a multi-issue, institution-based community organization working to sustain racial, economic and cultural diversity in a rapidly gentrifying Chicago neighborhood. LAC's organizing is built on the development of leaders, building relationships in public life and accountability to the community. Using organizing based on those three criteria, LAC leaders

work on issues that emerge from the community; that are in line with our values of justice, collective action, self determination, solidarity, and diversity; and that positively impact the most vulnerable members of the community.

Funding was provided for general operating support of their many programs.

[www.lakeviewaction.org](http://www.lakeviewaction.org)

### **Latino Union of Chicago**

\$15,000

Chicago, IL

The Latino Union of Chicago collaborates with low-income, immigrant workers to develop the tools necessary to collectively improve social and economic conditions. The Immigrant Worker Action Project is an ongoing organizational project that organizes day laborers, domestic workers, and other immigrant workers to take action for systemic and structural change that improves broad social conditions. This base building work is complemented by LU's national work as the Midwest representative of NDLON, Excluded Worker Congress, Turning the Tide, and an affiliating member of the National Domestic Worker Alliance. As a spearhead of the Just Pay For All Coalition, Latino Union organized a triumphant statewide advocacy campaign that established historic protections for over 5.6 million Illinoisian workers against wage theft that serves as a national model. [www.latinounion.org](http://www.latinounion.org)

### **Leaders for Equality and Action in Dayton**

\$12,000

Dayton, OH

Leaders for Equality and Action in Dayton (LEAD) aims to build a strong grassroots community organization, dedicated to empowering and preparing people to work for a greater degree of justice in Montgomery County, Ohio. General operating support will assist LEAD to continue their work on fighting for safe, reliable and affordable public transportation, an issue that has been a barrier for many of their constituents in maintaining access to their workplaces.

### **Los Angeles Taxi Worker's Alliance**

\$15,000

Los Angeles, CA

The mission of the Los Angeles Taxi Workers Alliance (LATWA) is to fight for the dignity, respect, and rights of taxi workers and to transform Los Angeles' taxi industry from a system of "sweatshops on wheels" into a 21st century green taxi industry that provides living wage jobs for racially diverse immigrant workers and protects the environment. General operating support was provided to continue their efforts of systemic change through grassroots organizing, policy advocacy and mobilization. [www.latwa.org](http://www.latwa.org)

### **Massachusetts Avenue Project**

\$15,000

Buffalo, NY

Massachusetts Avenue Project (MAP) nurtures the growth of a diverse and equitable community food system to promote local economic opportunities, access to affordable and nutritious food, and social-change education. Funding was provided for the Growing Green Project, an urban agriculture and youth development program that trains and organizes low-income teens to change the food environments of their neighborhood. Youth are involved in growing and distributing healthy foods, educating others about local food system development and working with other community members to work for policy change. [www.mass-ave.org](http://www.mass-ave.org)

### **Media Mobilizing Project**

\$15,000

Philadelphia, PA

The Media Mobilizing Project (MMP) exists to build the media and communications infrastructure for a movement to end poverty, led by poor and working people, united across color lines. Radio Unidad is a bilingual radio program produced by Spanish speaking community members to discuss the issues they face: workers rights, immigrant organizing and labor

organizing. Funding was provided for Radio Unidad and to continue work with Labor Justice Radio which is collaboratively produced by five local workers unions.

[www.mediamobilizing.org](http://www.mediamobilizing.org)

**Met Council Research & Educational Fund** \$9,000

New York, NY

Met Council is a membership organization of low-income New York City tenants working to create more humane housing policies. The Met Council Research & Educational Fund (MCREF) organizes & educates tenants to win broad tenant protections and permanently affordable housing for all New Yorkers. General operating support was provided to assist in furthering the work of mobilizing tenants for permanent solutions to the city's affordable housing crisis, and to build organizational capacity. [www.metcouncil.net](http://www.metcouncil.net)

**Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (MIRA)** \$10,000

Jackson, MS

The Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (MIRA) works to expand the rights of all immigrants in Mississippi and make them welcome in their communities. They aggressively defend the rights of all immigrants who seek justice and dignity where they work and where they live. MIRA advocates for legislation and policy change at all levels of government in the state. The Community Organizing and Advocacy Program seeks to empower immigrant workers to act collectively for racial and economic justice through leadership development, organizing, education, and collaborating with strategic allies. [www.yourmira.org](http://www.yourmira.org)

**Movement for Justice in El Barrio** \$15,000

New York, NY

Movement for Justice in El Barrio is a multi-issue, immigrant-led community organization dedicated to organizing the immigrants of El Barrio (East Harlem) to lead the way to social justice. They continue to work for housing justice by developing leadership and building tenant associations to hold accountable abusive landlords that create dangerous living conditions for their many low-income tenants.

**Moving In Congregations, Acting in Hope (MICAH)** \$10,000

Homer, NY

MICAH is a faith-based community organization that seeks to challenge power structures that oppress the poor and working class. Using the PICO model of community organizing, MICAH trains and supports everyday people so they can redefine democracy and improve the quality of their lives. Funding was provided to help support MICAH's efforts to research the issue of hydrofracking in upstate New York and develop and implement a strategic policy campaign initially focused on hazardous waste issues associated with hydrofracking.

**National Foster Youth Action Network** \$15,000

San Francisco, CA

The mission of The National Foster Youth Action Network is to build leadership capacity and skills in foster youth around the country so that they can educate policymakers about their unique needs and collaborate with them to improve state and federal foster care services, practice and policy. Funding was provided to support the Action Network train and coach foster youth and organizational staff in youth-led program partners in Oregon, Indiana, Mississippi and Virginia. This project is part of the Action Network's mission to build a national foster youth-led grassroots movement for child welfare systems reform and increase the ability of foster youth to transition successfully to adulthood. [www.fosteryouthaction.org](http://www.fosteryouthaction.org)

**National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR)** \$10,000

Oakland, CA

NNIR brings together grassroots community, religious, labor, civil rights and legal organizations to help build a social movement in support of the rights of immigrants and refugees. They work to promote a just immigration and refugee policy in the United States and to defend and expand the rights of all immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status. HURRICANE (Human Rights Immigrant Community Action Network) is an initiative that seeks to expose and seek redress for human rights violations against immigrants, by bringing together community members to track and document abuses and demand accountability. [www.nnirr.org](http://www.nnirr.org)

**Naugatuck Valley Project** \$15,000

Waterbury, CT

Naugatuck Valley Project's (NVP) mission is to bring together Valley residents, especially the poor and working poor, through their religious congregations, community, labor and housing organizations to help them build community across lines of race, ethnicity, age, geography and income; develop their leadership skills; and act on their faith and democratic values to create the power to address the systemic causes of poverty and injustice in the Valley. NVP's Youth Green Jobs program will empower youth to take an active role in redressing inequities in their local community, namely challenging job prospects with factory closing and disinvestment within the community. Coordinating with community colleges, housing authorities, workforce investment boards and the local utility company they will provide a partnership with youth to train as Environmental Retrofitting Technicians, providing retrofitting for a local affordable housing development. [www.naugatuckvalleyproject.org](http://www.naugatuckvalleyproject.org)

**Newtown Florist Club** \$5,000

Gainesville, GA

The Newtown Florist Club, established in 1950, promotes youth development and organizes for social, economic and environmental justice in Gainesville, Georgia. Newtown Florist Club started as a group of African-American women who collected money to provide funeral wreaths for bereaved families, but over time an increasing number of collections were required and members of the club, bearing roses, found themselves attending more and more funerals. The group began organizing around environmental issues as it was apparent this was the cause for the increasing death rate within the community. The Blaze Recycling Relocation Project is a community effort to force the relocation of a junkyard (BLAZE, INC.) that is located in a residential community and is causing excessive noise and air pollution. Funding was provided to carry out the program and complete an agreed upon land swap in an effort with the community and council to move the junkyard away from the low income neighborhood. [www.newtownfloristclub.org](http://www.newtownfloristclub.org)

**New York State Tenants & Neighbors Information Service** \$15,000

New York, NY

Tenants & Neighbors is a grassroots organization that harnesses tenant power to preserve at-risk affordable housing and to strengthen and expand tenants' rights in New York State. Through organizing, education, leadership development, and grassroots mobilization, Tenants & Neighbors is building a strong and unified tenant movement that has the knowledge and power to effect real change. Funding was provided in support of the Enforce It! Campaign that will demand the regulatory agency that oversees rent stabilized housing, to adopt reforms that will put an end to the illegal practices many landlords are using to displace tenants and raise rents to unaffordable levels. [www.tandn.org](http://www.tandn.org)

**NFRIA-WSERC Conservation Center**

\$12,000

Paonia, CO

NFRIA-WSERC is a grassroots organization dedicated to protecting and enhancing the natural environment and quality of life in Colorado's Western Slope. The North Fork River Improvement Association has come together with West Slope Energy Research Center to protect the environment where natural gas development has threatened the waterways, potentially contaminating organic farms and driving away wildlife. Along with this, is the coal mining in the region that has affected the North Fork River considerably through gravel mining and irrigation diversions. Funding was provided to continue the collaborative programs to protect public lands, human health and wildlife habitat from the harmful effects of natural gas and coal development.

[www.wserc.org](http://www.wserc.org)**Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition**

\$10,000

Huntington, WV

OVEC organizes and maintains a diverse grassroots organization dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the environment through education, grassroots organizing, coalition building, leadership development and media outreach throughout West Virginia. OVEC continues to campaign against the critical issue of mountaintop removal, valley fill mining and associated coal sludge impoundments from coal companies in the region. Funding will enable OVEC to advocate for and protect natural water resources that have been suffering from the harmful effects of mining related activities. [www.ohvec.org](http://www.ohvec.org)

**Olneyville Neighborhood Association**

\$15,000

Providence, RI

The mission of Olneyville Neighborhood Association (ONA) is to organize low income families, immigrant communities and people of color in Olneyville in order to create a diverse, community-led, democratic and non-partisan political movement that wins economic, social and political justice. General operating support was provided as ONA continues to build a social movement against racism and anti-immigrant attitudes in their community.

**Onondaga Creek Conservation Council**

\$15,000

Syracuse, NY

Onondaga Creek Conservation Council endeavors to protect, preserve and restore Onondaga Creek and its natural communities through outreach, education, advocacy, activism and stewardship. General operational support funding was provided to continue the work carried out on land and water conservation, flora and fauna protections, corporate accountability, and farmland protections. OCCC involves youth, carries out leadership development and encourage community members to create positive change by standing up and taking action.

**Out Youth**

\$15,000

Austin, TX

Out Youth's mission is to promote the physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and social well-being of sexual minority youth so that they can openly and safely explore and affirm their identities. Through youth leadership development, Out Youth provides resources for youth to work for social justice in their schools and communities. Funding was provided to expand the Texas Gay-Straight Alliance Network, a statewide program uniting and empowering LGBTQ youth to create safer schools and climates, by developing gay-straight alliances in more rural areas of Texas, that have been identified as presently lacking support for queer youth.

[www.outyouth.org](http://www.outyouth.org)

**Pan Left Productions**

\$15,000

Oakland, CA

Pan Left Productions is an organization of artists and activists who believe in the positive use of media for social and environmental justice and social change. Their mission is to amplify progressive stories and voices by providing access to equipment and resources, increasing the capability of individuals and organizations to use and make media and promoting equity in media distribution. General operating support was provided to continue the work of using media as a tool to affect change, create civic dialogue and assist many grassroots organizations to share their message with a broader audience.

[www.panleft.org](http://www.panleft.org)**Parents United for Public Schools**

\$10,000

St. Paul, MN

Parents United for Public Schools (PUPS) is a statewide, grassroots organization of concerned and informed Minnesota parents and citizens committed to Minnesota's leadership in quality public education. The Parent Leadership Boot Camp is an extension of their user friendly presentation that helps to explain the legislative process on the decisions affecting public schools, and brings it to all Minnesotan communities to enhance PUPS work on public engagement. [www.parentsunited.org](http://www.parentsunited.org)

**People United for a Better Life in Oakland (PUEBLO)**

\$15,000

Oakland, CA

People United for a Better Life in Oakland (PUEBLO) is a multi-ethnic, multi-issue community membership organization. Using organizing, direct action, policy research and analysis, leadership development, popular education, and coalition building; PUEBLO confronts the issues that affect the lives of their membership. Their mission is to advocate for the needs of low-income residents of Oakland, most of them people of color, by grassroots organizing, offering leadership training and initiating policy reform. Funding was provided for the Youth Initiated Police Policy Reform campaign that follows the results from a PUEBLO survey of local youth, in understanding perceptions of police, the alienation of male youths of color and the reporting of police misconduct. Through leadership development, youth will develop policy proposals that they will then present to the City Council for implementation.

[www.peopleunited.org](http://www.peopleunited.org)**Picture the Homeless**

\$10,000

Bronx, NY

Picture the Homeless is an organization founded on the principle that in order to end homelessness, people who are homeless must become an organized, effective voice for systemic change. They are organizing for social justice around issues of housing, police violence, and the shelter-industrial complex. General operational support was provided in order to develop infrastructure to sustain and expand their Housing Not Warehousing and Civil Rights campaigns and ongoing leadership development activities. [www.picturethehomeless.org](http://www.picturethehomeless.org)

**Pioneer Valley Project**

\$15,000

Springfield, MA

The Pioneer Valley Project's goal is to relieve conditions of poverty, racism, discrimination, dependency, unemployment and underemployment, and to prevent deterioration of communities in Southern Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts. They seek to empower people to organize effectively through their congregations, unions, and community organizations to improve the quality of life around the issues community members themselves define as most important. Funding was provided for the JobsOut of Poverty campaign that works with trade unions and community partners to activate a job registry and pre-apprenticeship training that will

ensure employment for women and people of color on public construction jobs.

[www.pioneervp.org](http://www.pioneervp.org)

### **Planting Justice**

\$15,000

Oakland, CA 94608

The mission of Planting Justice is to democratize access to affordable, nutritious food by empowering disenfranchised urban residents with the skills, resources, and knowledge to grow organic food, expand economic opportunities, and ensure environmental sustainability in their neighborhoods. Funding was provided in support of a new, block-by-block canvass program in which young community organizers invite urban residents to build community gardens together, learn about food justice issues, and fund these projects with small contributions. In this way, Planting Justice will help build a broad and active constituency that is aware of the harms of industrial food production, empowered to participate in local solutions, and strategically coordinated in applying political pressure for city, state, and federal policy changes.

[www.plantingjustice.org](http://www.plantingjustice.org)

### **Post Oil Solutions**

\$10,000

Townshend, VT

Post Oil Solutions (POS) aims to empower the people of the Central Connecticut River Valley bioregion to develop sustainable, collaborative, and socially just communities; leading to a self-sufficient post petroleum society. Working with the Community Food Security Coalition, POS is developing a Community Food Assessment which will uncover areas of weakness and excellence in the local school communities' food systems. The results will be used to organize Farm to School committees which will improve the local food system and nutrition in schools. From this they plan to publicize their findings, by sharing the results with policy-makers and educators. [www.postoilsolutions.org](http://www.postoilsolutions.org)

### **Powder River Basin Resource Council**

\$15,000

Sheridan, WY

The Powder River Basin Resource Council (PRBRC) is committed to educating and empowering Wyoming's citizens to raise a coherent voice in the preservation and enrichment of their agricultural heritage, and for the conservation of Wyoming's unique land, mineral, water, and clean air resources. Recently, through Powder River's work, Wyoming became the first state to provide to the public the chemical components involved in the practice of "fracking" gas and oil wells. General operational support was provided in order for PRBRC to continue monitoring the disclosure of drilling and fracking chemicals used in oil and gas development, and have identified some loop holes used by gas companies associated with these disclosure rules. PRBRC will be addressing the problems of the disclosure rules with the Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission through a series of meetings with members, to improve the process, or through a possible petition for a Citizens Rule Making that will highlight these problems.

[www.powderriverbasin.org](http://www.powderriverbasin.org)

### **POWER - Parents Organizing Welfare & Economic Rights**

\$12,000

Olympia, WA

POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated. General operating support was provided for POWER's work in engaging low-income parents to build leadership skills, become effective advocates for their families, and have a voice for improving policies that directly affect their lives. [www.oly-wa.us/power](http://www.oly-wa.us/power)

**Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts - PHENOM** \$15,000

Amherst, MA

PHENOM unites students, staff, faculty, alumni and parents in a grassroots effort to mobilize, advocate and promote affordable and accessible public higher education for all. General operating support funding was provided to continue PHENOM's campus organizing campaigns, in which students and faculty put the pressure on Legislators to agree on budget requests that will end cuts to public education and make higher education accessible and affordable for all.

[www.phenomonline.org](http://www.phenomonline.org)

**PURE - Parents United for Responsible Education** \$10,000

Chicago, IL

PURE works to support and assure a high quality public education for all children by informing parents about education issues and parents' rights, bringing parents into the decision making process, empowering parents in their role as advocates for their children, and assisting them in their interactions within the school system. Informed and activated by the parents who see the problems in the schools and need some tools and support to make changes happen, PURE uses organizing, advocacy, legal, legislative and media/communication strategies to fight for parents' rights, for an end to ineffective and harmful education policies such as high-stakes testing, harsh discipline, and school closure and privatization. Pure works to improve and support public schools, teachers and students by organizing for more effective parent involvement, high-quality multiple assessments, a restorative justice approach to school discipline, and collaborative school improvement planning, monitoring and accountability. PURE works locally and at the national level to address education policies that are harmful to children, especially low-income children of color.

[www.pureparents.org](http://www.pureparents.org)

**RAISE Kentucky** \$10,000

111 Darby Shire Circle, Frankfort, KY

The mission of Raise Kentucky is to expand economic opportunity and financial security for all Kentuckians through asset-building initiatives and policy advocacy. Raise Kentucky successfully advocated for the passage of a database bill to track payday lenders and limit the numbers of payday loans per person, per year and holds regular meetings to develop their coalition. General operational support was provided.

**Responsible Endowments Coalition** \$15,000

641 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 300, New York, NY

The Responsible Endowments Coalition (REC) works to build and unify the college and university-based responsible investment movement, both by educating and empowering a diverse network of individuals to act on their campuses, and by fostering a national network for collective action. REC provides training, mentorship and resources to empower students to run campus campaigns to hold their universities and the corporations they are invested in accountable to their stakeholders. The "Move Our Money" campaign will advocate for college dollars, both from endowment and operating funds, to be placed in community and environmental investments, rather than big banks. The goal of this campaign is to greatly increase the amount of capital going to local community institutions, while changing the institutional practice of exclusively using major financial institutions.

[www.endowmentethics.org](http://www.endowmentethics.org)

**RightRides for Women's Safety** \$15,000

Brooklyn, NY

The mission of RightRides For Women's Safety, Inc. is to build safer communities by ending gender-based harassment and sexual assault. They work towards this by community organizing and offering safety education and advocacy programs. The New Yorkers for Safe Transit is a coalition campaign that focuses on strengthening the leadership of current constituents,

implementing a comprehensive online communications and in-person outreach strategy, and championing new and pending legislation in the New York City Council, Assembly, and Senate to make NYC's mass transit safer for women and LGBTQ people. [www.rightrides.org](http://www.rightrides.org)

### **Rural & Migrant Ministry**

\$15,000

Poughkeepsie, NY

Rural & Migrant Ministry works for the creation of a just rural New York State by nurturing leadership, standing with the disenfranchised, especially farmworkers and rural workers, and changing unjust systems and structures. Funding was provided for the Rural Workers Education Center, a project of Rural & Migrant Ministry, to train rural workers in Central New York about their rights and to foster their leadership skills so they can more effectively organize themselves. The Center will bring farmworkers, other low income workers, and their allies together to learn, strategize and advocate for improved working and living conditions.

[www.ruralmigrantministry.org](http://www.ruralmigrantministry.org)

### **Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee**

\$10,000

Sacramento, CA

SHOC is a grassroots, activist organization made up of homeless and formerly homeless individuals. SHOC is a vehicle that gives homeless people a voice in the community on issues that affect them, including civil rights issues, community inclusiveness, housing and city planning. General operating support was provided in the form of a matching grant to enable SHOC to continue work on the Homeless Civil Rights Project that opposes the criminalization of homeless and low income people. [www.sacshoc.org](http://www.sacshoc.org)

### **Sadie Nash Leadership Project**

\$10,000

Brooklyn, NY

Sadie Nash Leadership Project is a youth-led leadership and activism program working with young women from low-income communities across New York City. Funding was provided for their ELLA Fellowship work; a year long, in-depth leadership and community organizing training. Fellows in the training will implement an independent, meaningful and ambitious organizing project of her own design, in her own community. The goal of the ELLA Fellowship is to enhance young women's capacity for resourcefulness, social entrepreneurialism, creativity, and ultimately, effective community leadership and change. [www.sadienash.org](http://www.sadienash.org)

### **South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice**

\$15,000

Miami, FL

South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice (SFIWJ) is an association of many diverse religious leaders who respond to the crisis of the working poor, providing a voice to educate, organize and mobilize the religious community to serve low-wage workers in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. They advocate for the rights of low-wage workers, the majority of whom are immigrants, women and people of color. Funding was provided for the Women's Workers' Rights Initiative; a program of low-income, immigrant women that wish to create a women's workers center. The center will offer a safe place to network and share information about women workers' rights, offering leadership and organizing skills so that they may have a voice in changing the underlying conditions that allow unfair treatment in the workplace.

[www.sfiwj.org](http://www.sfiwj.org)

### **South of Market Community Action Network (SOMCAN)**

\$15,000

San Francisco, CA

SOMCAN seeks to break down the barriers that many low-income, people of color, immigrant and working-class communities face in the rapidly developing SoMa (South of Market) neighborhood. SOMCAN's mission is to build and support a strong, organized community that

takes collective action to achieve social justice and equity through organizing, leadership development and community planning. General operational support will assist in developing a proactive vision for the South of Market neighborhood in San Francisco by building neighborhood leaders in political education, public speaking training, and constructing and leading campaign work plans. [www.somcan.org](http://www.somcan.org)

**Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation**

\$10,000

Chicago, IL

Southsiders Organizing for Unity and Liberation (SOUL) is a South Side / South Suburban Chicago grassroots, multi-issue organization that empowers residents to take an active role in shaping the future of their communities. Funding was provided in support of two major campaigns: a Green Jobs campaign which is working to ensure that the Urban Weatherization Initiative, passed by the state, will be adequately funded and implemented; and a Public Transit Improvements campaign, which is working to secure a commitment from local transit agencies to allow riders to transfer between buses and trains-run by different agencies-and offer more frequent, safer travel for low income workers that rely on the public transportation to commute to and from their jobs. [www.soulinchicago.org](http://www.soulinchicago.org)

**Southwest Workers' Union**

\$15,000

San Antonio, TX

The Southwest Workers' Union (SWU) is an organization of low-income workers and families, community residents, and youth, working for worker rights, environmental justice and community empowerment. Funding was provided for the Roots of Change Cooperative, which will expand from a community garden into an urban farm and serve as a hub for fighting climate change, build community food sovereignty, develop youth as leaders and community organizers, and promote environmental justice as it brings community members together and engages them in programs of the Southwest Workers' Union. [www.swunion.org](http://www.swunion.org)

**STOP - Southside Together Organizing for Power**

\$15,000

Chicago, IL

STOP is a community organization that builds the power of residents on the Southside of Chicago to impact the forces and decisions that affect their lives. Through organizing, popular education, and leadership development, STOP fights for human rights, racial and economic justice amongst those most directly affected by issues of gentrification, displacement, incarceration and health cuts. The Mental Health Movement Program organizes mental health patients and community members to educate the public about the importance of public mental health clinics and their services, erase the stigma of mental illness and of seeking out mental health services, educate policy makers about the experience of mental illness, and increase the level and quality of public mental health services. [www.stopchicago.org](http://www.stopchicago.org)

**Teachers Unite**

\$15,000

New York, NY

Teachers Unite is a membership organization of public school educators building power to encourage the teachers' union (UFT) to fight for educational and social justice for the low-income communities served by New York City schools. They believe that a strong organization of activist teachers, working in coalition with parents and students, will transform the city, and its schools, to best serve all New Yorkers. Teachers Unite carries out many programs, such as the newly formed Leadership Program that will build a movement within the UFT. Funding is provided for general operation support. [www.teachersunite.net](http://www.teachersunite.net)

**Teach Our Children**

\$15,000

New Haven, CT

The mission of Teach Our Children and Youth Unleashed is to ensure that parents and students are truly involved in education policy and decision making and acknowledged as critical participants in the success of our school system. Funding was provided for Youth UnleashED (YUED), a student-led organization working to increase the participation of students in district decision-making. YUED works to develop leaders with the skills and experience necessary to hold district leaders accountable and make concrete improvements to their school system. YUED joined the parents of Teach Our Children (TOC) and spearheaded their first youth organizing initiative which aims to establish Youth UnleashED chapters in high schools across New Haven. [www.teachourchildren.org](http://www.teachourchildren.org)

**The Farmer-Veteran Coalition**

\$15,000

Davis, CA

The Farmer-Veteran Coalition believes that family farms, the sustainable farming movement and growing support for local and regional agriculture could all be well served by people already accustomed to hard work, discipline and dedication. Returning veterans can benefit from, and help, to stimulate the growing green economy. General operating support was provided to engage returning veterans who are facing employment challenges to advance careers in food industries and agriculture, and providing a healthy transition to civilian life. Veterans that have begun the transition will offer train-the-trainer opportunities to continue the support network of returning veterans. [www.farmvetco.org](http://www.farmvetco.org)

**The Street Vendor Project**

\$15,000

New York, NY

The Street Vendor Project (SVP) is a grassroots, vendor-led organization that works to advance economic opportunity and social justice for the 10,000 or so street vendors in NYC. To develop a sense of economic empowerment and stability within the vendor community, SVP provides legal representation and small business development to individual members in need. The heart of their work is to organize the community in campaigns for justice, while educating the public about the systemic problems faced by street vendors. Funding was provided for their "Lower the Fines" Campaign, a legislative and public education effort to reduce the high penalties vendors must pay for minor violations like vending more than 18 inches from the curb. These fines are discriminatory and threaten many vendors' livelihoods. Through leadership development activities, worker organizing, and community building efforts, SVP seeks to advance into law two related bills that have been introduced at City Council and currently have a majority of members supporting them. [www.streetvendor.org](http://www.streetvendor.org)

**Toxics Action Center**

\$10,000

Montpelier, VT

The mission of Toxics Action Center is to make the right to clean air, clean drinking water, and healthy communities a reality by organizing side-by-side with residents who are facing toxic threats, and training them in the skills and know-how they need to run effective local grassroots campaigns, while also developing long-term leaders to fuel New England's environmental and social justice movements. General support funding was provided in support of their plans to organize 80 communities throughout the region; help develop more than 1,000 community leaders, and win at least five concrete victories for the region's health and environment. [www.toxicsaction.org](http://www.toxicsaction.org)

**Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research and Action**

\$15,000

Oakland, CA

TIGRA is a movement center that promotes transnational economic justice. TIGRA's work combines grassroots leadership development, grassroots fundraising, and advocacy of human

rights standards in the remittances industry. TIGRA pursues three interlocking strategies to harness the economic power of transnational families: (1) it accredits money transfer companies by a set of socially-responsible criteria, including reinvestment in communities; (2) it links socially-responsible companies to a global network through its Remit4Change program; and (3) it allocates resources to community-based projects that address the root causes of displacement. TIGRA's overarching strategy is to develop a new strategic constituency that can impact the course of globalization from below. A general support grant was provided for this work. [www.transnationalaction.org](http://www.transnationalaction.org)

### **TRUST South LA**

\$15,000

Los Angeles, CA

TRUST South LA (founded in 2005 as Figueroa Corridor Community Land Trust) is a community-based effort to stabilize the neighborhoods south of Downtown Los Angeles, where increased property values and rents have pushed out many long-term residents. TRUST's mission is to build community control over land; to preserve and build opportunities for working-class people to remain in the community; and to build the capacity and power of local residents to have a say in the future of their neighborhoods. T.R.U.S.T. South LA (Tenemos que Reclamar y Unidos Salvar la Tierra) received general operating support to build the economic and political power of residents in order to transform discriminatory institutional policies and practices. [www.trustsouthla.org](http://www.trustsouthla.org)

### **United Community Centers**

\$15,000

Brooklyn, NY

United Community Center is a member organization whose mission is to involve diverse families and individual residents in analyzing and confronting the problems that affect their lives and community. East New York Farms is a project that began from community forums that identified lack of opportunities for youth, safe public spaces and fresh food. This project has developed into urban gardens, a market where youth are involved and the community comes together to move toward a more just food system. [www.eastnewyorkfarms.org](http://www.eastnewyorkfarms.org)

### **Universal Health Care Action Network**

\$15,000

Cleveland, OH

UHCAN supports and connects grassroots groups in states to effectively engage the public, policymakers and key constituencies to achieve affordable, quality health care for all. UHCAN serves as a national network and strategy center for the growing diversity of organizations working across the country around multiple approaches to achieve health care for all. UHCAN's role is to promote connections and collaborative action across networks, between state legislators and advocates, and between state and national organizations and campaigns. General support funds were provided as UHCAN helps to educate the public and policymakers about the benefits, and implementation, of the Affordable Care Act that passed through Congress in 2011. [www.uhcan.org](http://www.uhcan.org)

### **Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition**

\$10,000

Burlington, VT

VAHC, founded in 1985, is Vermont's only statewide membership organization dedicated solely to ensuring that all Vermonters have decent, safe, and affordable housing, particularly the state's low- and moderate-income residents, elders, and people with disabilities. The Coalition's 80-plus members represent most of Vermont's non-profit affordable housing developers, community land trusts, homeless shelters and service providers, public housing authorities, funders, and other organizations with an interest in affordable housing. Together, VAHC's members provide housing and services to tens of thousands of low-income Vermonters. Funding was provided in support of the Affordable Housing Preservation and Resident Organizing Project which will hire a tenant organizer to organize low-income residents in HUD-

subsidized rental properties that are at risk of losing their affordability or will undergo other major changes in the next few years. The goal of the project is to empower disenfranchised residents and build leadership capacity so that they have the tools, information, and experience to advocate on their own behalf, both in their housing and in the broader community. The VAHC will help form tenant associations so residents have a voice in the decisions made about the future of their homes. [www.vtaffordablehousing.org](http://www.vtaffordablehousing.org)

### **Vermont Farm-to-School Program**

\$20,000

Newport, VT

Vermont Farm-to-School's mission is to restore and strengthen local food systems in Vermont by promoting positive economic and educational relationships between schools, farms, and communities. Their vision is to build local food systems in Vermont that promote environmental stewardship, create sustainable local economies, and nurture the health and wellbeing of our children and our communities. Funding was provided to enhance Green Mountain Farm-to-School's organizational capacity in order to develop more efficient methods for the dissemination of programs and tools. Partnering with key stakeholders, GMFTS aims to advance statewide collaboration, building on the foundation of leadership that VT FEED, Upper Valley Farm-to-School, the VT Agency of Agriculture and others have fostered among Farm to School projects statewide. [www.farmtoschool.org/VT](http://www.farmtoschool.org/VT)

### **Vermont Fresh Network**

\$5,000

Richmond, VT

Vermont Fresh Network (VFN) develops solutions for chefs and farmers to market more locally grown food. VFN believes a strong farm economy creates local jobs, provides nutritious food and preserves the close-knit communities of the state. The Vermont Fresh Network helps Vermont farms and restaurants team up to provide the freshest local food at restaurants. The Vermont Fresh Network plans to design and launch an enhanced digital platform in order to enhance our connectivity to and among our constituents. This will help farmers to gain more visibility with consumers and chefs, build consumer awareness, direct connection with chefs and/or consumers and help consumers to search & find members (in their area of interest or location), preference for dining locations serving local food. [www.vermontfresh.net/](http://www.vermontfresh.net/)

### **VOZ Workers Rights Education Project**

\$15,000

Portland, OR

VOZ is a worker-led membership organization in Portland, Oregon, that works to empower immigrant workers, particularly day laborers, to gain control over their working conditions and to exercise their collective power to address the discrimination they face.

Current programs of the VOZ Workers' Rights Education Project include: Leadership School, monthly General Assembly, Day Labor Organizing (including their Soccer team organizing as a tool to recruit members) and the Worker Center where workshops are carried out. All these programs will be supported through General operational support funding. [www.portlandvoz.org](http://www.portlandvoz.org)

### **Warehouse Workers for Justice (WWJ)**

\$15,000

Chicago, IL

Warehouse Workers for Justice's mission is to create a worker-led transformation of the distribution industry which employs 150,000 workers in the Chicagoland region. WWJ seeks to turn an industry, characterized by an overreliance on temporary agencies, to one that is based on a direct hire system, ensuring stable, living wage jobs that can support families. Warehouse Workers for Justice received General Operating support in order to continue organizing warehouse workers to fight for living-wage, direct-hire jobs, improved working conditions and prosperity in low income communities. [www.warehouseworker.org](http://www.warehouseworker.org)

**Washtenaw County Workers' Center (WCWC)** \$15,000

Ann Arbor, MI

The Washtenaw County Workers' Center (WCWC) provides a safe space for low-wage native and immigrant workers in the private service sector to come together to address workplace issues and to fight for economic justice. Funding was provided for their Household Worker Organizing Project which aims to develop leadership of domestic workers, those cleaning or caring for children and elderly in private homes, so that they may develop something of a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights at the city level. This would provide these overworked and underpaid workers some protections that are currently not covered under.

[www.workercenter.org](http://www.workercenter.org)

**Western Regional Advocacy Project** \$15,000

San Francisco, CA

By bringing together some of the fiercest organizations fighting homelessness on the West Coast, WRAP has developed a unique structure that combines street outreach, movement building, and national policy work, helping to bridge the local-national divisions that have hampered homeless advocacy for several decades. WRAP uses the power of collective mobilization while remaining accountable to the realities of local communities, giving them the strength, experience, and legitimacy to make ending homelessness a national priority. Funding was provided for general operating support. [www.wraphome.org](http://www.wraphome.org)

**Winooski Coalition for a Safe and Peaceful Community (WCSPC)** \$10,000

Winooski, VT

The mission of the WCSPC is to assess and respond to the needs of people in Winooski in ways that promote learning, inspire life-giving choices, and facilitate respectful relationships, especially across cultures and generations. General operating support was awarded to further WCSPC's work in building better community integration, empowering citizens and addressing the communities lack of resources.

**Women, Food and Agriculture Network** \$15,000

Ames, IA

Women, Food and Agriculture Network (WFAN)'s mission is to link and empower women to build food systems and communities that are healthy, just, sustainable, and that promote environmental integrity. General operating support was provided to continue their leadership development and outreach, through a variety of media work, and bring the woman's perspective in directing sustainable agriculture policies. [www.wfan.org](http://www.wfan.org)

**Worcester Homeless Action Committee** \$15,000

Worcester, MA

WHAC is a membership-based organization of homeless people and institutional allies who work for anti-discriminatory policies for homeless and marginally housed people of Worcester County. The Committee continues to push through policy changes that ensure affordable housing as a genuine option for the homeless in this region. With the aid of a Community Organizer they will address discharge planning problems from jails, hospitals and social service agencies that has created a new flood of homeless persons into shelters.

[www.greaterworcesterhomeless.org](http://www.greaterworcesterhomeless.org)

**Workers' Dignity Project / Dignidad Obrera** \$15,000

Nashville, TN

The Workers' Dignity Project (WDP) empowers low-wage workers to act collectively for economic justice by promoting education, leadership development, community outreach, and collaboration with strategic allies. WDP develops concrete solutions to wage theft and

workplace abuse by building power through relationships with fellow laborers in construction, cleaning, landscaping, food service, and other industries. General operating support was provided to help transform WDP from a volunteer-run organization into one that includes paid staff organizers in order to increase organizational capacity. This will allow the organization to develop a long-term organizing campaign and eventually will lead to increased infrastructure in the form of a Worker Center. [www.tnimmigrant.org/workers-dignity](http://www.tnimmigrant.org/workers-dignity)

**Yaak Valley Forest Council**

\$10,000

Troy, MT

Yaak Valley Forest Council (YVFC) is led by residents of the Yaak Valley that advocate and implement conservation and restoration programs focused specifically upon the valley's critical wildlife habitat for the myriad of sensitive, threatened, and endangered species inhabiting the landscape. General operational support was provided to maintain the many interconnecting programs YVFC carries out, such as the Yaak Wilderness Campaign, which has been pushing legislation for wilderness protection in Yaak's roadless areas and addressing habitat restoration.

[www.yaakvalley.org](http://www.yaakvalley.org)