

2018 Grant Recipients



[215 People's Alliance](#)

\$20,000

The Our City Our Schools Campaign

Philadelphia, PA

215 People's Alliance (215PA) is a multi-racial community and labor alliance building a city-wide united front for economic and racial justice in Philadelphia. 215PA brings together Black, Brown and white working-class Philadelphians around the issues that directly impact members; quality public education, a criminal justice system that is fair to all, and fair banking practices. The Our City Our Schools campaign and coalition is working to win back local control of the Philadelphia public schools, to build up a thriving and powerful education justice coalition in Philadelphia, and to lay the groundwork for a campaign to win back money for the schools from Wall Street, as the Philadelphia school system takes out large bonds from banks such as Wells Fargo to service school debt.

[350Seattle.org](#)

\$20,000

General Support

Seattle, WA

350 Seattle is a grassroots organization with a mission to engage everyday people in the fight for climate justice and a livable planet. General Support funding was provided for their organizing efforts. Using tools ranging from policy and advocacy to direct action, 350 Seattle will effectively leverage the skills of their core team to utilize all the new energy garnered from recent wins and large engagements and actions. Focus areas for work include eliminating fossil fuel business as usual in the region, including new infrastructure and engaging constituents to push for a just transition; enacting climate justice policies to reduce the City's and its residents' dependence on fossil fuels; and pushing for immigrant friendly policies by engaging on the relationship of migration and climate issues.

[350Vermont](#)

\$25,000

General Support

Burlington, VT

350Vermont (350VT) is a grassroots organization building a movement to counter the power of the fossil fuel industry and to advocate for a just, sustainable, and resilient future. 350VT encourages a people-powered approach to local and national climate solutions. 350 VT believes climate change is a global problem, but it requires local grassroots organizing and local solutions. General support funding was provided as 350VT continues to run support campaigns resisting extreme energy both in Vermont (e.g. fracked gas pipeline) and in solidarity with other locations. 350VT will launch a solutions-oriented resolution campaign that will forward a just transition for Vermont. The Mother Up! groups and local "node" groups will organize across the state to engage more people in the climate justice movement. 350VT will host several trainings for leadership development, facilitation skills, and non-violent direct action to build momentum for alternatives to fossil fuels, and advancing community-scale climate solutions.

[A Community Voice](#)

\$15,000

Environmental Justice NOLA

New Orleans, LA

A Community Voice (ACV) is a community organization comprised of working, poor, elderly, women, children, and families. The mission of ACV is to provide a vehicle for Louisiana's low to moderate income families that will affect change in the issues that impact their daily lives. These multi-issued campaigns organize across traditional boundaries of race, ethnicity, and sexual orientation to

address the common marginalization and discrimination that adversely affect low-income families. Environmental Justice NOLA seeks to win systemic changes through campaigns against three projects that impact historic African American neighborhoods. The Industrial Canal Expansion, a federally-funded and a prioritized infrastructure project designed to increase industrial and larger ship traffic into the city, will damage health and homes, reduce property values, harm small businesses and industrialize the largest black neighborhoods in the state of Louisiana. ACV intends to move the industrial canal to a nonresidential area and stop the expansion. The Florida Avenue Freeway project is a state plan to place a freeway through the 8th and 9th wards including a bridge to manage heavy port trucks through the communities and connect to the highway. ACV community residents are mobilizing to create an alternative bridge plan for more pedestrian and local traffic and eliminate the expansion of the freeway and connectivity of port trucks. Working in coalition ACV is working to campaign for replacement of water lines and enforce existing testing as lead poisoning of drinking water in schools and homes adversely impacts the city's poor and others.

Adelante Alabama Worker Center

\$15,000

General Support

Birmingham, AL

Adelante Alabama Worker Center (Adelante) is a worker-led organization that unites day laborers, domestic workers, and other low-wage and immigrant workers and their families in the Birmingham area to defend their rights, promote their dignity, and pursue justice for all. Adelante engages in organizing, education, direct action, and strategic advocacy to combat wage theft and workplace abuses, stop deportations, curb detention and incarceration and celebrate Latinx arts and culture. They strive to move their communities forward - *adelante* - to a world where immigrants, people of color, and all working-class families are respected and safe at work, in the streets, and where they live. General support funding was provided for worker and immigrant rights organizing efforts, including: 1) combatting wage theft and other workplace abuses through organizing, education, and advocacy; 2) local "sanctuary" campaigns in Birmingham and surrounding cities to disentangle local police from immigration enforcement; 3) community deportation defense trainings and stopping individual deportations; and 4) The Shut Down Etowah campaign, aimed at exposing human rights abuses at the nearby Etowah immigrant jail and ultimately shuttering the facility through media advocacy and creative direct action.

AGUA Coalition (Asociacion de Gente Unida por el Agua)

\$25,000

General Support

Visalia, CA

AGUA is a grassroots coalition of members and supporters from low-income and people of color communities, including youth, community-based organizations and nonprofit allies dedicated to securing safe, clean and affordable drinking water in California's San Joaquin Valley. AGUA organizes communities to address their immediate drinking water needs and advocate for actions that target the root cause of drinking water contamination in the Central Valley. General support funding was provided in support of AGUA's five primary organizing strategies: education; leadership development; community organizing; advocacy; and monitoring important processes related to water management. AGUA will continue work on the Safe and Affordable Water Campaign, which aims to effectively implement the stakeholder process of the state water board's newly created statewide low-income water rate assistance program that AGUA helped to push legislation for. Work will also include the 1,2,3,-TCP Campaign through which AGUA will continue to advocate for a health-protective maximum contaminant level for 1,2,3-TCP (1,2,3-trichloropropane), a toxic chemical contaminating groundwater in cities and small communities across California.

Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment

\$15,000

General Support

Chicago, IL

The Alliance of Filipinos for Immigrant Rights and Empowerment (AFIRE) is a grassroots community organization that builds the capacity of Filipinx to organize on issues of social, racial, and economic

justice that affect undocumented immigrants, domestic workers, seniors, and youth. General support funding was provided for AFIRE's community organizing initiatives. Their current focus areas are: organizing & mobilizing Filipinx domestic workers to increase awareness and enforce implementation of the new Illinois Domestic Workers Bill of Rights Law; building and developing the leadership of AFIRE members as powerful agents of change and resistance by advocating for immigrant and worker rights, particularly through transformative justice; and working toward immigration reform in order to develop a safe space for community and more equitable access to resources and services for undocumented, immigrant and worker Filipinx.

Asian American Resource Workshop

\$10,000

Development Without Displacement Dorchester

Dorchester, MA

Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW) is a member-based organization that uses arts, education, and activism to build the skills and political analysis of their pan-Asian membership. AARW's mission is to work for the empowerment of the Asian Pacific American (APA) community to achieve its full participation in U.S. society. Funding was provided to support their organizing around development without displacement in the Asian American community in Dorchester, striving to build young adult power and resident leadership in the development process. Through this work, AARW aims to build a resident-led vision for the neighborhood, ensuring the city maintain its APA identity as leaders make decisions about the future of the neighborhood.

AYPAL: Building API Community Power

\$15,000

General Support

Oakland, CA

AYPAL uses youth leadership development, cultural arts, and ethnic studies curriculum to agitate, educate, and organize with young people in Oakland. AYPAL works to empower Oakland's low-income Asian and Pacific Islander immigrant and refugee families to be leaders for school reform and neighborhood change. Through community organizing, leadership development, and movement building, AYPAL builds the power of youth to fight social inequities and to advance an agenda for progressive social change. AYPAL is a safe space where Asian and Pacific Islander (API) youth connect with peers, increase a sense of cultural pride, and build power through youth-led projects designed and identified by youth for community transformation. General support funding was provided in support of AYPAL's grassroots organizing efforts on issues such as; data studies for education and health disparities for API specific populations in the region, and anti-displacement and environmental justice for this population in the Bay Area.

Best Practices Policy Project & NJ Red Umbrella Alliance

\$15,000

Campaign development, leadership development and mobilization to defend the rights of NJ sex workers

Morristown, NJ

The Best Practices Policy Project (BPPP) is a sex worker-led organization supporting grassroots advocacy in the US to collectively promote the rights of people who engage in commercial sex of all forms. NJ Red Umbrella Alliance (NJRUA) is a working alliance of activists and allies who are dedicated to promoting, defending, and advocating for the human rights of sex workers in the state of New Jersey. This alliance is committed to the belief that people of all genders have the autonomy and right to decide for themselves whether or not to be in this line of work. Funding was provided for a community-based project building on documenting the root causes of issues faced by sex workers in NJ. The goals are to support sex worker identified leaders to engage in intersectional organizing to: build the movement for rights of sex workers, mobilize constituents and allies; campaign to address the root causes of rights violations against sex workers perpetrated by state agents/police; and fully invest in sex worker organizing through leadership development of sex worker leaders of color and others most affected by human rights violations.

Californians United for a Responsible Budget

\$25,000

General Support

Oakland, CA

Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) is a statewide coalition of over 70 grassroots organizations working to reduce the rate of incarceration, the number of prisons and jails in the state, and to move state and local spending from imprisonment and policing to human services. CURB is mobilizing communities and engaging organizations in order to bridge movements for environmental, social, racial, gender, and economic justice, and highlighting the impact of imprisonment on low-income communities in California and across the nation. General support funding was provided as CURB works on several goals: shrinking the state prison system; ending county jail expansion; shifting public opinion through media and grassroots organizing; and strengthening connections to organizations and people through education, training, and networking. By addressing California's correctional crisis, CURB's work intersects and lifts up a number of member issues, including solitary confinement, youth justice, housing, mental health, immigration, public education, and environmental justice.

Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa

\$20,000

General Support

Iowa City, IA

The Center for Worker Justice (CWJ) unites low-wage workers in Eastern Iowa across race and immigration status to achieve social and economic justice through education, organizing, leadership development and community alliances. CWJ seeks to improve Eastern Iowa communities by coordinating projects to address injustices in areas such as: workplace conditions, civil rights, access to education, and the need for affordable housing. General support funding was provided as CWJ focuses on intertwined efforts to improve low-wage workers' standard of living and defend immigrant rights in the coming year. Priorities include defending and enforcing newly-won local minimum wage increases, preventing wage theft, preserving affordable housing and establishing new protocols for including resident voices in all major redevelopment projects, resisting unjust deportations in an increasingly hostile political climate, improving local law enforcement policies and practices, and launching a new immigrant-run county-wide community garden project.

Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores

\$15,000

Coalición de Trabajadores de Nueva Inglaterra (CNT)/New England Workers Coalition Campaign

New Bedford, MA

Centro Comunitario de Trabajadores (CCT) is a grassroots, worker-led organization fighting for immigrant workers' rights and dignity in low wage industries in the Southcoast of Massachusetts. CCT combats flagrant workplace abuses such as wage theft, health and safety violations, discrimination, sexual harassment and retaliation against those who organize. Their multi-faceted approach addresses individual workers' complaints; focuses on specific workplaces with a history of exploitative, unsafe conditions; and targets temporary agencies as local businesses increasingly use them to hide their reliance upon undocumented workers. CCT empowers workers to take action using a three pronged approach - educating workers about their rights, helping them organize, and supporting both legal and direct action. After several victories for workers in individual recycling and fish processing plants, CCT has launched a new worker-led campaign that brings together workers from several industries in New Bedford and throughout the region. Most immigrant workers are contracted through temporary agencies; job market fluctuations push them to different companies and even different industries, often losing hard-won benefits. The only way to establish justice in the entire low-wage economy is to organize across all industries, and also seek policy changes. Funding was provided to support CCT's organizing to help achieve their goals.

Chainbreaker Collective

\$20,000

General Support

Santa Fe, NM

Chainbreaker Collective (Chainbreaker) is a member-led economic and environmental justice organization. Chainbreaker engages in community organizing to realize their mission, which is to expand access to affordable transportation and support economically and ecologically sustainable communities for low-income people of color in Santa Fe and surrounding areas of New Mexico. Chainbreaker's work centers on the people most affected by the issues, building power from the ground up and winning real, concrete improvements to their lives. General support funding was provided as Chainbreaker focuses on their Development Without Displacement campaign, which will use the concept of "overlay districting" to apply civil rights and environmental justice protections to Santa Fe's most vulnerable groups of people. Districts will be based on demographics instead of geography. Chainbreaker will organize front-line community members to create the bill itself, while growing their membership base and building the political muscle needed for passage. They will work with local, regional and national partners to build a campaign and policy that can be replicated around the country.

Charleston Area Justice Ministry

\$15,000

General Support

North Charleston, SC

The Charleston Area Justice Ministry, CAJM, is a DART affiliated network of Faith-based Congregations who are culturally, economically, geographically and religiously diverse – coming together to make the Charleston area a more just place to live. Their work is accomplished by doing research, educating the public, direct actions, and publically addressing the root causes of, and solutions to, poverty and injustice in their communities. CAJM transforms the systems that cause suffering by holding local officials accountable for resolving inequities and injustices. Currently CAJM is working to address racial discrimination in policing practices in both North Charleston and Charleston, SC by pressing for an independent, external policing audit, a policy to reduce public contact stops, a city ordinance establishing an Office of Independent Monitor and required reporting on all stops and demographics including location of the stop. CAJM is also pressing the school district on their commitment to implement Positive Behavior Interventions & Support (PBIS) and Restorative practices district wide to reduce suspensions and arrests.

Chicago Housing Initiative

\$25,000

The Power Shift Project

Chicago, IL

Chicago Housing Initiative (CHI) is a citywide tenants' coalition building the capacity of families experiencing housing instability to create more equitable policies about housing and land development in Chicago through grassroots organizing, leadership development, creative direct action, research, and policy advocacy. CHI's mission is to amplify the power of low-income Chicago residents to preserve and expand subsidized rental housing, stabilize communities facing displacement, and advance racial and economic inclusion and equity in Chicago's policies around land use and affordable housing. CHI received support for the first phase of an 18-month organizing effort to make housing justice for low-income families and communities of color a hotbed issue in the February, 2019 municipal elections in Chicago. Touching the nerve centers of race- and class-based inequity in Chicago, the CHI Coalition stands poised to escalate and sustain a multitude of connected, high-profile community struggles to dramatize and intensify the political question of where/how low-income families of color are able to live, in a city increasingly defined by development.

Chinese Staff & Workers' Association

\$25,000

People First Campaign

New York, NY

Chinese Staff & Workers' Association (CSWA) is a multi-generational, membership-led workers' center. CSWA organizes Chinese workers across diverse trades to fight for their legal and human rights in the workplace and in the community. In response to the super-exploitation that many workers face, and to the multiple barriers of race, gender, age, and immigration status, CSWA

organizes to develop leadership among the working poor to bridge the divisions within the Chinese community and beyond. Workers' recent gains in their workplaces and the community are being threatened by accelerated luxury development. The People First Campaign aims to empower working people who live and work in the community to both fight the racist city planning policies from above, and the racism within the Chinese community. CSWA will hold organizer trainings to strengthen workers' leadership, develop the active participation of young workers, engage the Chinese community in direct action, and demand accountability from the government and private entities that are exacerbating systemic oppression and exploitation.

Citizens For Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB)

\$15,000

General Support

Merrimac, WI

CSWAB unifies and strengthens citizens working for a healthy and sustainable future for Wisconsin's Badger Army Ammunition Plant lands and to end open burning at other contaminated U.S. military sites across the country through its Cease Fire campaign. CSWAB works to effect expedient cleanup of any contamination caused by negligent handling of toxic waste; and to exercise means as necessary to guarantee water resources are totally free of toxic contamination for the community, and the generations to follow. General support funding was provided as CSWAB seeks to raise public awareness of the hazards associated with incineration of toxic ammunition and other hazardous wastes on military sites, engage community members in campaigns to change public policy, defend the community's right to know, and ultimately reduce risks to human health and natural systems. By organizing impacted citizens and strengthening and diversifying public participation in decision-making processes that affect human health and the environment, CSWAB is building a sustainable foundation for change.

Clean Air Coalition of Western New York

\$25,000

General Support

Buffalo, NY

The Clean Air Coalition of Western New York is a grassroots, membership-based environmental health and justice organization. They organize residents in marginalized and overburdened communities to pass and enforce policies that protect public health, the environment and advance equity. General support funding was provided to support ongoing organizing and leadership development work in three communities in the region. The issues include a just transition of the Huntley Coal site, and environmental justice campaigns in two neighborhoods in the City of Buffalo. In south Buffalo the Clean Air Coalition are working to reduce emissions of a large concrete crusher. On Buffalo's east side, they are fighting to implement a clean-up of a brownfield that is leaking PCBs. Using base-building and leadership development strategies, these low-income communities and communities of color are demanding improved environmental quality by holding decision-makers accountable.

CLOUT

\$15,000

Making a Safe City for All: Decriminalizing Mental Illness & Addiction; Reducing Police Violence

Louisville, KY

Citizens of Louisville Organized and United Together (CLOUT) is an ecumenical, multi-racial community organization of citizens throughout the Louisville Metro area that builds people power to solve serious community problems at the systemic, institutional level. CLOUT's mission is to build the power of religious congregations to solve community problems by holding systems accountable. Funding was provided for the "Making a Safe City for All" project, which aims to organize low- to moderate-income citizens to use people power to take direct action to decriminalize mental illness and drug addiction, and to reduce police shootings of mentally ill/drug addicted persons. CLOUT's main focus areas in the project are to establish the development of a "Living Room" model for Louisville, which is a mental health crisis stabilization center incorporating an assessment process; establish a "LEAD" (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) program in the local police department

which would take drug addicted people to treatment rather than jail or the ER; the expansion of Drug Court which is operating at half capacity but can help divert people away from the criminal justice system; and better accountability to Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training for police.

Coalition on Homelessness

\$15,000

General Support

San Francisco, CA

The Coalition on Homelessness (COH) organizes homeless people and front line service providers to create permanent solutions to homelessness, while working to protect the human rights of those forced to remain on the streets. General support funding was provided to ensure homeless people themselves can bring systemic and lasting change to the city's response to homelessness. COH seeks to harness the debate around the issue into permanent solutions to homelessness. The Housing Justice working group is fighting for all San Franciscans to have safe housing, including leveraging community power to both pass ballot measures and push the city to fund subsidies and open up vacant units for homeless families and individuals, and making sure public and low-income housing follow basic safety codes. The Human Rights working group champions the rights of those forced to sleep outside through systemic policy shifts. COH protects the dignity of those on the streets by documenting sweeps of encampments, taking legal action, decreasing citations, pushing for more progressive policing policies, and building up the community power of homeless folks.

Communities for Clean Water

\$20,000

General Support

Santa Fe, NM

Communities for Clean Water (CCW) is a coalition of social and environmental justice organizations whose mission is to ensure that community waters impacted by toxic pollution from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) are kept safe for drinking, agriculture, tribal sacred ceremonies and a sustainable future. General support funding was provided in support of CCW's efforts to hold Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) accountable for legacy and ongoing pollution to the Rio Grande Watershed. CCW works to protect the downstream communities, including the tribal and land-based communities of the Espanola Valley, from LANL's toxic discharges. As part of their work, CCW also prepares young people to become leaders and champions for clean water.

Connecticut Bail Fund

\$25,000

General Support

New Haven, CT

Connecticut Bail Fund (CT Bail Fund)'s mission is to build a grassroots social movement with the power to end mass criminalization and mass deportation. Leveraging revolving community bail funds as an organizing tool, CT Bail Fund frees individuals who are being incarcerated because they cannot afford to pay bail from both pretrial and immigration detention; then, after they are reunited with their families and communities, CT Bail Fund works with them to organize their communities and advocate for their human rights. General support funding was provided for the work CT Bail Fund is doing to execute grassroots policy campaigns demanding decarceration and immigration reform. Current work includes the Pretrial Defense Fund (PDF), paying bail for defendants who are in jail due to poverty; Participatory Defense, through which weekly meetings are convened with PDF beneficiaries and their loved ones, as well as anyone with an active case in criminal court to learn about the legal system, support each other, and strategize defense; Immigrant Bail Fund (IBF), paying bail for detained immigrants fighting deportation; Building Sanctuary Now (BSN), partnering with immigrant rights groups to organize IBF beneficiaries (and others fighting deportation) for grassroots removal defense.

Contact Center

\$10,000

Benefit Rights Advocacy Group (BRAG) Project

Cincinnati, OH

Contact Center is an inner-city community-based, membership organization that builds the leadership skills of its members to organize for economic and social justice. The Contact Center organizes on issues that directly impact members, especially concerning income security, ending poverty and access to health care to achieve a stable economic future for low and moderate income people. Funding was provided to build the capacity of the Benefit Rights Advocacy Group (BRAG) Project. BRAG is organizing "Safe and Stable Families Campaign for Kinship Care" campaign. The campaign will change public policy in Ohio so that kinship caregivers, a majority of whom are grandmothers, receive the same income support and other assistance that foster care providers receive.

Dakota Rural Action

\$15,000

South Dakota Water Resources Protection Campaign

Brookings, SD

Dakota Rural Action is a grassroots membership organization, dedicated to an active, engaged and informed citizenry. Dakota Rural Action strives to build grassroots leadership through community organizing by giving people a strong voice in decisions affecting their quality of life. They work toward sustainable, healthy communities, clean water resources, renewable energy use and production, safe local food systems, and a healthy environment. Funding was provided in support of their Water Resources Protection Campaign. South Dakota's water resources are threatened by confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) along the interstate corridor in the east and uranium mining in the western Black Hills. The state government has backed both types of development, willingly risking water resources in the name of economic development. The South Dakota Water Resources Protection Campaign works to protect water resources from this polluting development.

DC Jobs With Justice

\$20,000

General Support

Washington, DC

DC Jobs with Justice (DCJwJ) is a dynamic coalition of community groups, labor organizations, faith-based organizations, and student groups dedicated to protecting the rights of working people and supporting community struggles to build a more just society. DCJwJ specialize in coalition building, strategy development, organizing, and training. General support funding was provided to help continue DCJwJ's two main projects: DC Just Hours, and DC Just Pay, for which additional organizational priorities have arisen from the election of Donald Trump. The DC Just Hours campaign has tackled the need for fair scheduling practices that provide stability and the opportunity for full-time work by advocating for local new legislation. The Just Pay coalition is addressing the poor implementation of recent worker justice laws by leading Know Your Rights efforts, involving community members and workers, and engaging local officials. DCJwJ's goal is to see meaningful change in enforcement practices and public awareness in support of worker's rights.

Denver Homeless Out Loud

\$10,000

General Support

Denver, CO

Denver Homeless Out Loud (DHOL) works with and for people who experience homelessness to help protect and advocate for dignity, rights, and choices for people experiencing homelessness. They work toward goals affirmed and raised by homeless people, within the organization, and throughout the homeless community. DHOL strives to create ways of living in which everyone has a safe place they can call home. General support funding was provided in support of DHOL's work which includes street outreach, survival support on the street, documenting police abuses, public education, legislative policy work at the city and state level, litigative work for their lawsuit in the federal courts, direct actions, publication of the Get Loud magazine, and other advocacy and organizing work including support of a new tiny home village project called Beloved Community Village.

Direct Action for Rights and Equality- DARE

\$25,000

General Support

Providence, RI

Direct Action for Rights & Equality (DARE)'s mission is to organize low-income families in communities of color for social, political, and economic justice. This is accomplished through multi-racial, multilingual base building; strategic direct action organizing campaigns; leadership development from within their base; and contributing to larger movement-building efforts. General support funding was provided for DARE's main organizing campaigns: Behind the Walls (BtW) unites people inside prison with former inmates, their friends and families to challenge and change unjust policies that result in mass incarceration and the resulting disenfranchisement of communities of color; and the Tenant/Homeowner Association (THA) unites tenants and working-class homeowners to challenge bank and government policies that result in home foreclosures, evictions, and blight through campaigns to prevent individual evictions as well as local and national campaigns to effect bank and government policies.

East Tennessee Peace and Justice Center

\$10,000

Knoxville Homeless Collective

Knoxville, TN

The East Tennessee Peace and Justice Center facilitates Collectives, organizing, training and mobilizing oppressed populations towards addressing the social injustices from a grassroots level. The Knoxville Homeless Collective (KHC), a project of the East TN Peace & Justice Center, is a 12 member collective of homeless individuals which works to reject stereotypes of the homeless, acknowledge systemic injustices and eliminate them, commit to engage in democratic processes, and actively participate in implementation of the Knoxville Plan to Address Homelessness. The Homeless Collective is working on changing city ordinances that criminalize homelessness and violate basic human and constitutional rights. Failing passage, the collective plans to go to court as the current panhandling ordinance is a violation of free speech. The Collective will send a Knoxville Bill of Rights for the Homeless which they have written to city council for passage, insuring the right to vote, right to use public space, right to public services, etc. They are also working against the public's misperceptions about the homeless and the slander put out by local businesses by holding public forums and distributing their own literature.

Enlace/Communities United for People

\$20,000

Private Prison Divestment Campaign

Portland, OR

Enlace is a strategic alliance of low-wage worker centers, unions, and community organizations in Mexico and in the U.S. working to promote and protect the human and labor rights of immigrants and low-wage workers. Enlace works to create cross border and multiracial coalitions across sectors to build a stronger international peoples movement for self-determination. Funding was provided for Enlace's national Private Prison Divestment Campaign which is pressuring major investors in the private, for-profit prison industry to end their support for mass incarceration and cut all ties with the industry. Many of these powerful investors share lobbyists with private prison companies in addition to providing financial support. Enlace coordinates community organizing efforts to expose the for-profit prison industry, pass divestment resolutions at institutions like city governments, religious organizations and universities, and build a deeply rooted movement for racial justice and immigrant rights.

Ex-prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EPOCA)

\$25,000

General Support

Worcester, MA

Ex-prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EPOCA) is a grassroots membership organization of primarily returning citizens. Almost all of EPOCA's members have been personally affected by the criminal justice system. General support funding was provided to support

EPOCA's efforts to ensure adequate job creation strategies and challenging laws that criminalize the poor. EPOCA is also working to have records for misdemeanors automatically sealed after a shorter period of time and to expand opportunities for housing for those who have paid their debt to society. Through organizing and coalition work EPOCA develops leaders to speak on these issues, and help push through bills that support returning citizens without marginalizing them further.

Families for Justice as Healing

\$23,000

General Support

Roxbury, MA

Families for Justice as Healing (FJAH) organizes formerly incarcerated women to join the movement toward ending the incarceration of women. FJAH's members advocate for community wellness alternatives to incarceration and rejects the current U.S. drug policies that prioritize criminalization and incarceration. General support funding was provided in support of FJAH's current work with incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women to lead efforts for changes in sentencing policies by changing pretrial practices that imprison people who can't afford bail; shifting from incarceration to community wellness approaches; expanding the dialogue on the dramatic increase of women in prison and focusing on the re/building of communities necessary for healing.

Freedom University

\$25,000

General Support

Atlanta, GA

Freedom University is a modern-day freedom school, inspired by the legacy of the Southern Freedom School tradition, whose mission is to empower undocumented youth and fulfill their human right to education, despite undocumented students being banned from public universities in Georgia. Freedom University provides college preparation courses, social movement leadership training, and mental health services to undocumented students. General support funding was provided in support of Freedom School's efforts for both cultural and structural transformation reflected in their goals to 1) develop critical consciousness and leadership among undocumented students, and 2) secure equal access to higher education in Georgia and across the U.S. They accomplish these goals through their liberatory education program and a multi-level organizing strategy in which they build student ally networks, engage in direct actions, and pose legal challenges at federal and international levels.

Garment Worker Center

\$20,000

General Support

Los Angeles, CA

The Garment Worker Center (GWC) organizes with low-income garment workers in Los Angeles in the fight for economic and social justice. Through grassroots organizing, leadership development, policy advocacy, peer-guided services, and community research, GWC empowers workers to demand industry change. Garment Worker Center addresses the systemic problems of wage theft, unhealthy and unsafe working conditions, and the abusive and inhumane treatment faced by workers on-the-job. General support funding was provided to continue GWC's organizing efforts with Los Angeles garment workers, including targeted brand-based organizing, and community engagement.

Genesis

\$20,000

General Support

Oakland, CA

Genesis is a coalition of faith, youth, labor and differently-abled people organizations united to challenge and change unjust and inequitable policies that have regional implications. Their three Issue campaign are Free Youth Transit Passes, ways to Disrupt the School to Prison Pipeline and Justice for People with Disabilities. General support funding was provided for Genesis' emerging youth organizing and leadership development efforts using outreach, training and direct action. Current youth-led campaigns are focused on pushing the county probation and parole board to

invest in restorative justice programs, and expanding the Free Youth Bus Pass across Alameda County that expands on a previous win that implemented a pilot program in Oakland.

Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights

\$25,000

General Support

Atlanta, GA

The Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights (GLAHR) is a non-profit organization that utilizes community organizing, leadership development, political education and media campaigns to develop grassroots leadership within the immigrant community in Georgia and advance their civil and human rights. General support funding was provided to continue expanding and strengthening GLAHR's state-wide community organizing to 1) develop Comites Populares' efforts in Georgia against deportations;

2) to strengthen their #ICEFREEZONE (KYR) campaign, cultivating a culture of resistance from the bottom up; 3) to continue their coalition building effort to advance policy change to end local law enforcement racial profiling and deter participation in federal deportation policies, through their Expand Sanctuary Campaign; and 3) to challenge criminalization and prevent "ill-legislation" that impacts communities of color.

Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP)

\$20,000

Housing Justice

Manchester, NH

The Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) is a grassroots, community organization working for social and economic justice in New Hampshire. GSOP unites religious, labor, and community groups to address issues and shape decisions that affect their communities and state. GSOP brings people together to envision bottom up, effective solutions to community concerns by taking issue oriented actions and mounting community lead campaigns for positive change. Funding was provided to allow GSOP to expand their work with people who live in public housing and other low income tenants to more communities in Manchester, Concord and Nashua. They will assist tenants in forming resident councils, advocating for their rights and pressing for expansion of access to affordable housing and housing subsidies, as well as more substantive code enforcement in these communities.

Healing to Action

\$15,000

Restoring Dignity Campaign

Chicago, IL

Healing to Action (HTA) advances a worker-led movement that uses collective healing and worker-led solutions to end gender-based violence, and envisions worker leaders creating safe, just workplaces for stable economic futures. Using the resilience strategies that workers already possess as a path to movement building, HTA builds power among workers so they can organize against gender violence to achieve economic and social equality. HTA enacts its mission through worker-led campaigns, leadership development, and coalition building. In Chicago's low-wage industries like restaurant, domestic, and hospitality work, workers have a higher chance of facing unwanted sexual advances on the job than of getting a raise or a promotion. Healing to Action is launching the Restoring Dignity campaign to address high rates of gender-based violence in these workplaces. Funding will support organizing a base of workers across industries, leadership training that enables workers to do power analyses of gender inequality, and identification of the worst industry and employer offenders in preparation for a public facing campaign in 2019.

Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign

\$14,000

General support

Corrales, NM

The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign (The Campaign) is a broad grassroots coalition of organizations and individuals around New Mexico that believe it is time for their state to set up its own health plan, with freedom of choice of health care provider and a comprehensive benefits package, to ensure health care coverage for all New Mexicans. The Campaign's mission is to

establish a public system of guaranteed, comprehensive, affordable, and accessible health care coverage for all New Mexicans that does not rely on the private insurance paradigm. General Support funding was provided for their work in mobilizing New Mexicans to take strategic actions in support of the establishment of the Health Security Plan in 2019. Concerns about the cost of health coverage, aggravated by Washington efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, have created an opportunity for the Campaign to advance its proposal for a state health plan, developed over the years with input from the grassroots and various stakeholders. Major organizing efforts led to immense grassroots pressure pushing the NM House for the first time to pass Health Security Act enabling legislation in 2017 (HB575). Mobilizing the grassroots in targeted areas will strategically position the Campaign for the key 2019 legislative session.

Heartland Center for Jobs and Freedom

\$15,000

One Missouri Project

Kansas City, MO

The Heartland Center for Jobs & Freedom (HCJF) creates opportunities for low-wage workers to learn and exercise their rights, realize their collective power, and develop the leadership skills necessary to advocate for a racially and economically just society. Funding was provided for the One Missouri Project, which is a worker-led project that will expand worker organizing to non-urban parts of the state while bringing urban and non-urban workers together to challenge the "urban-rural" divide and fight for change. The project will expand HCJF work to small towns, starting with St. Joseph, Missouri, where Heartland will organize St. Joseph's low-wage workers and bring them together with Kansas City workers, the majority of whom are black and Latino. Workers will go on strike together, hold panel discussions together and take a very public stance that challenges the urban-rural divide, rejecting racism and xenophobia. HCJF will create atmospheric change by bringing press attention to urban and small town workers joining together to organize for economic justice.

Ignite NC

\$25,000

HBCU Higher Education Campaign

Durham, NC

Ignite NC is a youth-led organization working to build the leadership and power of young people to create lasting change. Ignite NC provides capacity, resources, and training for youth to be supported in organizing for social, racial, and environmental justice. The HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) Higher Education Campaign engages and organizes black HBCU students to develop higher education campaigns, train new organizers, and build campus and city wide campaigns that address local problems. The work prioritizes: building a campaign that advances a pro-HBCU agenda that includes increasing access to institutions and demand policing policy reform in communities and on campuses; winning increased funding for higher education in the 2017 budget for HBCUs; connecting black students from PWIs (predominantly white institutions) and HBCUs to build solidarity; and hosting organizing trainings at HBCUs.

Immigrant Youth Coalition

\$20,000

General Support

Los Angeles, CA

The Immigrant Youth Coalition (IYC) is an undocumented and Queer/Trans youth-led organization based in California. IYC mobilizes and trains youth, families and incarcerated people to become their own advocates within the legal system and to organize for societal change, especially an end to the criminalization of immigrants and people of color. General support funding was provided as IYC builds local to statewide grassroots resistance to the criminalization and deportation/detention of immigrants and LGBTQI people of color in California. IYC will implement the Truth Act, which disrupts the community to prison to detention pipeline. The Truth Act gives undocumented people being released from jail warning if ICE agents are looking to detain them upon their release, and provides them with information on their rights. IYC is also pushing sheriffs to end all collaborations

with ICE, increasing their high school outreach in LA, and building a stronger leadership pipeline for youth.

Justice Committee

\$25,000

General Support

New York, NY

The Justice Committee (JC) is a grassroots organization dedicated to building a movement against police violence and systemic racism in New York City and empowering low-income Latino/as and other people of color to address these issues. JC prioritizes developing the leadership of both youth and elders and strives to make organizing a multi-generational effort. General support funding was provided for JC's organizing work that employs the power, unity and leadership skills of family leaders, members and organizations to organize and advocate for policy changes that strengthen police accountability and deter police violence; and expanding the Cop Watch (CW) program to prepare members and CW teams to address community health and safety issues and begin to develop and share community safety practices that do not rely on the police.

Justice For Families

\$20,000

General Support

Sulphur, LA

Justice for Families (J4F) is national network of family leaders, impacted by the justice system, working to end mass criminalization, particularly of youth and in communities of color. J4F works to advance systemic policy and practice change while also building a base of those directly impacted, so they can individually help other families, and collectively push for and sustain justice system reforms needed at the national and local level. General support funding was provided to support the leadership development of people impacted by the criminal justice system. Leadership development will be achieved through the Family Leadership Institute (FLI) and the Family Leadership Network. The Institute will provide the tools, information, connections and support necessary to challenge and address systemic problems and the false narratives that underpin the justice system. The primary goals are to transform justice systems so that they are driven by the interests of youth and families, and to move resources away from incarceration based on failed "tough on crime" policies, towards direct investments in young people, their families and the communities.

Justice that Works

\$10,000

Divest/Invest

Phoenix, AZ

Justice That Works is a new organization which seeks to end mass incarceration in Arizona by transitioning the punishment system to justice systems that are community oriented. Justice That Works believes carceral system undermines safety and dignity by injecting violence and trauma into communities, perpetuates poverty, and pulls resources away from social investments that create safety. Funding was provided in support of Divest/Invest, a campaign which is organizing to move government funding out of criminalization and incarceration and into community-identified opportunities that create racial equity and provide healing for communities of color. Participants have identified shifting funding away from School Resource Officers and into school programs in the cities of Westwood and Mesa as their first campaign goal. Within the project, residents teach one another about the economics of criminalization, develop leadership and organizing skills, educate the larger community, gather other residents to identify alternative investments for tax dollars, and then mobilize residents to use direct action to accomplish divestments from prisons and the police and investments into the community.

Laundry Workers Center

\$15,000

General Support

New York City, NY

Laundry Workers Center (LWC) is a member-led organization that empowers low-income minority and immigrant communities in New York City and New Jersey via worker justice organizing,

leadership development, educational trainings, civic participation, and policy advocacy initiatives. LWC connects community and workplace justice organizing to support families, grow political consciousness and build grassroots power. Laundry Workers Center United addresses the need for community-based leadership development geared toward improving the living and working conditions of workers in the laundry and food service industries, as well as their families. General support funding to maintain and develop their core programs of Workplace Justice, Research and Policy, and the Progressive Bloc Leadership Institute. Funding will also support administrative operations and internal development in financial management, staff/capacity, and organization infrastructure.

Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

\$20,000

Collectively Building a Sustainable Community

Chicago, IL

The mission of Little Village Environmental Justice organization (LVEJO) is to organize with the community to accomplish environmental justice in Little Village and achieve the self-determination of immigrant, low-income, and working-class families. LVEJO's vision is to build a sustainable community that promotes the healthy development of youth and families, provides economic justice, and practices participatory democracy through an inter-generational model of democracy in action. Funding was provided for the "Collectively Building a Sustainable Community Program" which has the long-term goal of social and environmental justice for the Latino youth and families that live in La Villita area of Chicago. The main objectives of the work will be to: promote leadership development of 40 to 60 community and youth leaders; provide critical analysis and education about root causes; support constituent-led organizing and collective action in major campaigns; advocate for changes in policy and practice; and promote systemic and just solutions.

Louisiana Bucket Brigade

\$20,000

General Support

New Orleans, LA

The Louisiana Bucket Brigade (LABB) is an environmental health and justice organization working with communities that neighbor the state's oil refineries and chemical plants. LABB uses grassroots action to create informed, sustainable neighborhoods free from industrial pollution, building a healthy society that hastens the transition from fossil fuels. General support funding was provided for LABB's ongoing work to break the oil industry's hold on the state of Louisiana, and the subsequent destruction of the environment, the health of local communities and the planet. Using multiple strategies, LABB continues to mobilize residents to demand reductions in pollution, and hold the oil industry accountable, in the pursuit of phasing it out.

Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association (L9WHA)

\$25,000

General Support

New Orleans, LA

The Lower 9th Ward Homeownership Association (L9WHA) is a resident-led grassroots organization in New Orleans' historically disinvested and Hurricane Katrina devastated Lower 9th Ward. L9WHA employs public engagement, direct actions and rebuilding planning, policy and implementation to rally for affordable housing and resident-driven redevelopment. General support funding was provided to scale up grassroots organizing efforts around affordable housing and resident-driven rebuilding to: train and develop new leaders and increase the effectiveness of long-time resident leaders; develop a public relations and community engagement campaign to increase resident participation; press the City and developers to partner with residents around resident-driven redevelopment; capture lessons learned to share with other disaster-affected communities; and influence state and national reforms for participation in rebuilding.

[Make the Road Pennsylvania](#)

\$20,000

General Support - Immigrant Rights

Reading, PA

Make the Road Pennsylvania (MRPA) is a membership based organization whose mission is to build power in Latinx communities in Eastern Pennsylvania through community organizing, strategic policy advocacy, leadership development and popular education in order to win respect and dignity. General support funding was provided for MRPA's community organizing work in Eastern PA. Immigrant communities have felt the attacks of the new administration profoundly, and are organizing to respond. Current campaigns include organizing neighborhood defense committees focused on immigrant and worker defense, state-wide education funding disparities, defeating a racist 287g proposal in Berks County to deputize local law enforcement to enforce immigration laws, closing Berks County Family Detention Center, and leading a statewide #PAresist table to protect communities under attack across the state.

[Mass Green Network](#)

\$15,000

General Support

Boston, MA

Mass Green Network is a peer-to-peer collective linking grassroots activists and local groups across Massachusetts. Mass Green Network's mission is to protect the earth, its resources, and its inhabitants by connecting community groups, fostering grassroots civic capacity, catalyzing volunteer activism, and bridging demographic divides. General support funding was provided as Mass Green Network develops tools and strategies for coordinated local action, and disseminating them online and through a variety of other methods for ongoing efforts across Massachusetts and elsewhere to pass local laws to limit plastic bags and polystyrene. Mass Green Network plans to organize regional nodes to facilitate local outreach. Mass Green Network focuses exclusively on changing policies at the municipal level, concentrating, for now, on plastic waste. In the future, Mass Green Network hopes to expand their model of coordinated local action to other issues, and to communities in other states.

[Met Council Research & Educational Fund](#)

\$15,000

General Support

New York, NY

The Metropolitan Council on Housing is a membership organization of NYC Tenants who fight for safe, decent and affordable housing. They do this through mutual aid -- tenants helping tenants on our Tenant Right's Hotline, and organizing tenant associations and grassroots advocacy campaigns that fight against displacement and for stronger rent laws. General support funding was provided for Met Councils' grassroots organizing work to fight displacement and strengthen the rent laws. The goal of the Real Rent Reform campaign is to stop the dismantling of rent stabilization that started in 1997 by repealing the loopholes like vacancy decontrol and the vacancy bonus which provide an economic incentive for landlords to kick people out of their homes. Met Council's Northern Manhattan is Not for Sale campaign is fighting to insure that the City's plan for a major rezoning of Inwood delivers real affordable housing for low-income residents and doesn't cause displacement.

[Miami Workers Center](#)

\$15,000

General Support

Miami, FL

The Miami Workers Center (MWC) is a multi-issue, social change nonprofit organization that fights for social, racial, economic and gender justice in Miami, Florida. MWC's purpose is to: 1) Build the power and self-determination of south Florida's most oppressed communities, especially low-income women of color; and 2) Build a progressive voice and platform that can nurture the growth of movements for social change in Florida and the United States. General support funding was provided as MWC organizes its members to: 1) Defend immigrant community members, low-wage workers, tenants and women against feared and actual threats, attacks, illegal search and seizure, deportation, etc.; 2) fight for and win progressive local policies benefiting domestic workers, tenants,

and low-income women of color; and 3) build the power of grassroots members and leaders to resist federal and state attacks against low-income communities of color.

Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (MIRA)

\$15,000

General Support

Jackson, MS

The Mississippi Immigrants Rights Alliance (MIRA) is a member-led, grassroots organization that works to defend the rights of all immigrants in Mississippi through organizing, education, and legal and public policy advocacy at all levels of government. Through constant vigilance and activity, MIRA members have successfully advocated the defeat of anti-immigrant legislation introduced in Mississippi, including English-only bills and other oppressive measures. General support funding was provided in support of MIRA's ongoing work organizing immigrant communities to create a prosperous future for new Americans, their children, and all who live in Mississippi. In the current climate, their goal is to mitigate the fear and increased xenophobia faced by immigrants. Currently, MIRA is organizing in Latino and Muslim communities to give voice to the stories of families separated by deportation.

MN350

\$20,000

Pipeline Resistance

Minneapolis, MN

MN350 is a volunteer-led organization which engages everyday people in creative and strategic campaigns to keep fossil fuels in the ground and move MN towards a reduction of carbon emissions and a just transition to renewable energy. Funding was provided in support of collective action to resist the build out of new infrastructure to transport dirty fuel. The face of extreme energy in Minnesota is Enbridge Energy's network of dirty oil pipelines that carry fracked oil and tar sands through Northern Minnesota. After some major victories, MN350 are escalating their grassroots campaigns against Enbridge's expansion of Line 3. If this project proceeds, the pipelines will allow vast amounts of fossil fuels to be extracted and burned, accelerating the climate crisis and causing enormous harm to indigenous communities living around the sites of extraction in Alberta and North Dakota.

Motor City Freedom Riders

\$15,000

General Support

Detroit, MI

The Motor City Freedom Riders is an organization of metro Detroit bus riders and allies, working together across city and county lines to unite bus riders in a movement for better public transit service, to bring about "transportation freedom". Motor City Freedom Riders organizes, educates and nurtures leadership development of bus riders themselves in order to enable them to lead this work. General support funding was provided for their bus rider organizing activities as they develop the membership base necessary to sustain the organization for the long term. Despite the narrow defeat of a regional transit tax proposal in the November 2016 election, MCFR are energized to build on last year's momentum by expanding membership, stepping up pressure on elected officials, and expanding their fundraising efforts as they campaign for the public transit that the people of Detroit, and the region, deserve.

Movimiento Cosecha

\$20,000

General Support

Harrison, NJ

Cosecha is a nonviolent movement working to win permanent protection, dignity and respect for all immigrants. Cosecha's campaigns aim to bring their community from a place of fear and individual fights to determination and collective resistance. Cosecha aims to accomplish this by using the power of workers and consumers. Through massive boycotts and a general strike across the country, Cosecha will show that the United States cannot operate without the immigrant community. General support funding was provided for network growth and training, action coordination,

communications, volunteer organizer support, and administration needs. Plans include a Cosecha Tour to support trainers and seed new chapters or "villages", and a National Assembly to bring the entire network together. Cosecha's action coordination plans include a #Dignidad campaign so undocumented immigrant workers can reclaim dignity and show their power, and boycotts against huge supermarkets that exploit immigrant consumer power.

Music and Culture Coalition of New Orleans

\$20,000

General Support

New Orleans, LA

The Music and Culture Coalition of New Orleans (MaCCNO) is a broad-based coalition working to empower, assist, and organize New Orleans' cultural community, with a particular focus on advocating for 'culture friendly' laws and public policy. MaCCNO strives to empower the New Orleans music and cultural community through collective self-representation advocating in the interests of cultural preservation, perpetuation, and positive economic impact. MaCCNO aims to help formalize protections for culture and provide ongoing advocacy, research, information sharing, and outreach to ensure New Orleans musicians, artists, and culture bearers can not only continue their cultural practices, but also maintain a high quality of life.

General support funding was provided... that will directly fund the activities of our Executive Director and Community Engagement Coordinator. Both of these positions serve crucial functions--not only by keeping the organization running, but also by attending government meetings; outreaching and organizing within the community; and developing policy recommendations and partnerships. The extended hours of the work, encompassing both a 9-5 and late night schedule (crucial for engaging musicians), means that these positions must be fully funded to ensure availability whenever they are needed.

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR)

\$25,000

General Support

Oakland, CA

The National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights (NNIRR) works to promote a just immigration and refugee policy in the United States and defend and expand the rights of all immigrants and refugees, regardless of immigration status. With an alliance of members, constituents and partners, and working across sectors, NNIRR is committed to advancing human rights and securing healthy, safe and peaceful lives for all. NNIRR recognizes the intersections of social justice issues, including international migrant rights, and advocates for supports and protections across all borders. General support funding was provided for NNIRR as they continue strengthening immigrant rights resistance and resilience for human rights across borders at a critical juncture for the migrant rights movement. NNIRR will provide a strategic visioning space; promote human rights education and political training, including for "new" participants in the current political flow; mobilize members and allies to resist the anti-immigrant backlash; coordinate actions for humane policies and the defeat of punitive enforcement that criminalizes immigrants; and partner globally to push for rights-based international migration policies in a growing global crisis.

New England United for Justice

\$20,000

General Support

Boston, MA

New England United 4 Justice, NEU4J, is a grassroots, membership-based organization believes in the power of promoting social, economic and racial justice using a strong grassroots organizing approach in building direct leadership in low income neighborhoods. NEU4J provides an avenue that helps engage and empower families who want a voice on improving the City of Boston around worker justice, neighborhood reform and voter empowerment issues. General support funding was provided in support of the launch of two new initiatives to address displacement and barriers to employment: a Housing Justice Center and a Worker Center. Both of these centers will: 1) educate, train, and develop leadership; 2) provide a bridge between community and direct services to meet their needs; and 3) organize community members in advocacy campaigns with our allies.

New York State Tenants & Neighbors Information Service

\$20,000

Eliminate the Eviction Bonus Campaign

New York, NY

New York State Tenants & Neighbors Information Service (Tenants & Neighbors) is a grassroots organization that helps tenants build and effectively wield their power to preserve at-risk affordable housing and strengthen tenants' rights in New York. Through organizing, education, intensive leadership development, grassroots mobilization, and strategic policy and legislative advocacy, Tenants & Neighbors is building a strong and unified tenant movement that has the knowledge and power to effect real change. Funding was provided as Tenants & Neighbors lead a state level legislative campaign to eliminate what they have called the "eviction bonus." This loophole in the state rent laws allows landlords to receive a 20% or higher rent increase upon vacancy of a rent-stabilized apartment. It is responsible for 48% of the total rent increases for rent-regulated apartments in New York City. Tenants & Neighbors is leading the campaign through actions, mobilizations, lobbying, and a press strategy in the upcoming legislative session led by low-income tenants in gentrifying neighborhoods.

Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance

\$15,000

General Support

Gloucester, MA

Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA) is a fishermen-led organization building a broad movement toward healthy fisheries and fishing communities. This is accomplished by building deep and trusting relationships with community-based fisherman, crew, fishworkers, and allies to create effective policy and market strategies. NAMA's mission is to restore and enhance an enduring marine system supporting a healthy diversity and an abundance of marine life and human uses through a self-organizing and self-governing organization. General support funding was provided to build on the momentum of NAMA's organizing, capacity and skills building, and developing shared values to seize the opportunity afforded by "Cofather" Carlos Rafael's conviction of exploiting Catch Shares to fight for repatriation of fishing rights and further expose the problems with this privatization scheme. The Fish Locally Collaborative (FLC) will support new leaders to organize strategically in fishing communities, coordinate market forces to shift policies, and develop compelling public campaigns to build the base of support for small, family fishermen.

Ohio Community Rights Network

\$15,000

Community Rights for Social Justice

Broadview Heights, OH

The mission of Ohio Community Rights Network (OHCRN) is to educate, empower and network community members throughout the state about their individual and collective right to social, economic and environmental justice using their unalienable right to self-govern in their communities. OHCRN works to advance, secure and protect sustainable food systems, energy and economic systems, and the rights of nature to exist and flourish throughout Ohio. The Ohio Community Rights Network recognizes that the myriad challenges confronting our communities--environmental, economic, social/cultural--share a common source: a structure of law and governance that quashes communities' rights to local self-governance. That structure stops ordinary citizens from creating the healthy, just and sustainable communities they envision. Funding was provided to bring people together from across the state with various social justice issues, first with a statewide Community Rights Convention, followed by four Regional Community Rights for Social Justice Workshops.

Ohio Student Association

\$20,000

General Support

Youngstown, OH

Ohio Student Association (OSA) is a statewide organization led by young people. OSA engages in values-based issue and electoral organizing, nonviolent direct action, advocacy for progressive public policy, and leadership development. On campuses and communities across Ohio, OSA

organizes young people to build independent political power. General support funding was provided as OSA organizes a political and cultural bloc of young people to move a progressive public policy agenda of economic, racial and social justice to the center of Ohio politics. OSA is seeking to create racially just higher education in Ohio, win expansive voting rights for young people, and run momentum-driven direct action organizing to end state violence and criminalization of young people of color. OSA will focus on three program areas: Civic Engagement, which includes working on a state criminal justice reform ballot initiative, voter registration, and voter guides; Debt-relief Organizing, which is a multi-year campaign working toward alleviating student debt with the long-term goals of debt-free higher education on campuses in Ohio; and Leadership Development.

One Step a la Vez

\$25,000

General Support

Fillmore, CA

The mission of One Step a la Vez (OSALV) is to prepare informed, empowered youth who are equipped with the tools to lead, cultivate cultural awareness, bridge the gap of inequality and advocate for fair, just and healthy individuals and community. General support funding was provided to support their youth to continue to organize to create safe zones at school and in the community for all youth with a special focus on vulnerable populations including LGBTQ+, immigrant, probationary, and youth living in poverty or homelessness. Youth are also advocating for improved conditions for immigrants: low income housing, accessibility to information about rights, safety planning, farmworker bill of rights, and improved public transit in the region. Another effort underway is youth advocating for environmental justice: opposing the proposed power plant in their low income, Latino community which is intended to meet power needs in the wealthier, communities nearby.

Orange County Immigrant Youth United

\$25,000

General Support

Santa Ana, CA

Orange County Immigrant Youth United (OCIYU) is an undocumented immigrant youth-led organization that advocates for the rights of undocumented immigrants to live free from exploitation and persecution by mobilizing undocumented youth to advocate for their communities, and providing a space in which they can grow as leaders. As such, OCIYU is invested in maintaining a leadership pipeline capable of developing new young, undocumented leaders in order to effect cultural and political change toward full inclusion of undocumented immigrants into the community and move away from policies of suppression and persecution. General support funding was provided to OCIYU as they build the power of Orange County's undocumented immigrant youth and effect systemic change at the cultural and political levels; dismantle institutional policies and systems that marginalize and persecute immigrants in Orange County; cause a cultural shift in Orange County that acknowledges the humanity of undocumented immigrants; and combat the dominant narrative that promotes certain immigrants as deserving of inclusion at the expense of those most marginalized.

Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition (OPPRC)

\$25,000

General Support

New Orleans, LA

The mission of Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition (OPPRC) is to use education and organizing to decrease incarceration, increase oversight, and improve the conditions in Orleans Parish Prison, emphasizing a community-centered approach to justice, in order to foster a whole and liberated New Orleans. Through centering those most impacted by incarceration, OPPRC uses a variety of approaches to transform the New Orleans justice system, a system that incarcerates residents at twice the national average. General support funding was provided as OPPRC works to make the the local jail safer, and smaller. Conditions in the jail remain so horrendous that the federal government has taken over operations of the jail. OPPRC is opposing the proposed jail expansion, organizing families to speak out against conditions in the jail, and pushing the city to reduce its incarceration rate.

Parent Voices Oakland

\$15,000

General Support

Oakland, CA

Parent Voices Oakland (PVO) is a parent-led grassroots organization that advocates for affordable, accessible, quality child care. PVO organizes and develops the leadership of low-income parents and caregivers of color to build effective campaigns toward economic and educational justice. Parent Voices accomplishes its goals through leadership training, state and local budget advocacy, town hall meetings, media campaigns, and participation in the political process. General support funding was provided to enable PVO to hire one full-time community organizer which will support efforts to outreach to high need communities, deepen relationship to constituents, increase the number of collaborative projects, mobilize parents around civic engagement campaigns, and manage existing memberships and program participation.

Peaslee Neighborhood Center

\$22,500

Keep Our Courts: Do Development Differently Coalition

Cincinnati, OH

Peaslee Neighborhood Center serves as a hub for enrichment, community education and organizing efforts in Over-the-Rhine, a low-income Cincinnati neighborhood. Residents engage in participatory education to foster self-determination and social change in Cincinnati on a myriad of social justice campaigns. Funding was provided for Peaslee Neighborhood Center's coalition organizing work which focuses on the preservation of, and deeper investment in, public space and affordable housing in their neighborhood and the city of Cincinnati. The Keep Our Courts campaign involves a local, grassroots coalition-driven plan for an alternative, equitable development project on public land in the rapidly gentrifying neighborhood of Over-the-Rhine. The campaign also involves the development and public dissemination of tools to organize city-wide pressure on developers and local government to practice development in Cincinnati more equitably.

Pilsen Alliance

\$25,000

General Support

Chicago, IL

Pilsen Alliance is a multi-issue social justice organization committed to developing grassroots leadership in Pilsen and neighboring working class, immigrant communities on Chicago's Lower West Side. Pilsen Alliance works for quality public education, affordable housing, government accountability and healthy communities. Their work includes using innovative community education tools and programs, direct action organizing campaigns and advocacy initiatives reflecting the popular education philosophy of building social consciousness for personal and social collective transformation. General support funding was provided as Pilsen Alliance continues to build their base of grassroots, community leaders that will work on a variety of ongoing projects that demand sustainable development of their community that comes after the closing of local coal fired power plants and gentrification pressures on the neighborhood.

Pioneer Valley Workers Center

\$20,000

General Support

Northampton, MA

The Pioneer Valley Workers Center (PVWC) is a cross-class, multi-racial grassroots organization building a movement to advance workers' rights in Western Massachusetts. PVWC develops the leadership of low-wage and immigrant food system workers to organize worker-driven grassroots campaigns and mobilize allies to advance worker and immigrant rights. General support funding was provided to support their efforts to build upon achievement of the passage of a new Wage Theft Ordinance in Northampton. PVWC will launch campaigns for similar worker protections throughout the Valley.

Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts - PHENOM

\$15,000

General Support

Worcester, 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. PHENOM is a grassroots, member-led organization that promotes well-funded, affordable, accessible, well-staffed and democratically governed public higher education in Massachusetts. Uniting key stakeholders, including students, staff, faculty, and alumni, they advance these goals with research, education, coalition-building, direct action and advocacy. Last fall, PHENOM launched a three-year campaign to win free public higher education in Massachusetts and set a national example. Their first year of building a broad coalition has been successful. PHENOM enters their second year developing a consensus plan through a public process, organizing for the Fair Share Millionaire's Tax Amendment, and educating the public about the issues facing public higher education in Massachusetts and how their Debt-Free Public Higher Education Plan can help to solve some of those problems.

Put People First! PA

\$15,000

General Support

Philadelphia, PA

Put People First! PA (PPF) is a statewide, base-building organization using a human rights framework and the principles of universality, equity, transparency, accountability and participation to build a grassroots, people-powered movement to go on the offensive to secure basic needs. Put People First! PA's mission is to build the leadership and strategy of poor and working people to secure their human right to healthcare, housing, transportation, a livable income, healthy food and a healthy environment for everyone in Pennsylvania. General support funding was provided as PPF continues their work on their Healthcare is a Human Right Campaign, which achieved a historic victory in 2016 by winning the first public hearing in PA on rising premiums since the passage of the Affordable Care Act. PPF will develop a healthcare platform that includes defense of Medicaid (no cuts or limiting changes), the expansion of the adult dental benefit in Medicaid, and the appointment of a public advocate at the Insurance Department. PPF will continue to build their statewide base, develop a fighting force of Medicaid recipients in the lead up to the yearly budget battle, as well as putting forth an alternative vision for a system that guarantees the human right to healthcare, and will participate in direct actions in Harrisburg, in concert with the New Poor People's Campaign.

Rhode Island Jobs With Justice

\$20,000

General Support

Providence, RI

RI Jobs with Justice (RI JwJ) is a community, labor, faith, and student coalition that builds power for workers and is committed to building grassroots anti-racist working class power. RI JwJ's core mission is to make resilient and lasting relationships between communities experiencing oppression while practicing rigorous and radical democracy. General support funding was provided in support of continuing campaigns around enforcement of the Ban The Box law; protections for public education; and a community based health initiative to combat lead exposure for children and construction workers.

Rockaway Youth Task Force

\$22,500

Youth Engagement program

Far Rockaway, NY

The Rockaway Youth Task Force (RYTF) is a member-led organization of youth of color within the Rockaway peninsula that builds power to secure social, economic and racial justice for all. RYTF develops politically conscious leaders who are invested in improving themselves and their communities through youth-led campaigns, leadership development, movement building, and cultural expression through arts and media. Funding was provided for RYTF to support its youth organizing work, which will focus on disrupting the School to Prison Pipeline and school push-out.

RYTF seeks to reduce school suspensions and arrests for school-related incidents, as well as increase school quality and restorative justice measures to support youth to achieve educational, career, and life success. RYTF will engage in coalition work and increased recruitment of students in Rockaway's most challenged schools to maximize its impact and engage affected youth to identify and address the root causes of school failure.

Rogue Climate

\$25,000

Stand Up for Oregon: No LNG. No Pipeline - Round Three

Phoenix, OR

Rogue Climate is a grassroots organization based in southern Oregon that brings communities together for practical solutions to climate change that result in cleaner energy, sustainable jobs, and a healthy environment. Rogue Climate promotes community conversations and engages people through creative art projects and educational events, making their voices heard on local, state, and national policies. Funding was provided to support the grassroots campaign stop the Pacific Connector Fracked Gas Pipeline and the Jordan Cove LNG Export Project proposed for southern Oregon.

Shalefield Organizing Committee

\$12,000

Columbia County Against the Pipeline

Lewisburg, PA

The Shalefield Organizing Committee works to cultivate a grassroots movement for healthy people and ecosystems in the shalefields. Through outreach, education, capacity building, and campaign organizing they empower citizens directly impacted by economic injustice and ecological degradation. Funding was provided in support of the Stop the Atlantic Sunrise campaign. Since 2014 SOC have canvassed communities, engaged with the regulatory process, created educational materials, and hosted film screenings and presentations in order to grow a movement in opposition to this natural gas pipeline. Now that the pipeline is permitted, their focus is supporting residents who stand opposed to the pipeline by increasing media presence, launching creative community action projects, holding direct action trainings, increasing support for the campaign, and providing support to other campaigns along the route.

Southern Maine Workers' Center

\$20,000

General Support for Health Care is a Human Right

Portland, ME

The Southern Maine Workers' Center (SMWC) is a member-led organization that uses an innovative mix of community and workplace organizing to improve the lives, working conditions, and terms of employment for working and poor people in Maine through education, organizing, and advocacy. General Support was provided to support the Health Care is a Human Right (HCHR) committee and to increase the HCHR organizer to a full time position. The HCHR campaign is a long-term campaign for universal health care in Maine. Through this campaign, SMWC seeks to bring Maine people together across divisions of race, class, generation, and geography to address the root causes of inequity while winning a concrete public policy victory.

Southside Together Organizing for Power - STOP

\$15,000

General Support

Chicago, IL

Southside Together Organizing for Power (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. STOP fights for human rights to racial and economic justice through organizing, popular education, and leadership development, action research, and alliance building amongst people most directly affected by issues like gentrification, displacement, incarceration and criminalization of youth of color and health cuts. General support funding was provided for STOP's three programs:

1) The Youth Program works on juvenile justice reform, restorative justice, the development of a medical trauma center, and police accountability.

- 2) The Housing Program works with tenants in subsidized housing to preserve, improve and maintain their homes.
- 3) The Mental Health Movement Program works with mental health patients, providers and community members to erase the stigma of mental illness and preserve and improve city mental health services.

Student Immigrant Movement

\$25,000

General Support

Boston, MA

The Student Immigrant Movement (SIM) is a statewide immigrant youth-led organization based in Massachusetts. SIM is fighting for the undocumented community through the development of a network of immigrant youth organizers. They identify, recruit and develop leaders in local cities and towns who are invested in ending discrimination and roadblocks for immigrants, creating pathways to higher education for undocumented students, and improving their communities through relational building, leadership development, electoral organizing and using both strategic and motivational campaigns that build movement for change. General support funding was provided for their ongoing Defend & Defy Campaign. Launched in the wake of President Trump's election, Defend & Defy is actively working to build a network of Self-Defense Committees: small groups of undocumented youth who can respond quickly to support one another in the face of increased xenophobia, racism, bullying, and intense police and ICE activity. In addition to that, SIM aims to continue to grow their identity projects: the Queer Undocumented Immigrant Project, the UndocuBlack team, the Women's Collective, and the UndocuArtists Collective.

Texas Tenants' Union

\$16,000

Campaign to Win Full Funding for Affordable Housing

Dallas, TX

Texas Tenants Union (TTU) is a grassroots, tenants' rights organization that empowers tenants through education and organizing to protect their rights, preserve their homes, improve their living conditions, and enhance the quality of life in their communities. Funding was provided for TTU's work in organizing tenants in their campaign to support and protect affordable housing within the state. In Texas, nearly half of all tenants are cost-burdened, paying more than 30% of their income on housing and 24% are severely cost-burdened. Federal housing programs offer increased financial security and housing stability for some low-income tenants, but residents are plagued by budget cuts threatening their assistance, substandard property conditions, expiring subsidy contracts, and owners that do not honor their right to organize. TTU's goal is to build the capacity of and empower tenant organizations to win full funding for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) programs and accountability from HUD, Congress, and landlords.

The Alliance for Appalachia

\$25,000

General Support

London, KY

The Alliance for Appalachia (The Alliance) is a regional coalition with the goals of ending mountaintop removal mining, putting a halt to destructive coal technologies and supporting a sustainable, just economy in Appalachia. The Alliances' coalition strategy is developed and executed by impacted leaders. Funding support was provided for the Our Water, Our Future campaign which combats the dangers associated with new mining, addresses the legacy costs of more than a century of coal mining, and organizes for a healthy environment as a foundation for a healthy economy. The Alliances' efforts for the coming year include: Coordinating regional and federal work to advocate for and defend key water protections; Collaborating around economic transition efforts that address the toxic legacy of coal; and Building their network and supporting regional collaboration and base building through investing in convening, cross-group learning and leadership building.

The Street Vendor Project

\$20,000

General Support

New York, NY

The Street Vendor Project (SVP) is a grassroots, 2,000 member-strong, vendor-led organization that works to advance social and economic justice for thousands of street vendors, predominantly immigrants of color and some US military veterans, in New York City. General support funding was provided as SVP continues to do outreach to, and organize with, New York City street vendors; to conduct Know Your Rights trainings, political education, and leadership development; and to provide support for their grassroots system change campaigns. Their current campaign, Lift the Caps, is an intensive multi-year effort to influence NYC City Council to make more permits and areas available to food vendors.

Union of Minority Neighborhoods

\$25,000

Campaign for Neighborhood Leadership

Boston, MA

Founded and run by people of African descent, Union of Minority Neighborhood (UMN)'s works to ensure that trained, committed grassroots leaders of color effectively organize on issues of concern in their communities, their regions, and the nation. UMN's vision is to create a unifying force to address the threats to civil liberties and to end discriminatory policies and practices that limit access to political, economic and social power. UMN's integrated programs develop leaders, build networks and win power. Funding was provided for UMN to continue their work on the Campaign for Neighborhood Leadership (CNL). This is a project to build grassroots civic engagement of Black and Brown people across issue lines in Massachusetts. Their approach is to use a public information campaign to engage people of all ages to become active in their neighborhoods and is coupled with skills development and training; and, finally engagement in organizing campaigns. It is coordinated by a Family of Leaders (40 people) – the first to develop skills and train others.

Vermont Interfaith Action

\$15,000

General Support

Burlington, VT

Vermont Interfaith Action (VIA) is a grassroots, faith-based community organization in Burlington and Central and Southern Vermont. VIA transforms ordinary people into empowered and engaged citizens, capable of creating systemic change on issues that are barriers to equitable opportunities for all. VIA is organizing on the issues of corrections reform, specifically preparation of inmates for re-entry; education improvements, particularly discipline and school transportation; and a moral economy, especially better pay and treatment of workers. General support funding was provided to enable staff organizers to build and strengthen the development of leaders within VIA's member congregations and among the marginalized parents and youth of the Burlington and Winooski schools, including recent immigrants and those living in generational poverty.

VOZ Workers Rights Education Project

\$20,000

General Support

Portland, OR

Voz is a worker-led organization that empowers diverse day laborers and immigrants to improve their working conditions and protect civil rights through leadership development, organizing, education and economic opportunity. Voz provides disenfranchised day laborers with leadership development opportunities as well as classes aimed at providing them with the skills they need to secure long-term employment. General support funding was provided as Voz fortifies and expands core programs: Defending the Worker Center as a site for organizing; Improving organizing capacity by offering more and diverse leadership, rights, skills and safety trainings, with a focus on expanding services to women; Strengthening legal protections by expanding the wage theft program to include injury claims; and Mobilizing day laborers around worker and immigrant rights under the Trump administration.

Western Regional Advocacy Project

\$25,000

General Support

San Francisco, CA

Western Regional Advocacy Project (WRAP) is a regional coalition of local community organizations working to make ending homelessness a state and national priority. Through organizing, art, research and training, WRAP exposes and seeks to eliminate the root causes of homelessness and poverty by reframing it as a structural issue rather than an individual dysfunction. WRAP was created to expose and eliminate the root causes of civil and human rights abuses of people experiencing poverty and homelessness in communities. As a regional organization, WRAP has the power of collective mobilization, which incorporates local issues into an inclusive framework. All of their efforts are grounded in the experiences of those living in poverty and/or working to address homelessness. WRAP members in California, Colorado, and Oregon are currently engaged in local and statewide outreach, community organizing, and bringing their voices to state capitols for more just, responsive policy and respect for poor, homeless and transgender people. WRAP members understand that the struggle for affordable housing and anti-criminalization is an intersectional issue and seek to expose the historic racist and classist aspects of today's local anti-homeless laws.

Workers Center for Racial Justice

\$25,000

General Support

Chicago, IL

The Workers Center for Racial Justice (WCRJ) is a grassroots organization fighting for Black Liberation, and a fair and inclusive society that benefits everyone and leaves no one out. This is accomplished by organizing marginalized Black workers and their families, in order to address the root causes of high rates of unemployment, low-wage work and over-criminalization plaguing the Black community. WCRJ focuses on direct action organizing, policy advocacy, leadership development and voter engagement at the city and state level to achieve their mission of building a caring economy and society that allows Black people to reach their full human potential. General support funding was provided to continue work building an active and engaged base of marginalized Black workers with critical consciousness and deep analysis of structural racialization. WCRJ are also working to develop and advance a set of policies at the metropolitan and state level that seek to eliminate persistent racial inequality in the areas of employment and criminal justice; expand access to quality and affordable childcare for Black families in Illinois; and continue to educate low-wage Black workers about their rights.

Workers' Dignity Project / Dignidad Obrera

\$20,000

General Support

Nashville, TN

Workers' Dignity (WD) is a worker-led center organizing for economic justice and dignity for all by developing solutions to wage theft and the systemic abuse of workers, and building power through relationships with fellow low-wage workers and allies. General operating support was provided to increase organizational capacity and allow WD to continue: 1) organizing housekeepers in the Just Hospitality Campaign, to negotiate the Cleaning Workers' Bill of Rights (Code of Conduct) and improve wages and conditions at tax-incentivized projects; 2) expanding Music City Riders United (MCRU) led by African American women members; 3) develop Nashville Community Defense (NCD), organizing immigrants to form neighborhood defense committees against ICE raids; and 4) develop leadership among low-income workers.

Youth Art & Self-empowerment Project

\$25,000

General Support

Philadelphia, PA

2014 - \$20,000; 2016 - \$25,000

The Youth Art & Self-empowerment Project (YASP) is a youth-led organization that supports and empowers young people charged as adults in Philadelphia. YASP works to repeal Act 33, the 1996 amendment to the PA Juvenile Act that allows many youth under 18 to be tried directly in adult court, held pre-trial in adult county jails, and sentenced to serve time in adult prisons. YASP provides

space in prisons for incarcerated young people to express their voices creatively, builds platforms to share those voices, and helps young people develop as leaders both within and beyond the prison walls. Through a combination of neighborhood canvassing, public education, legislative advocacy, and youth empowerment and leadership development work, YASP youth organizers are building a base of support in Philadelphia and across the state for repealing Act 33.

Youth Justice and Power Union

\$10,000

General Support

Boston, MA

2015 - \$10,000

Youth Justice and Power Union (YJPU) is a grassroots youth of color-led organization in Boston, leading campaigns to increase youth jobs funding and youth employment. YJPU is committed to amplifying the voices of young people to confront power and is committed to fighting for youth jobs, and youth liberation. General support funding was provided for YJPU's campaign work to increase employment for youth of color in Boston, particularly those who are systemically left out due to being LGBTQ, having a criminal record, etc. YJPU's analysis is anchored in the structural racism that police funding in Boston continues to increase every year, yet young people of color have seen no meaningful increase in youth jobs funding in the past six years. YJPU's actions and campaign work have consistently targeted the Mayor and City Councilors to change this reality. To spearhead this work, YJPU will continue to develop a core group of 10-15 youth of color as organizers and leaders.

Youth Rise Texas

\$15,000

General Support

Austin, TX

Youth Rise Texas (YRTX) uses mentorship and multi-generational organizing to develop the leadership of youth who are directly impacted by parental incarceration, immigrant detention, and deportation. Through popular education and creative cultural production, YRTX is cultivating the cutting edge of leadership in the struggle against mass incarceration and immigrant criminalization while contributing to the movement for racial and economic justice. Youth Rise Texas has three goals: cultivate a multiracial cadre of youth organizing to end mass incarceration and deportation; shift public opinion about target issues to win local campaigns; and facilitate transformative healing. General support funding was provided as YRTX grows their Youth Organizing Institute program, developing actions for systems change, community organizing, consciousness raising cultural work, and restorative and healing justice work. Youth Rise provides multiple levels of leadership opportunities to support transition into lifelong leadership roles.