

2010 Grant Recipients List



- Apalachicola Bay & River Keeper, Inc.** \$10,000
Apalachicola, FL
Apalachicola Bay and River Keeper provides stewardship working to improve and maintain the environmental integrity of the tributaries and watersheds of the Apalachicola River and Bay. They have partnered with the Franklin County Seafood Workers Association (FCSWA) to work together on the protection of the Apalachicola Bay ecosystem which includes improving the management of the bay's oyster beds. The partnership will also strive to empower the seafood workers through training and the creation of an association to ensure that seafood workers have funds and other support in times of need. www.apalachicolariverkeeper.org
- Atlanta Public Sector Alliance** \$10,000
Atlanta, GA
The Atlanta Public Sector Alliance is a labor-community coalition committed to addressing the root causes of economic and social injustice, which has been actively organizing in the metro-Atlanta area for over 20 years. Currently the Atlanta Alliance is carrying out a long-term multi-issue campaign aimed at the creation and implementation of an Atlanta human rights charter which will improve community based decision making through people's assemblies and defend immigrant/refugee rights by developing black-brown alliances. www.atljwj.org
- Bark** \$15,000
Portland, OR
Bark is an organization that has been protecting the Mt. Hood National Forest and surrounding forest areas for over ten years. Project funding for this request is for The Palomar Pipeline campaign. The Palomar Pipeline is a proposal to build a liquid natural gas pipeline 220 miles across Oregon, making a freeway-wide clearcut 47 miles through Mt. Hood National Forest. While the thrust of the campaign is to stop the unnecessary development of the Palomar Pipeline and liquid natural gas, Bark is beginning to cultivate a larger community conversation about the proper role of our public land in energy development. Funding was provided to support the organizing efforts to ensure that affected constituents across the entire Pipeline route are empowered to question the status quo of big energy development. www.bark-out.org
- Battered Women's Resource Center** \$15,000
New York, NY
Voices of Women Organizing Project (VOW's), a program of BWRC, brings together survivors of domestic violence to improve the systems that abused women and their children turn to for safety and justice. Funding will support VOW's leadership training, development and support of survivors of domestic violence as they work to improve New York City's Family Court, child welfare and housing systems. www.vowbwrc.org
- Border Crossers** \$15,000
New York, NY
Border Crossers brings together young students from segregated neighborhoods in New York City to explore issues of discrimination, inequality, and social justice, and to develop student leadership toward lasting social change. Funding was provided to

support efforts to expand multicultural education and social-action programming in New York City schools. Border Crossers will be developing the leadership skills of young students in kindergarten through eighth grade to become agents of social change. Staff will expand their work with Partner Schools, and also pilot the program in other schools in additional communities as opportunity and capacity allow. www.bordercrossers.org

Brooklyn Young Mothers' Collective

\$15,000

Brooklyn, NY

BYMC is a community-based organization that prepares young mothers to actively engage in improving their lives. They provide disadvantaged young mothers with a comprehensive set of services focused on their educational attainment and social development as well as leadership development and campaign organizing opportunities. BYMC has built the capacity of young mothers to engage in an intergenerational advocacy/organizing and leadership development model. Their advocacy/organizing campaign work is focused on improving the public education, child welfare and juvenile justice systems. www.bymcinc.org

California Climate and Agriculture Network (CalCAN)

\$10,000

Occidental, CA

CalCAN is a new coalition of sustainable agriculture organizations, farmers and allied groups that evolved out of Californians for GE-Free Agriculture. As California moves forward in implementing the country's most comprehensive approach to climate change regulation, CalCAN is working to elevate the role of sustainable agriculture in climate change mitigation and adaptation at the state policy level. Sustainable agricultural practices reduce GHG emissions, sequester carbon in healthy soils, and provide environmental co-benefits such as improved water quality and quantity, biodiversity and air quality. www.calclimateaq.org

CA Coalition for Women Prisoners

\$15,000

San Francisco, CA

CA Coalition for Women Prisoners (CCWP) is a grassroots social justice organization, with members inside and outside prison, that challenges the institutional violence imposed on women, transgender people, and communities of color by the prison industrial complex. Funding was provided in support of the Across the Walls prisoner visiting program and to expand the Beyond the Walls Project. Across the Walls, Prison Visiting and Advocacy program connects women of color and transgender prisoners inside and outside of prison walls including connecting immigrant (mostly Latina) volunteers outside with immigrant prisoners inside. CCWP also corresponds with approximately 500 prisoners a year, answering requests for information, resources, and advocacy. Beyond the Walls, San Francisco Jail and Reentry Project assists individuals with advocacy needs, and develops leadership training, skill-building and salaried and/or stipend positions for former prisoners. The project directly connects former prisoners with CCWP's organizing work and with prisoners inside. www.womenprisoners.org

CAUSA Oregon

\$15,000

Salem, OR

CAUSA organizes, educates, and mobilizes to build power in the Latino immigrant community of Oregon. Through partnering with immigrant, religious, labor, youth, and ally organizations, CAUSA works to create a society that recognizes the contributions of immigrants and upholds the values of democracy, equality, and respect. www.causaoregon.org

Centro Campesino

\$10,000

Owatonna, MN

Funding was provided for Centro Campesino's NOW! Youth Network. The Youth Network provides a meaningful place for Latino youth to work for positive social change in the areas of educational equity, civic participation, immigration reform, and leadership

development.

www.centrocampesino.net

Childspace Cooperative Development, Inc.

\$15,000

Philadelphia, PA

The work of Childspace Cooperative Development is to empower child care workers to speak up to increase the quality of child care jobs and the quality of care provided to all children. Funding was provided for "Child Care Voices - speaking up for quality jobs and quality care." The work will empower low-income child care workers to speak up for their need for improved compensation including health benefits. They will support peer to peer outreach efforts while organizing with state and national coalitions to meet policy goals including affordable health care for all. www.childspacecdi.org

Citizens Coal Council

\$15,000

Washington, PA

Citizens Coal Council works to address the issues of degradation of environment, water and communities suffered by coalfield residents. Funding was provided for general support . Most recently Citizens Coal Council's work has focused on the Longwall Mining Campaign and the OSMRE (Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement) Watch campaign. The Longwall Mining Campaign works to promote rulemaking that will prohibit longwall mining which causes material surface damage, loss of public and private water supplies, destruction of homes and the subsidence of farmland. The objective of the OSMRE Watch is assist the OSMRE in reclaiming its responsibilities, and holding the agency accountable when it fails to act in a swift and absolute manner according to the law. www.citizenscoalcouncil.org

Cleghorn Neighborhood Center

\$15,000

Fitchburg, MA

The Cleghorn Neighborhood Center is a community center that is utilizing leadership and grassroots organizing to create change in one of the most densely populated and poorest neighborhoods in Fitchburg. Their community organizing programs are immigrant organizing (Committee De Vecinos) and youth organizing (G-FLY). Both programs develop leadership for the most affected members of the community. Funding was provided to support a full time community organizer. www.cleghorncenter.org

Coalition on Homelessness, San Francisco

\$15,000

San Francisco, CA

Coalition on Homelessness is a grassroots organizing project that works with homeless people and front-line service provider staff to create long-term, human-centered solutions to homelessness and the problems that accompany it. The Right to a Roof Campaign works to ensure humane and accessible shelter for all who seek it. They will work to overhaul the complex shelter reservation system, which inadequately assigns beds and systematically discriminates against those with physical and mental disabilities. www.cohsf.org

Coffee Strong

\$10,000

Lakewood, WA

Coffee Strong is a veteran-owned and operated GI coffee house located near the Ft. Lewis army base in Washington state. It is the only GI coffee house in the U.S. with this strategic location and military service focus. Coffee Strong provides a space for GIs to gather, offers peer counseling and referrals, has recently begun publishing a 'zine for soldiers, holds GI Rights rallies, and has begun a national "End Stop-Loss" campaign" to educate the public about the personal, family and community ramifications of repeated deployments. Coffee Strong is poised to become a model for other GI coffee houses around the country. www.coffeestrong.org

Colorado Progressive Coalition

\$10,000

Pueblo , CO

The Colorado Progressive Coalition is a statewide multicultural and cross-issue coalition empowering people through grassroots community organizing to have a voice in the policy decisions that affect their lives. Funding was provided for CPC's Community Organizing and Leadership Development program in Pueblo, CO. Pueblo is an area of predominantly low-income communities of color, the majority being Latino immigrants. Through leadership academies the CPC strives to improve the quality of life for these residents by increasing voter participation, fighting for economic justice and calling for immigration reform. www.progressivecoalition.org

Community Alliance of Tenants

\$15,000

Portland, OR

Funding was provided for the Community Alliance of Tenants Housing Justice Program which addresses access to safe and affordable housing as a health and human rights issue. The Housing Justice Program organizes low-income tenants to take collective action to directly challenge unsafe housing conditions, to increase the supply of decent affordable housing, improve the quality and enforcement of housing maintenance standards and strengthen tenant eviction protections. www.oregoncat.org

Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

\$15,000

Chambersburg, PA 17202

The Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund was established to build sustainable communities by empowering people to assert their right to local self-government and the rights of nature, such as the defense against the privatization of water. Funding was provided for the New England Water Project which will assist communities in Maine and New Hampshire to adopt first-in-the-nation laws banning corporate water withdrawals. The siphoning off of hundreds of thousands of gallons a day from local aquifers – impact both surface and groundwater resources- depleting drinking water and can contaminate aquifers and wells. www.celdf.org

Community Water Center

\$15,000

Visalia, CA

The Community Water Center works to create community-driven water solutions through organizing, education and advocacy in California's San Joaquin Valley (SJV). Funding was provided in support of the Protecting Groundwater from the Ground Up project, a community campaign of direct engagement with local low-income, primarily Latino communities to address drinking water problems. The campaign seeks to clean-up and protect local groundwater sources that have been polluted by the fertilizer and pesticide application of the region's farms, and mega-dairies. The drinking water quality in the San Joaquin Valley is the worst in the state due to the reliance on these polluted groundwater sources. CWC provides information, tools, trainings, and organizing and advocacy assistance to the affected communities. CWC also advocates at the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board and with local water management agencies to protect and restore groundwater sources. www.communitywatercenter.org

COVE, Community of Vermont Elders

\$15,000

Montpelier, VT

COVE works to promote and protect a higher quality of life for Vermont's seniors through systems advocacy and education. COVE works with and for elder Vermonters and the organizations that serve them to identify, interpret and respond to critical issues that impact the dignity, security and well being of seniors. Grant funding was provided for general support to sustain a myriad of programs including the Caregiver Initiative, legislative monitoring and public education through statewide conferences and trainings. www.vermontelders.org

- Creative Interventions** \$15,000
Oakland, CA
Creative Interventions works to create community-based options for interventions to interpersonal violence. The StoryTelling & Organizing Project (STOP) is an organizing project employing community-based documentation to circulate stories of everyday people confronting violence - without relying on traditional social services or the police-while providing tools, inspiration, and information about community-based alternatives to address interpersonal violence. Funding will bring STOP from the pilot phase to implementation in local communities. Utilizing arts-based products and new media strategies STOP will increase communities' capacities to think creatively about tools to prevent, interrupt, and repair violence. www.creativeinterventions.org
- Critical Resistance - Oakland** \$15,000
Oakland, CA
Critical Resistance (CR) is national, chapter-based organization which seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex (PIC), this nation's reliance on prisons as a literal "catch-all" answer to social, political, and economic problems. General Support funding was provided in support of the Oakland chapter --a volunteer-led organization--for their work organizing for the basic necessities that truly make our communities secure: food, education, healthcare, shelter, and political power. The three central project areas being addressed are: Stopping Prison Expansion, Media & Strategic Communications, and Local Organizing. www.criticalresistance.org
- Dakota Resource Council** \$10,000
Dickenson, ND
DRC is a chapter-based organization committed to preserving sustainable agriculture and natural resources in North Dakota. Funding was provided in support of the Bakken Formation Oil and Gas Organizing project, which is organizing and mobilizing farmers, ranchers and other rural residents in Bakken Formation area to protect their groundwater resources from depletion for hydraulic fracturing, improve the rights of surface residents affected by extraction, enact measures to prevent spills and other environmental degradation, and ensure adequate bonding to protect the public against clean-up costs. www.drcinfo.com
- El Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores** \$10,000
Denver, CO
El Centro Humanitario is working to prevent worker exploitation of vulnerable day laborers and provide workforce development services to low income residents in the Curtis park/Five point neighborhood. Funding was provided for the Green Cleaning for Life program. Green Cleaning for Life is a worker-owned cleaning cooperative that will offer low-income residents/workers with new opportunities for employment at higher incomes as well as provide them self-sufficiency, a democratically controlled and humane workplace, and a sense of community through their business. Part of the cooperative's mission will be to offer regular educational workshops to community members on co-op principles and practices and the particulars of eco-friendly cleaning. www.centrohumanitario.org
- Energy Justice Network** \$10,000
Philadelphia, PA
"Zero-Emission Fuels" is a project to protect the health of communities and the environment by creating a network of community groups that oppose the development of ethanol plants and will work pro-actively to shift subsidies for biofuels to the safest and most effective methods of cutting emissions: energy efficiency and conservation, wind, solar, and plug-in electric vehicles. The project centers on grassroots community groups and student leaders to create lasting institutional change. www.energyjustice.net

Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children \$7,500

New Orleans, LA

Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children is working to transform the state and local juvenile justice system by outreaching to parents and using popular education to train parents in advocacy and organizing skills.

Funding for this grant is specifically for the Parents in Schools Leadership Project. The project is designed to ensure that children who learn differently and who exhibit challenging behaviors are kept in their schools and out of the School to Prison Pipeline by using alternatives to suspensions and expulsions. Organizing through active parent councils, they will collaborate with school officials to create opportunities for meaningful parent involvement in schools. The parent councils will incorporate the Positive Behavior Support program that has the potential to positively impact the learning environment at the local schools. www.fflic.org

Farmers Market Coalition \$15,000

Martinsburg, WV

The Farmers Market Coalition serves a growing movement with information and representation at state and federal levels. They help build networks, link peers, and connect farmers markets -old and new- with tools and resources for success. Funding was provided for the Taking a Stand for Farmers Market Food Safety Project, which mobilizes its network of farmers markets to educate legislators, FDA, and USDA about the need for food safety legislation in regards to local food systems. FMC will partner with the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, which provide expertise and guidance to support FMC's strategies for representing direct-marketing producers at the table during the food safety rule-making process. www.farmersmarketcoalition.org

Farm Worker Pesticide Project \$15,000

Seattle, WA

The Farm Workers Pesticide Project (FWPP) has been working to end farm worker community exposures to pesticides in the Yakima Valley. Using scientific studies of health effects on workers and air quality monitoring for pesticides FWPP has advocated for pesticide reforms and built vibrant alliances at the state and national level. FWPP is advocating a radically new precaution-based approach to pesticide regulation and leading a national campaign to persuade the EPA to ban chlorpyrifos. In addition FWPP is working to create a model daycare/school organic lunch program for farm worker children. www.fwpp.org

Film 2 Productions \$15,000

Brooklyn, NY

Film2 Productions was funded for their documentary film, Coal Rush, a documentary-film that follows the environmental and social empowerment battle a West Virginia community is waging for their right to clean, safe drinking water. The coal company stands accused of knowingly polluting the water by flushing billions of gallons of waste underground and putting entire communities at risk. www.film2productions.com

Food AND Medicine \$15,000

Brewer, ME

Food AND Medicine is a powerful, creative movement for worker justice in Eastern Maine. They focus on those directly affected by economic injustices--laid off workers--to take the lead in changing the economic policies which have lead to job losses and industrial flight. Through leadership development activities, worker organizing, and community building efforts, FAM's overall goal is to make Eastern Maine a more livable region by supporting living wage jobs where workers have a voice, affordable healthcare, locally controlled business, and local, sustainable agriculture. They have built a Worker's Center, organize a Solidarity Harvest, a Union Supported Agriculture

program, a Workers' Rights Board, and much more to build a more resilient community for workers, farmers, and small businesses. www.foodandmedicine.org

Georgia Citizens' Coalition on Hunger \$15,000

Atlanta, GA

The Georgia Citizen's Coalition on Hunger (Hunger Coalition) is a grass root network addressing economic security issues for lower wage working families. Through organizing, mobilizing and training citizens from rural and urban communities across the state of Georgia the Hunger Coalition has successfully improved the State's welfare system. The Hunger Coalition is working to bring Georgia's minimum wage of \$5.15 up to the Federal minimum wage of \$7.25 and to improve the education, relevant job training and support services to families currently receiving unemployment assistance.

Girls for Gender Equity \$15,000

Brooklyn, NY

Girls for Gender Equity is committed to the physical, psychological, social and economic development of girls and women. The Sisters in Strength program, for which funding was provided, seeks to broaden the discourse of accountability across stakeholders in order to foster shared responsibility to improve the school environment for young women by addressing the empirical evidence obtained of sexist, racist, and homophobia-induced violence in the schools. www.ggenyc.org

Global Community Monitor \$15,000

El Cerrito, CA

Global Community Monitor is working to help communities that neighbor oil refineries and industrial polluters to address the environmental and health impacts of toxic pollution. Funding was provided for GCM's National Bucket Brigade program, and will focus on 8 targeted communities, developing replicable pilot programs and long-term organization building. GCM will continue to share their model of monitoring techniques as well as their templates for technical and policy solutions to raise standards for air quality in these communities by holding the polluting corporations accountable. www.gcmonitor.org

Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project \$15,000

Flagstaff, AZ

The Wolf Recovery Project is a southwest regional coalition, working to return Mexican wolves to their historic range throughout the Grand Canyon region. They will build support for the wolf reintroduction project by educating citizens about their role as advocates, work to change management policies inhibiting wolf recovery, and engage and influence the National Park service and other key land management agencies about their processes that affect wolves. www.qcwoolfrecovery.org

Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) \$10,000

Manchester, NH

GSOP unites religious, labor, and community groups to shape the decisions that affect their communities and quality of life. Funding was provided in support of the Manchester Chapter's Housing Action Team which is organizing with low-income residents, including refugees, who are living in substandard housing, to ensure that landlords are held accountable for housing conditions and also to address the common problem of pest infestation in rental properties. www.granitestateorganizingproject.yolasite.com

Great Old Broads for Wilderness \$10,000

Durango, CO

Founded in 1989 to counter assertions that old and disabled people require roads to access wilderness, Broads participates in a variety of campaigns to support wilderness and resource protection with active volunteers in all fifty states. Through the Healthy Lands Project, Broads engage volunteers who monitor and collect data on the use and

condition of public land in nine western states. Broads has chapters (Broadbands) in only 25 states, but with more than a dozen applications from prospective new Broadband leaders a need for training has been identified. The Broadband Leadership Bootcamp will train new leaders in creating wilderness, tools for engagement, grass roots activities, organizing, lobbying, social networking and fundraising.

www.greatoldbroads.org

Healthcare-NOW!

\$15,000

Philadelphia, PA

Healthcare-NOW! is an education and advocacy organization that advocates for the passage of national single-payer, universal healthcare legislation. A grant was made to support the Campaign to Preserve and Protect Medicare and Social Security, which aims to stop the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform from recommending privatization or slash funding for Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. Healthcare-NOW! will mobilize its base of thousands of universal health care supporters to pressure decisionmakers not to go in this direction. Healthcare-Now.org

Health Security for New Mexicans

\$15,000

Correlas, NM

The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign is a broad grassroots coalition of organizations and individuals around New Mexico that are working to establish a system of guaranteed comprehensive coverage for all New Mexicans that includes preventive care and freedom of choice of provider. Funding was provided for general support of the campaign, to ensure that all those unable to secure health insurance will be involved in legislation efforts and help to decide on a plan for universal coverage.

www.nmhealthsecurity.org

Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah

\$12,000

Salt Lake City, UT

HEAL Utah works to make Utah's environment healthy and safe for all, by engaging citizens in the effort to protect public health from nuclear and toxic waste. Grant funding was provided for the eUtah Renewable Energy Project which aims to advance concrete policy options for a fully renewable electricity grid that is both economically feasible and environmentally sustainable. www.healutah.org

Interfaith Center for Worker Justice (ICWJ)

\$15,000

Minneapolis, MN

The Interfaith Center for Worker Justice (ICWJ) organizes low-wage immigrant workers to gain fair wages, benefits and a voice in the workplace. ICWF is working to improve the workplace standards for retail cleaning workers including decent pay, fair benefits, and the right to organize without fear of retaliation. This campaign will promote diversity, and address inequality, oppression and discrimination within the larger society by developing the leadership of low-wage immigrant workers.

www.workersinterfaith.org/interfaith-center-for-worker-justice

International Indian Treaty Council

\$15,000

San Francisco, California

The International Indian Treaty Council is an indigenous organization working to provide a voice, build participation and provide advocacy for grassroots indigenous Peoples. Funding was provided for the North-South Indigenous Network against Pesticides campaign. The campaign's goal is to bring about the reduction and eventual elimination of toxic pesticide exposure by promoting "right to know" information for affected indigenous communities. This will build their capacity to engage directly in local, national and international efforts and address the production, export, import and use of such pesticides. Through the campaign, IITC is launching a new initiative that makes the connection between reproductive health and environmental toxins.

www.treatycouncil.org

Just Harvest

\$15,000

Oakland, CA

Just Harvest USA aims to build a more just and sustainable food system with a focus on establishing fair wages, humane working conditions and fundamental rights for farmworkers. Just Harvest works as an ally in support of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' Campaign for Fair Food. General support funding was provided in support of their efforts to raise consumer awareness of the role of farmworkers in our food systems. Just Harvest USA educates the public on the conditions in which food is grown and processed, and encourages individuals and organizations to take action in support of farmworker-led and other grassroots campaigns for justice in the food system.

www.justharvestusa.org

Justice Committee

\$10,000

New York, NY

The Justice Committee (JC) is a Latina/Latino-led grassroots organization dedicated to building a movement against police violence and systemic racism in NYC.

Combating unjust policing practices, the Justice Committee is developing their Cop Watch program, to bring about public awareness of the issue and empower their communities to hold the police accountable. The Cop Watch program operates as groups of community members going on "patrol", legally observing and documenting police activity. In so doing the teams provide support for individuals being detained, assessing their condition and acting as a deterrent to police brutality and a witness to potential racial profiling.

thejusticecommittee.org

Kentucky Environmental Foundation

\$15,000

Berea, KY

KEF is dedicated to furthering the cause of environmental democracy by encouraging grassroots participation in the environmental decision-making process. General support funding was provided for work on safe chemical weapons disposal, clean energy solutions and the Toxics and Health project, a program that engages health care providers as allies in a public education and grassroots organizing campaign to help residents draw a connection between toxic contamination and chronic illnesses.

kyenvironmentalfoundation.org

Lakeview Action Coalition (LAC)

\$10,000

Chicago, IL

LAC is a multi-issue, institution-based community organization working to sustain racial, economic and cultural diversity in a rapidly gentrifying Chicago neighborhood. Funding was provided in support of the Environmental Justice Task Force which is working to ensure that much of the new "green jobs" funding for housing is spent to retro-fit affordable buildings, and to bring the actual tenants to the decision-making tables, while at the same time creating jobs for neighborhood residents.

www.lakeviewaction.org

Latino Union of Chicago

\$15,000

Chicago, IL

Latino Union develops grassroots leadership from within the immigrant worker community, creating feasible alternatives to address the injustices faced by immigrant workers in Chicago, and building a grassroots movement for immigrant worker rights. Funding was provided for the Immigrant Worker Action Project, base building work that includes the Just Pay for All campaign to address the epidemic of wage theft in low-wage work by increasing protections for all workers in Illinois, corner day labor organizing, and the day laborer-run Albany Park Worker's Center.

www.latinounion.org

Little Village Environmental Justice Organization \$15,000

Chicago, IL

LVEJO is a multi-issue community organization in the largest Mexican American urban area in the U.S. outside of East Los Angeles. Funding was provided in support of their organizing work to reduce toxic emissions in their neighborhoods; to clean up a Superfund site; to increase bus and rail services; to reduce obesity and asthma among Latino school children; to increase parks, recreational facilities, open spaces and gardens; to work with local and national coalitions on state and federal policy to reduce coal plant emissions, for increased rights for immigrants, and racial justice in public transportation. www.lvejo.org

Louisiana Environmental Action Network \$15,000

Baton Rouge, LA

The Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN) fosters cooperation and communication between individual citizens and corporate and government organizations in an effort to assess and mend the environmental problems in Louisiana. Funding was provided for general operating support for LEAN's ongoing outreach and monitoring efforts, particularly related to the Deepwater Horizon rig disaster by British Petroleum (BP) earlier this year. LEAN's goal is to monitor and assess the significant environmental and human health impacts upon the Louisiana Gulf Coast and its residents resulting from the drilling disaster and the dispersants used to mitigate the oil damage and to provide tracking and assessment over the long term. www.leanweb.org

National Foster Youth Action Network \$15,000

San Francisco, CA

The National Foster Youth Action Network is a new network that builds leadership and advocacy skills of current and former foster youth in many states and to mobilize these youth to speak out about their experiences in care and work collaboratively with policymakers to improve state child welfare policy and services. Through a network of youth-led advocacy projects in its state affiliates, the Action Network will help improve the lives of foster youth in the U.S. who are largely poor and marginalized youth of color. Funding was provided to train foster and emancipated youth and supportive adults in its pilot affiliates in Oregon and Indiana. www.fosteryouthaction.org

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

New York, NY

Tenants & Neighbors organizes tenants in buildings that are at risk of loss of affordability and are in neighborhoods where there is no local organization with the capacity to assist them. Their model is to work with tenants to preserve the affordability of their homes, then to help them build coalitions with other tenants who are dealing with the same kinds of problems and help them organize campaigns to bring about change at the system level. Funding was provided in support of their organizing against "Predatory Equity", in which investors have bought thousands of units of affordable housing at irresponsibly speculative prices with the intention of converting the buildings to market rate housing. With the collapse of the housing market, many of these buildings are now in foreclosure. Tenants are fighting to save their homes and also to put an end to the practice of predatory equity investment in affordable housing. www.tenantsandneighbors.org

Northeast Organic Farming Association \$15,000

Stevenson, CT

The Northeast Organic Farming Association is a non profit organization of farmers, gardeners and consumers that are working to promote healthy food, organic farming practices, and a cleaner environment. Funding was provided for the NOFA Interstate Policy Network which will utilize a plan of action that enables organic farmers in the northeast to create an integrated regional policy agenda for food and agriculture regulations on the state and federal levels. www.nofa.org

Ocean State Action Fund

\$10,000

Cranston, RI

OSAF is a progressive coalition of community organizations, professional associations, and labor unions working together to win public policy victories for economic, racial, social and environmental justice. Funding was provided in support of the Campaign for Rhode Island's Priorities which is working to change RI's tax system, to ensure equity and adequate revenue for crucial state services and programs that support all the citizens, including the most vulnerable. www.oceanstateaction.org

People Organized to Win Employment Rights

\$15,000

San Francisco, CA

People Organized to Win Employment Rights is working to eliminate poverty and oppression by developing the capacity of low-income families and youth to achieve economic and racial justice. Located in the Bayview area of San Francisco it is an area that has more public housing, families and young people of differing ethnicities than any other neighborhood in the City, but is also the second poorest zip code in the county. The Youth in Power Project is developing the leadership skills of the youth to lead community campaigns to address key issues facing young people in the area. Some of the key issues they are working on are; immigration, ecological justice, food security and gentrification issues. www.peopleorganized.org

Picture the Homeless

\$15,000

Bronx, NY

A general operating grant was provided to support Picture the Homeless' two organizing campaigns: Housing Not Warehousing and the Civil Rights campaign to end the discriminatory use of the "Disorderly Conduct" violation against homeless persons by the New York Police Department. PtH is calling for legislation that would require the city to conduct an annual census of all vacant buildings and lots and is also developing an innovative community land trust model to potentially convert publicly owned vacant buildings into low-income coop housing. www.picturethehomeless.org

Pilsen Alliance

\$15,000

Chicago, IL

Funding was provided for The Tax Increment Finance (TIF) Education and Equity Campaign. The TIF Education and Equity Campaign is a grassroots public awareness and community organizing project that addresses gentrification and the lack of transparency and accountability in Chicago's TIF Program. The Tax Increment Finance program was designed as an economic development tool that cities can utilize to raise capital in underserved areas. An economic development tool, Chicago TIFs are controversial due to their diversion of funds from public taxing bodies (schools), the lack of oversight, participatory structure, or transparency, and they raise property taxes. Property tax increases within a TIF are channeled into a fund used for expenses such as public infrastructure improvements. Research indicates TIF revenues seldom go back to community projects, but instead are granted to large national retailers, real estate companies, and corporations for projects geared towards gentrification or industrialization. The projects supported by TIF dollars increase property values, rents and property taxes, often far beyond the means of most residents. The Pilsen Industrial TIF has raised over 50 million dollars yet only 16% has gone into public infrastructure, 1% in job training and over 65% in financing developer reimbursements. Utilizing multimedia tools and popular education strategies, community education workshops, public meetings and hearings to inform, empower and mobilize stakeholders about the functions, challenges and opportunities of TIF districts. Pilsen Alliance works with city-wide grassroots allies to facilitate city-wide dialogues and organizing efforts and support the creation of a community-led TIF Reform Platform. www.pilsenalliance.org

Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign (PPEHRC)

Cleveland, OH

\$15,000

The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign is committed to unite the poor across color lines as the leadership base for a broad movement to abolish poverty, this is a nationwide grassroots effort, created and led by poor people. Over 100 grassroots groups, representing tens of thousands of poor Americans, will use education and documenting to organize, agitate and shine a harsh light on poverty in America, they will build the capacity of poor people themselves to lead the fight to assert their economic human rights. www.old.economichumanrights.org

Poverty Initiative

\$15,000

New York, NY

The mission of the Poverty Initiative is to bring together generations of religious and community leaders, dedicated to building a social movement to end poverty, led by the poor. The Poverty Initiative received funding in support of the Poverty Scholars Leadership Development Program. The Poverty Scholars Program is a leadership development and training program for a growing network and leadership core of over 250 low-income, faith and community leaders, artists and media makers of various ages from over 45 grassroots community organizations and institutions working in impoverished communities across the country. www.povertyinitiative.org

Powder River Basin Resource Council

\$10,000

Sheridan, WY

The Powder River Basin Resource Council is a grassroots conservation and family agriculture organization dedicated to the preservation of Wyoming's natural resources and the education and empowerment of Wyoming's citizens toward reaching this goal. Through advocacy and organizing, the Resource Council is working to end faulty gas drilling practices that are contaminating drinking water aquifers. www.powderriverbasin.org

Project South

\$15,000

Atlanta, GA

Project South builds movements led by communities affected by racial, economic, and social injustices by providing transformative political education and leadership development opportunities. By creating dynamic spaces for communities and organizations to develop bottom-up grassroots models, Project South shifts Southern-based organizing from reactive battles to visionary and strategic movement building for social and economic justice. www.projectsouth.org

Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts PHENOM

Amherst, MA

\$15,000

PHENOM works to bring together student organizations, union locals, faculty organizations, alumni organizations, parents, community groups and others to mobilize and advocate for affordable, accessible and well-funded public higher education in Massachusetts for all. This work is accomplished by conducting research, education, grassroots mobilizing, and engaging constituents in civic action. Their efforts especially serve people with lower incomes, people of color, and immigrant communities for whom public higher education is the primary means of creating a better life for themselves and their families. General support funding was provided. www.phenomonline.org

REDOIL - Resisting Environmental Destruction On Indigenous Lands

Fairbanks, AK

\$15,000

REDOIL - is a movement of Alaska Natives who are challenging the fossil fuel and mining industry and demanding their rights to a safe and healthy environment conducive to subsistence. The basis of their organizing strategy is: sovereignty, and subsistence, human and ecological health, and climate change/climate justice. General support

funding was provided in support of their organizing for self-determination right of Tribes in Alaska, as well as a just transition from fossil fuel and mineral development to sustainable economies, and sustainable development. www.ienearth.org/redoil.html

Red Rock Pictures

\$10,000

Santa Fe, NM

Red Rock Pictures have completed their film, Split Estate, about the devastating impact of natural gas drilling in the Colorado Rockies and New Mexico's San Juan Basin and particularly the impact on surface land owners. Funding for the project is to develop the outreach and training materials to be used for a broad audience. The plan is to create both a community and a classroom screening guide to empower audiences to channel their reactions into positive action. Red Rock Pictures will continue to research and disseminate actions, solutions, and models and will post success stories and effective approaches as models to adopt and adapt. www.splitestate.com

Reflect & Strengthen

\$15,000

Dorchester, MA

Reflect & Strengthen is a grassroots collective of young working class women from the urban neighborhoods of Boston who take a holistic approach to organizing to create personal and social transformation. Programming focuses are on political education, healing from trauma, creative expression, community building and campaign work to end racial disparities in the juvenile justice system. General Support was provided in support of R&S' integrated programs including: Girls Rap; Street Theater; Sisters Rising - a multi-generational leadership program; Our Sisters Behind the Wall - a program to address the urgent needs of teenage women involved in the juvenile justice system; and the MA Juvenile Justice Task Force on Racial Disparities aka Da Force - a group of community members creating solutions to the crises within the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. www.reflectandstrengthen.org

Regional Environmental Council, Inc. (REC)

\$15,000

Worcester, MA

YouthGROW's dual purpose is to transform at-risk young people into confident, competent environmental justice leaders as well as to grow healthy food and make it available to low-income city residents. The creation of these leaders will promote diversity and will break down barriers of inequality, oppression, and discrimination, they will address racism, sexism, age-ism, and classism that perpetuate inequalities. www.recworchester.org

Restaurant Opportunities Center of Washington DC (ROC-DC) \$15,000

Washington, DC

The Restaurant Opportunities Center of Washington, DC is a restaurant worker center dedicated to winning improved conditions and raising industry standards for all local restaurant workers. Funding was provided for general support of ROC-DC's current programs such as; the Leadership Course, Front of House and English for Restaurant Workers courses to develop skills, and conducting surveys on restaurant workers to form their Policy Committee which will address inequity, oppression, and discrimination within the industry by policy campaigns. www.rocunited.org/affiliates/washington-dc

Rural Community Alliance

\$15,000

Fox, AR

The Rural Community Alliance believes that by creating more opportunities in rural areas, and engaging youth more meaningfully in them, they will both serve their communities well and form a bond which will encourage the youth to see the communities as an integral part of their future. Funding of RCA's newest project, the Youth Empowerment Project, will provide local youth with leadership and creative problem-solving skills. The project will encourage youth, with small seed grants, to

develop plans to address needs in their communities and carry out the projects to meet those needs. www.thenewrural.org

Save The River

\$8,000

Clayton, NY

Save The River was funded for their Campaign to Prevent Seaway Expansion to help protect the St. Lawrence River and Great Lakes from Seaway Expansion. The Campaign is designed to increase awareness and understanding of issues facing the St. Lawrence River by implementing advocacy activities targeted at legislators and community members in the communities along the St. Lawrence River. To preserve and protect the ecological integrity of the Upper St. Lawrence River, Save The River established the campaign to challenge an amendment to the House version of the Climate Change bill that would allow for the expansion of the Seaway.

www.savetheriver.org

Seattle Young People's Project

\$15,000

Seattle, WA

The Seattle Young People's Project is a youth-led, adult-supported social justice organization that empowers teenage youth to express themselves and to take action on the issues that affect their lives. Funding was provided for the Social Justice Leadership Pipeline which creates a positive pathway for youth to continue their progression as change agents and sustain their growth as activists. With the goal of undoing systemic oppression at its roots, the Pipeline provides a clear, structured path from entry level organizing towards long-term social justice community organizing.

www.sypp.org

Silicone Valley De-Bug

\$15,000

San Jose, CA

Silicone Valley De-Bug is a youth run and led organization created to offer leadership for the marginalized communities of the Silicone Valley area. Funding was provided for the Criminal Justice Community Organizing Program. Led by families and individuals affected by the criminal system, this program will push for policy changes, expanding media coverage and developing a safe space for families, in order to put an end to racist criminal justice policies that target people of color.

www.siliconvalleydebug.com

smartMeme

\$15,000

San Francisco , CA

smartMeme's goal is to build movements for ecological, social, and racial justice using the power of narrative to amplify grassroots organizing. This work is carried out through: campaign organizing collaborations, grassroots training, developing tools/resources, convening leaders, and developing a network of trainers and practitioners. General funding support was provided to spread smartMeme's story-based strategy resources & tools to their growing network of training alumni and progressive organizers as well as to collaborate with grassroots partners to elevate the story on key issues such as tax & fiscal policy, climate change, and social justice.

www.smartmeme.org

Southeast Asian Community Alliance (SEACA)

\$15,000

Los Angeles, CA

Southeast Asian Community Alliance (SEACA) works to support the leadership development of youth members of their Southeast Asian community in L.A. to create new and culturally relevant solutions to deep-rooted social, economic, and racial justice issues. Through inter-generational, multi-ethnic dialogue, leadership development, and community organizing, SEACA builds power among youth and their communities. General operating funds were granted to support their health and environmental justice education and organizing work.

www.seaca-la.org

Student/Farmworker Alliance

\$15,000

Immokalee, FL

Student/Farmworker Alliance (SFA) is a national network of students and youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshops in the fields. Funding was provided for general operating support for SFA's ongoing work in alliance with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers, who work in dangerous conditions with sub-poverty wages in Florida's tomato fields. SFA uses strategic organizing to coordinate support for the Dine with Dignity campaign to engage students to move the corporate food industry to support the rights and dignity of farmworkers. <http://sfalliance.org>

Sunflower Community Action

\$10,000

Wichita, KS

Sunflower Community Action organizes people in low-income neighborhoods, teaching new leaders how to be heard and win victories on issues they choose. Funding was provided for the Students United for Better Schools program, organizing high school students to fight discrimination in their schools, build support for better schools, dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline and narrow the achievement gap experienced by low income students and students of color. www.sunfloweract.org

Teddy Bear Films

\$15,000

San Francisco, CA

Teddy Bear Films was established to produce, promote and distribute films that aim to generate public debate on issues of social change, economic justice and environmental concerns. Funding was provided in support of the documentary film, SEEDS, the third and final film in a globalization trilogy, which calls attention to the role of the United States corporations and government in promoting GM seeds around the world, and aims to generate change in public policies via grassroots activism. The film, accompanied by a web-based outreach campaign, will explore the devastation of cotton farmers in India, to bring attention to one of the most under-reported and critical issues for the planet's survival - the future of farming in the age of globalization. www.teddybearfilms.com

Tennessee Clean Water Network

\$5,000

Knoxville, TN

The Tennessee Clean Water Network (TCWN) was created by citizen watershed groups to ensure that critical clean water issues would be coordinated statewide and to offer capacity building and technical assistance to effective watershed associations. Due to a concerted effort by industrial lobbyists, there is a misperception in Tennessee about the effectiveness of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) by both politicians and its citizens. Resulting from this misperception the public feels inaccurately protected and the politicians feel that the TDEC is hindering business development by limiting industrial pollution allowed into streams and rivers. By providing the legislature and decision makers with the accurate data on policy enforcement of the TDEC and following this with press conferences, TCWN hopes that the public and legislators will be more willing to act to protect local resources. www.tcwn.org

The Greenhorns

\$15,000

Red Hook, NY

The Greenhorns is a unique grassroots, volunteer-based nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote, recruit, and support young farmers across the United States. Funding was provided for the outreach campaign for The Greenhorns documentary film project. Through their outreach they hope to educate America's youth about the crisis of attrition in agriculture and encourage youth to get involved in farming and better understand America's food and farm policies. www.thegreenhorns.net

Toxics Action Center	\$15,000
Montpelier, VT	
Toxics Action Center's mission is to work side-by-side with communities to provide the skills and resources needed to prevent or clean up pollution at the local level. Funding was provided for the Clean Up Vermont campaign that aims to put pressure on decision makers through direct advocacy, bringing to bear statewide citizen support for standards on junkyards that effectively protect public and environmental health. Toxics Action Center will continue to shine media attention on the issue, and provide information on pollutants and guides on the regulatory processes for local citizens groups.	
www.toxicsaction.org	
Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research & Action (TIGRA)	
Oakland, CA	\$15,000
TIGRA is a movement center for transnational organizing that promotes financial justice through the economic power of immigrants - those who send billions of dollars to families they've left behind. The project seeks to provide the policy foundation and repository of "best practices" strategies that can institutionalize new standards in the industry.	
www.transnationalaction.org	
Transportation Riders United (TRU)	\$10,000
Detroit, MI	
TRU is a membership and volunteer organization that works to improve and promote transit in greater Detroit in order to restore urban vitality, ensure transportation equity and improve quality of life. They are organizing to improve existing bus service and to develop the quality regional rapid transit system greater Detroit needs.	
www.detroittransit.org	
Union of Minority Neighborhoods	\$15,000
Jamaica Plain, MA	
Founded and run by people of color, the Union of Minority Neighborhoods is committed to engaging communities to create real social and institutional change. The city of Boston has one of the most highly educated populations in the country, but its public schools which are attended by mainly minority students, have only a 52% graduation rate. Black People for Better Public Schools (BP4BPS) is designed to create a sense of ownership of the public schools among Black people so that those most affected by this inferior educational system can be drivers for its improvement.	
www.unionofminorityneighborhoods.org	
United Workers Association	\$15,000
Baltimore, MD	
The United Workers Association is an organization of low-wage workers who are organizing to secure economic human rights and build a movement to end poverty. Funding was provided for the Human Rights Zone at the Inner Harbor, targeting demands on two powerful developers in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, which have been known to abuse employees in the service sector of this large tourist area. Collaborating with other workers rights groups, UWA will garner support for legislation to ensure service sector jobs are protected by respecting workers human rights, including health care and liveable wages.	
unitedworkers.org	
Unite for Dignity, Inc.	\$15,000
Miami, FL	
Unite for Dignity advocates for the rights of low-wage immigrant workers, trains leaders to promote justice in their communities, and supports women workers to engage in social entrepreneurship and policy advocacy. Funding was provided for the Community Steward Women's Catering Cooperative, a program of the Women Workers Project,	

which seeks to provide a vehicle for women lay leaders or "promotoras" to help women in the cleaning and caring professions to improve their working conditions, and obtain critical information about their rights and support from other women who are experiencing the same problems. www.unitefordignity.org

Urban Peace Movement

\$15,000

Oakland, CA

The Urban Peace Movement is a youth run and coordinated organization, seeking to empower marginalized individuals and communities, provide healthy alternatives to violence, and create a culture of respect, responsibility, and positive choices through several programs; one of which is the Youth Leadership Development. The Youth Leadership Development work utilizes trainings, activities and curriculum, as well as mentorship to carry out work on; conflict resolution, media messaging and projects that unite youth from warring Oakland neighborhoods. The emphasis is on changing ideas of violence, and dealing with internalized oppression, to build self esteem which will create stronger communities. www.urbanpeacemovement.org

Vermont Council on Rural Development

\$10,000

Montpelier, VT

The VCRD is charged by the Farm Bill to help coordinate state and federal rural policies and programs so that they hit the ground effectively and serve the real needs of rural Vermont communities. VCRD works with communities to develop and implement strategic plans for vibrancy and viability through a cohesive process of community engagement, priority setting, action planning and implementation. Funding was provided to support the work of the Council's Community Visit Program, which provides the structure communities need to unite behind key strategies, develop leadership, connect to resources and implement action plans. www.vtrural.org

Vermont Interfaith Action

\$15,000

Burlington, VT

VIA is a faith-based community organization that engages citizens in public life through leadership development, training, and relationship building. Funding was provided in support of the "Yes, In My Backyard" Campaign which is organizing to increase the supply of affordable housing in Chittenden County and throughout the state.

www.viavt.org

Washington Fair Trade Coalition (on behalf of 5-State Team) \$15,000

Seattle, WA

Washington Fair Trade Coalition applied for the Trade Stories Project that will collect and document the stories of real people whose lives have been disrupted by recent trade agreements, and provide opportunities, training and other support for these individuals to participate in public forums and other events to advocate for reform. They will target people laid-off due to offshoring as well as immigrants who were pushed from their homelands by free trade forces such as agricultural dumping. The opportunity will be offered to share personal experiences and voice opinions on necessary policy reforms. washingtonfairtrade.org

Wild Utah Project

\$10,000

Salt Lake City, UT

The mission of Wild Utah Project is to maintain and restore the health of natural lands in Utah and adjoining states by applying the principles of conservation biology to land management. General support funding was provided for their work partnering with grassroots organizations to reduce habitat stressors and promote ecoregional planning based on sound science. www.wildutahproject.org

Workers Defense Project

\$15,000

Austin, TX

Workers Defense Project/Proyecto Defensa Laboral (WDP) is an organization that empowers low-income Latino workers in Texas to achieve fair employment through education, direct services, organizing, and strategic partnerships. Building on the organization's work on standards in the construction industry, Workers Defense Project has created the Building a Better Texas Campaign to create dignified and safe jobs in the construction industry through public policy and workplace organizing campaigns.

www.workersdefense.org

Workers' Rights Law Center of New York, Inc.

\$10,000

Kingston, NY

The Workers' Rights Law Center works to assist and empower low-wage workers who face workplace exploitation and advocate on their behalf. The Center provides free legal services to low-wage workers struggling to enforce their workplace rights, conducts broad outreach and training, and advocates for stronger worker protections. Funds were provided to help WLRC expand and enhance their support of the organizing and leadership development efforts of low-wage, immigrant workers.

www.workersrightsny.org

Youth United for Community Action

\$15,000

East Palo Alto, CA

Youth United for Community Action was founded on the belief that the most effective youth program should include the intense involvement of young people at all levels of the organization. As a result, YUCA is led and run at all levels entirely by young people of color, majority low-income, majority women, thus providing an opportunity for the youth to define their own needs, determine their vision, and implement it. A General Support grant will be for work on several issues, including YUCA's work in two programs; Higher Learning (engaging youth as active leaders) and Fighting Injustice and Regulating Equality (FIRE) which promotes networking and movement building for youth social justice organizations.

www.youthunited.net