

**Ben & Jerry's Foundation  
2007 National Grassroots Grant Recipients**

**Anti-Displacement Project, Inc., Springfield, MA**

**\$10,000**

The ADP is a grassroots organization that works collectively to create safe and affordable neighborhoods, work opportunities with dignity and respect for a living wage, to control assets and build wealth, and to expand opportunities for children through quality public education. Funding was provided in support of the "Immigrant Rights are Worker Rights" campaign to end abuses of day laborers in the construction trades by corrupt laborer agencies. The goals of the campaign are to build a base of low-wage and immigrant workers who will fight for an end to worker abuse, create living wage jobs, demand employer and corporate accountability, create La Casa Obrera Worker Center, and win effective policy changes in labor laws that will raise the floor of employment for all workers in the region.

**Appalachian Coal Country Watershed Team, Beckley, WV**

**\$12,000**

The ACCWT coordinates and trains up to 55 VISTA volunteers who work full-time with host watershed groups at the grassroots level and live in their communities to foster social and environmental change. Watershed Team volunteers serve in Coal Country communities with a history of pre-regulatory coal mining, where acid mine drainage from abandoned mines has polluted waterways. Funding was provided in support of the Clean Streams Practicum, a one-year cycle of training in Fiscal Sustainability and Water Quality Monitoring for up to 55 watershed groups in Coal Country.

**Austin Film Society, Austin, TX**

**\$7,500**

Funding was provided in support of post-production and outreach work for the documentary film "Location, Location". The film chronicles eight years of a community-based grassroots struggle to save a New Deal era public housing project and the historic African-American neighborhood that surrounds it in Houston, Texas. It tells the dramatic story of how a handful of citizens carried a local issue to the highest reaches of national government, how they fought to get a seat at the table, and what happened when they did.

**Battered Women's Resource Center, New York, NY**

**\$15,000**

BWRC gives a collective voice to survivors of domestic violence in New York City so they can change and improve the many systems battered women turn to for safety, assistance, and justice. Their only project the Voices of Women Organizing Project (VOW), provides leadership training and healing support to empower survivors to identify the needs of their community, and to develop strategies and recommendations to improve the systemic response to domestic violence.

**Brighton Park Neighborhood Council, Chicago, IL**

**\$5,000**

BPNC on Chicago's southwest side works to build community capacity and empower local residents including youth, girls, women, members of the LGBTQ community, people with disabilities and people with criminal records to advocate for their rights. Members develop organizing campaigns aimed at increasing equity for low-income communities of color, improving public policy and addressing root causes of poverty and inequality. Funding was provided in support of the Girls Group which enables girls to develop hands-on leadership skills and provides training and collaboration opportunities with other girls' groups in Chicago. Issues they address

include dating violence, street harassment, and discriminating images of women in the media and advertising, among others.

**Bushwick Housing Independence Project (BHIP), Brooklyn, NY** **\$15,000**

BHIP is a member-driven organization born out of a volunteer tenant advocacy and organizing effort. Their mission is to preserve existing affordable housing for low and moderate-income families in Bushwick and adjacent communities in Brooklyn. General support funding was provided in order to help expand their organizing efforts.

**Camden United, Inc., Camden, NJ** **\$15,000**

Camden United, Inc. was founded in 2005 in the aftermath of the takeover of Camden by the State of New Jersey in order to provide a means for residents to have a say in decisions affecting their lives, especially regarding the state's plan to redevelop many of Camden's neighborhoods and relocate thousands of residents. The organization is currently entirely volunteer-run and made up of neighborhood groups. General support funding was provided in order to help pay the coordinator for his time and help bring them to the next level.

**Carolina Farm Stewardship Association, Pittsboro, NC** **\$15,000**

CFSA's mission is to support and expand local and organic agriculture in the Carolinas by inspiring, educating, and organizing farmers and consumers. Funding was provided in support of its efforts to develop farm incubators by organizing farm incubator committees in each of the four geographical/climatic regions of the Carolinas and develop a "How to Start an Organic Farm" publication to clearly outline resources available to new farmers.

**Center for Immigrant Families, New York, NY** **\$15,000**

CIF is a community organization for low-income immigrant women of color and community members in uptown Manhattan. Continued funding was provided in support of the Escuela Popular de Mujeres/Women's Popular Education Program, which is the "heart" of CIF's work and the source from which all of their projects and campaigns develop. The objective of the Escuela is to engage participants in a process of individual and collective empowerment, reflection, leadership development, and organizing for change.

**Childhood Lead Action Project, Providence, RI** **\$15,000**

CLAP is the only organization in RI devoted to the issue of eliminating childhood lead poisoning in the state through education, parent action and advocacy. Funding was provided in support of the Lead Paint Settlement Accountability Initiative, which is working to monitor and watchdog the implementation of an estimated \$12 million agreement with the DuPont Corporation. Working with a coalition of parents of lead poisoned children and community groups, CLAP is advocating for a strategic, accountable and transparent use of settlement funds that will target the communities at highest risk for lead poisoning.

**Citizens' Environmental Coalition, Albany, NY** **\$12,000**

CEC is a statewide network of organizations and individuals working to eliminate pollution in New York State and create safe, healthy communities, schools and workplaces through advocating and organizing for pollution prevention and remediation. Funding was provided in support of the

Chemical Reform Campaign, which is striving to change chemical policy in New York State starting with the phase-out of persistent, bioaccumulative toxic chemicals.

**Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, Columbus, OH** **\$10,000**

Funding was provided for the Youth Empowerment Program, a statewide youth-led organization that empowers homeless and low-income youth, age 11-24 to create systemic and institutional changes that impact their lives. YEP is structured through local youth councils throughout the state of Ohio and each council is represented on a statewide youth council which directs the work of the organization.

**Communities of Vermont Elders (COVE), Berlin, VT** **\$10,000**

The mission of COVE is to promote and protect a higher quality of life for Vermont's seniors. COVE works with 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 older adults. General support funds were provided to support their efforts to design and establish a leadership advocacy academy for older adults and potential advocates throughout the state.

**Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI), Chicago, IL** **\$15,000**

COFI develops the leadership and organizing capacity of parents in low-income communities of color throughout Chicago. Continued support was provided for POWER-PAC: Parents Organized to Win, Educate and Renew - Policy Action Council, COFI's city-wide parent organizing project, for their "Elementary Justice Campaign: Redirecting the School-to-Prison Pipeline". The Elementary Justice Campaign is in its third year, making strides in improving unnecessarily harsh discipline and management policies at elementary schools of color and piloting successful alternatives to punitive discipline in Chicago's elementary schools.

**Dakota Rural Action, Brookings, SD** **\$5,000**

DRA is a statewide, family-agriculture and environmental conservation group. Ongoing funding was provided in support of the Sustainable Family Agriculture and Food Campaign which engages people at many levels to protect the rights of local people in areas targeted for large scale factory farm developments, and promote sustainable food system alternatives.

**English For Action (EFA), Providence, RI** **\$7,500**

EFA creates participatory educational programs for Latino immigrant families and community members in Providence that link language learning, leadership development, and community-building. Using innovative and creative tools such as the arts, theater, and community action projects, EFA creates critical and transformative learning communities within and outside of the classroom. Funding was provided in support of the Action Committee, an extracurricular group of English learners who meet weekly to learn about, discuss, and take action on important community and immigrant issues.

**Filipino/American Coalition for Environmental Solidarity, Oakland, CA** **\$10,000**

FACES is an intergenerational organization that works for environmental justice within communities in the United States and in the Philippines, and builds partnerships through advocacy, education, service, and organizing. Funding was provided in support of the CAREnow!

Campaign, a Transnational Environmental Justice case study targeting the Chevron Corporation. Working in solidarity with fenceline communities in both the Philippines and Richmond, CA adjacent to Chevron oil depot and refining facilities, FACES is integrating research, organizing, external advocacy and alliance building locally and across borders to hold Chevron accountable.

**Food Not Bombs, Avvoyo Seco, NM**

**\$15,000**

Food Not Bombs is a 27 year old non-hierarchical, all volunteer global movement working for peace and social justice. Operating through autonomous, collective chapters, each Food Not Bombs group collects food that can't be sold and provides free vegetarian meals and information in protest to war and poverty. Funding was provided in support of the Food Not Bombs Menu Office located in Taos, NM, which helps to start new groups, connects people to the movement, supports existing chapters and coordinates regional, national and global activities.

**Fort Street Presbyterian Open Door Program, Detroit, MI**

**\$10,000**

The Food Security Organizing Project is a start-up program of the Open Door that will work to organize, train and mobilize leadership to act on food security issues in four areas of the city of Detroit.

**Gethsemane Film Project, Brooklyn, NY**

**\$5,000**

The Gethsemane Film Project will produce a documentary film that will be at the center of a multi-state, interfaith organizing initiative to advance policy reforms on poverty and criminal justice. The film will highlight the work of the Gethsemane Church, run by and for ex-prisoners, poor people and people of faith in solidarity with the poor, and its grassroots advocacy organization, JusticeWorks Community. The goals of the film and the organizing initiative are to provoke discussion and prompt action among faith communities and social justice groups to counter class bias in our criminal justice system and societal bias against poor people and people who have been in prison.

**Girls for Gender Equity, Brooklyn, NY**

**\$15,000**

Girls for Gender Equity works for the physical, psychological, social and economic development of girls and women through education, organizing and physical fitness. Funding was provided in support of Sisters in Strength, a youth-led leadership development, peer mentoring and community organizing program for low-income, high school aged women in Central Brooklyn. The Sisters in Strength will work with 100 middle school girls and boys in the Urban Leaders Program at MS 61, leading the students in organizing to create a campaign against sexual harassment and promoting equal education and a safe environment for students of all sexes in the school. The teen women will also lead a city-wide Participatory Action Research project to address gender-based inequities in the NYC public schools.

**Glen Canyon Institute, Salt Lake City, UT**

**\$7,500**

GCI is an education, advocacy and coalition-building organization dedicated to the restoration of a healthy, free-flowing Colorado River through Glen Canyon and Grand Canyon. The Campaign for Glen Canyon is working to take steps now to promote the recovery of physical and biological integrity of Glen Canyon and the Colorado River and to build support for the re-designation of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area as a National Park to ensure its permanent protection under the National Park Service.

**Global Community Monitor, El Cerrito, CA**

**\$13,000**

GCM trains and supports communities in the use of environmental monitoring tools like the "bucket brigade" to understand the impact of fossil fuel industry pollution on their health and the environment. GCM is an effective incubator for community-based groups to develop the skills, expertise, and experience to win their demands around environmental health and human rights. They play a critical role in linking communities from different parts of the nation fighting industrial pollution.

**Grassroots Collaborative, Chicago, IL**

**\$7,500**

The Grassroots Collaborative unites people from different constituencies to make systemic change on issues that cut across these constituencies, like living wages and state funding levels for services. The Collaborative develops and coordinates common issue campaigns that are undertaken intentionally to build new relationships between groups of progressive and disenfranchised people including a broad array of faith, academic, labor, and community allies.

**Green House Network dba Focus the Nation, Portland, OR**

**\$10,000**

The Green House Network is working to stop global warming by promoting a clean energy future for America. Toward this goal, GHN creates opportunities for person-to-person dialogue about climate solutions and fosters education and action networks. Funding was provided in support of Focus the Nation, a major educational initiative that is coordinating teams of faculty and students at over a thousand colleges, universities and high schools in the U.S., to collaboratively engage in a nationwide, interdisciplinary discussion centered around the theme of "Global Warming Solutions for America". The project will culminate January 31, 2008 in the form a one-day, national symposia held simultaneously on campuses across the country. The goal is to make this a catalyzing event.

**Hawaii SEED, Kealakekua, HI**

**\$15,000**

Hawaii SEED is a coalition of grassroots groups on each of the five major Hawaiian islands taking action to promote food sovereignty and security in the state. The current focus of the member groups is to protect Hawaii's people and environment from the hazards of genetically engineered agriculture.

**Health Action New Mexico, Bernalillo, NM**

**\$10,000**

HANM is a statewide advocacy organization working for affordable, accessible and sustainable health care for all people living in New Mexico. Funding was provided in support of the Health Care for All Community Forums, which actively engage people throughout the state in advocating for health care reform.

**Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah), Salt Lake City, UT**

**\$10,000**

HEAL Utah works to engage citizens in the effort to protect public health from nuclear and toxic waste. Funding was provided to support a new campaign to encourage Utah to develop an energy policy promoting clean, renewable energy sources as alternatives to nuclear power.

**Housatonic River Initiative, Lenoxdale, MA**

**\$12,500**

HRI is a grassroots, membership organization working for the most effective and comprehensive clean-up and removal of PCBs from the Housatonic River (which may be the most PCB contaminated river in the U.S.), flood plain, associated waterways and contaminated sites by insisting on public involvement in the clean-up plans.

**House the Homeless, Inc., Austin, TX**

**\$7,500**

The mission of House the Homeless is to provide education and advocacy surrounding issues of homelessness and homelessness prevention, focused on the economic causes and solutions to ending homelessness. Funding was provided in support of the Universal Living Wage campaign, which promotes a simple, single national formula to ensure that anyone working 40 hours a week will be able to afford basic rental housing wherever that work is done throughout the United States. The formula is based on the cost of housing using geographic considerations similar to the US military.

**Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, Ann Arbor, MI**

**\$4,670**

ICPJ is an education and advocacy organization dedicated to bringing together people of faith and people of conscience to work on peace and justice issues. Funding was provided in support of the expansion and revision of "Welcome to the State of Poverty", an interactive welfare simulations program designed to immerse participants in the reality of poverty and to draw the connection between the state of poverty in the U.S. and distorted federal budget priorities. Funding will allow a coordinator to outreach to more decision-makers to participate as well as provide hands on follow up with participants in order to more effectively activate them.

**International Indian Treaty Council, Palmer, AK**

**\$15,000**

IITC is an organization of Indigenous Peoples working for self-determination and the recognition and protection of treaties, traditional cultures, community health, eco-systems and sacred lands. IITC builds the capacity of grassroots Indigenous Peoples to integrate activism, advocacy, diplomacy and human rights awareness into their strategies for social change, community organizing and racial and environmental justice. Funding was provided in support of the "North-South Indigenous Peoples Network Against Pesticides", which strengthens community-based networking and information-sharing among Indigenous farm workers, families and communities directly affected by toxic pesticide use in order to assert "Right to Know" and "Free Prior Informed Consent" protocols.

**Iowa Farmers Union Education Foundation, Ames, IA**

**\$10,000**

IFUEF promotes a viable system of sustainable agriculture and high quality of life in rural communities through education of farmers, rural residents, and urban consumers; cooperation among farmers; and community activism. Funding was provided in support of a grassroots organizing campaign to promote sustainable agriculture and food policy, at the state level, in Iowa.

**JusticeWorks Community, Brooklyn, NY**

**\$12,500**

JusticeWorks Community is dedicated to the principle that the humane, civilized response to substance abuse is treatment, not imprisonment. It was founded in 1992 in response to the escalation of the prison population, in particular women in prison. JusticeWorks advocates for just,

humane and effective criminal justice polices, emphasizing alternatives to incarceration for women with dependent children. Funding was provided in support of the Seven Neighborhood Action Partnership and its youth component--Fighters for Justice. Fighters for Justice works to improve contact with community residents in the NYC neighborhoods most impacted by the Rockefeller Drug Laws and increase education on the damage these laws have inflicted.

**Kids Are Priority One Coalition, South Newfane, VT**

**\$10,000**

Led by five established non-profits organizations, Vermont's statewide early childhood coalition is committed to ensuring that every child in Vermont gets a good start by improving the quality, availability and affordability of child development services for Vermont's young children. General support funding was provided in support of their efforts to cultivate parent leaders and develop staff organizing skills.

**Latino Union of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

**\$10,000**

Founded in 2000 by women day laborers, the Latino Union of Chicago collaborates with low-income immigrant workers to develop the tools necessary to collectively improve social and economic conditions. The organization develops grassroots leadership from within the immigrant worker community, creates feasible alternatives that address the injustices immigrant workers face in Chicagoland, and works to build the broader grassroots movement for immigrant workers' rights. The Latino Union of Chicago is the Midwest representative of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network and uses it's strategic position in Illinois to promote pro-immigrant worker policy locally, state-wide, and nationally.

**Latinos en Accion de CCI, Des Moines, IA**

**\$15,000**

Latinos en Accion de CCI is a grassroots membership-based organization working for solutions to the problems facing the Latino community in Marshall and Tama counties in Iowa. They build leaders and strengthen the Latino community in order to build a better future. General support funding was provided to support their work with Iowa OSHA and the local union to hold companies accountable, to establish a public soccer complex, to explore ways to involve more Latino residents in civic life, and to work in coordination with other national groups on immigration reform.

**LightBox Theatre Company, New York, NY**

**\$5,000**

LightBox is a New York-based non-profit theater company that creates ensemble-driven, physical performances that speak to the issues of our time. Funding was provided in support of the innovative Food Theater Project which is using theater to bring diverse communities together to talk about food, take action on food justice issues, and create a cultural shift in how Americans feel about the food we eat. The project includes live performances in NYC, food theater workshops for youth and a community engagement program with non-profit partners.

**Los Padres ForestWatch, Santa Barbara, CA**

**\$11,000**

LPFW is a relatively new membership organization working to safeguard the Los Padres National Forest and surrounding public lands along California's Central Coast. They are the only organization working to protect the entire forest from damage caused by oil drilling, mining, illegal off-road vehicle use, unmanaged livestock grazing, and other development. Funding was provided in support of the Citizens' Forest Campaign, an effort to draw volunteers from communities

surrounding the forest to "adopt" and monitor areas of forest for illegal activities, ecological threats and impacts, and other information important to the community and federal land managers. This information will be used to work collaboratively with forest stakeholders to identify and eliminate environmental damage to the forest.

**Making Our Milk Safe – MOMS, Alameda, CA**

**\$12,500**

MOMS is a grassroots organization working to mobilize mothers across the country to speak out against the presence of toxic chemicals in our environment, our bodies, and our breast milk. MOMS uses legislative and corporate campaign strategies to eliminate environmental threats to children's health and development with a particular focus on those that cause cancer, birth defects, and developmental or reproductive harm.

**Massachusetts Campaign for Single Payer Health-Care (Mass-Care), Boston, MA \$10,000**

Mass-Care is a state-wide network working to develop policies that will lead to the adoption of a comprehensive, effective and efficient health insurance program for Massachusetts. Massachusetts recently passed a law to provide health insurance coverage to about 500,000 residents who lack it. The program relies on a complex system of incentives and penalties and raises concerns that it will prove to be inefficient and inequitable. Funding was provided to enable Mass-Care to actively monitor program implementation to document shortcomings and develop achievable policy alternatives.

**Media in the Public Interest, Boulder, CO**

**\$12,500**

Media in the Public Interest's mission is to enhance the public debate and promote civic journalism. They do this by supporting, educating, and training the non-profit sector to interact more effectively with mainstream media; facilitating the development of new media projects that report on critical issues and serve the public interest; and assist journalists to interact more effectively with the public interest sector. Funding was provided in support of their work in New Hampshire to build a public interest news outlet in collaboration with non-profit organizations.

**Mountain State Direct Action Center, Inc. Lewisburg, WV**

**\$15,000**

MSDAC is a new organization trying to fill the gap left by service providers and advocates for the disabled in West Virginia. MSDAC is a grassroots organization that gives a voice and seat at the table for disabled people and their family members. MSDAC is working toward positive changes in the service delivery systems and recognition that people with disabilities have the same rights and responsibilities as all other citizens of West Virginia. General Support funding was provided.

**Movimiento por Justicia del Barrio (Movement for Justice in El Barrio) New York, NY**

**\$14,000**

Movimiento por Justicia del Barrio is a multi-issue, immigrant-led community organization dedicated to organizing the immigrants of El Barrio (East Harlem) to lead the way to social justice. Beginning with tenant organizing and housing justice campaigns as a response to gentrification, Movimiento is now also launching a campaign to take on the inadequate and abusive services at the Mexican Consulate. This issue was identified through a widespread community driven issue identification process. General Support funding was provided.

**Nashville Homeless Power Project, Nashville, TN** **\$10,000**

NHPP is a group of homeless and formerly homeless people confronting the root causes in order to eradicate homelessness while protecting the basic human rights of those who remain in the streets. General support funding was provided to support their work building power through relationships with peers on the streets, allies, and decisionmakers.

**National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, Inc., Pine Bush, NY** **\$10,000**

NCSA is a diverse nationwide partnership of individuals and organizations cultivating grassroots efforts to engage in policy development processes that result in food and agricultural systems and rural communities that are healthy, environmentally-sound, profitable, humane, and just. Funding was provided to enable NCSA to hire a grassroots organizer to help build the vocal support required to pass new ideas into law via the Farm Bill.

**National Coalition for the Homeless, Washington, DC** **\$10,000**

NCH is a national advocacy network comprised of local and statewide homeless/housing coalitions, service providers, social justice organizations, and currently and formerly homeless persons, all striving toward the single goal of ending homelessness. They focus their advocacy work on four policy areas: affordable housing, comprehensive health care, livable incomes, and preservation of civil rights. Funding was provided in support of their ongoing "You Don't Need a Home to Vote" voting rights campaign and bring it the next level by publishing a Best Practices manual and promoting examples of model campaigns across the country.

**North Carolina Waste Awareness and Reduction Network (NC WARN) , Durham, NC**  
**\$15,000**

The Grassroots Energy Alliance is a unique coalition of students, traditional environmental advocates, African-Americans, and faith-based organizations working together for a smart energy policy in North Carolina. The coalition includes NC WARN, North Carolina Fair Share, SURGE, and NC Interfaith Power & Light. They are mobilizing their constituencies to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy proposals at the local level, to stop the licensing of new nuclear and coal plants, to win improved safety and security at the Harris Nuclear Plant, to initiate green jobs pilot projects in Durham and rural eastern North Carolina, and to democratize decision making on energy.

**North Country Farming Network, Montpelier, VT** **\$15,000**

NCFN works to revive and maintain the base of small farms in northern and central Vermont. They are a network of farmers helping farmers to achieve self-sufficiency. General Support funding was provided.

**Oregon Action, Portland, OR** **\$13,000**

Oregon Action is a broad-based, multi-racial community organization dedicated to organizing for economic justice. General support funding was provided in order to sustain and support recent organizational growth.

**Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility Oregon Chapter, Portland, OR** **\$12,000**

The Campaign for Safe Food is a project of Oregon PSR, and is working to advance the establishment of an agricultural system and food supply in Oregon that does not use genetically

engineered organisms. The project works with scientific, agricultural and consumer advocacy groups to exchange information and execute grassroots action campaigns around two specific goals: 1) to discontinue the production of any dairy products in the United States from cows treated with recombinant bovine growth hormone and 2) ensure there is no risk of food or environmental contamination by biopharmaceutical crops.

**Oregon Toxics Alliance, Eugene, OR**

**\$9,000**

OTA is a statewide grassroots organization working to protect and enhance community and environmental health by promoting solutions to the root causes of toxic pollution. They build leadership opportunities and provide organizational support to communities across Oregon who are working to prevent or respond to local public health threats. Funding was provided in support of Project Safe School Playgrounds, OTA's grassroots challenge to lax state policies on the use of large-scale, commercial pesticides near rural schools. The campaign is making the case for protective, no-spray buffer zones around schools and along school bus routes.

**Parents United for Responsible Education (PURE), Chicago, IL**

**\$13,000**

PURE is a parent-organized, parent-run public school advocacy group working to assure a high-quality education for all children by supporting active, informed, meaningful parent participation in the Chicago public schools, primarily through empowered Local School Councils (LSCs). PURE provides workshops for parents and LSC members, resources for LSCs, and advocates for LSCs at all levels within the school system.

**Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, VT**

**\$10,000**

The Peace & Justice Center works on the interconnected issues of economic and racial justice, and peace and human rights through education, training, advocacy, non-violent activism, and community organizing. General support funding was provided.

**People United for a Better Oakland, Oakland, CA**

**\$5,000**

PUEBLO is a multi-ethnic, multi-issue community organization working to build the leadership of low-income people through education and skill development and community organization for social justice. Funding was provided in support of the Campaign for Community Safety and Police Accountability. Specifically, funds will be used to assemble research on "best practices" in violence prevention and engage a coalition to develop a platform for a safer Oakland.

**Picture the Homeless, New York, NY**

**\$15,000**

Picture the Homeless is founded on the principle that that people who are homeless must become an organized, informed and effective voice to end homelessness. Founded by two homeless men, PtH uses grassroots organizing, leadership development, public education, coalition-building and public policy work to build the capacity of people who are homeless to make systemic change.

**Powder River Basin Resource Council, Sheridan, WY**

**\$10,000**

PRBRC is a grassroots, family agriculture and conservation organization of individual and affiliate groups dedicated to the stewardship of Wyoming's natural resources. Funding was provided in support of their work to improve groundwater conservation methods and policy in the coalbed methane extraction industry.

**Red Rock Forests, Moab, UT****\$10,000**

Red Rock Forests is a membership organization dedicated to protecting the Canyonlands Basin ranges of southeastern Utah. They use education, public policy, the law, citizens action, and collaboration with other organizations and agencies to achieve protection for these irreplaceable high desert oasis. Funding was provided in support of their Oil and Gas Campaign, which is working to engage local communities to compel the USFS to limit the impacts of oil and gas leasing by a) commissioning a comprehensive hydro-geologic study of the area to allow forest management decision to be made with a clear understanding of natural systems; and b) conducting the forest planning process in an open manner, with full disclosure of information necessary for informed public input.

**Rogers Park Young Women's Action Team (YWAT), Chicago, IL****\$15,000**

The YWAT is a youth-led, adult-supported social change project that empowers young women under 22 years old to take action on issues that affect their lives (particularly issues of violence against girls and young women). Their Executive Director is a recent high school graduate and one of the founders of YWAT. Continued general support funding was provided in support of their programs and campaigns, including: the weekly leadership core meeting, associate members meeting, girls leadership camp, educational workshops and community research and action.

**Sacramento Homeless Organizing Committee, Sacramento, CA****\$10,000**

SHOC is a grassroots, activist organization made up of homeless and formerly homeless individuals. SHOC is a vehicle that gives homeless people a voice in the community on issues that affect them, including civil rights issues, community inclusiveness, housing and city planning. Through the Homeward Street Journal, contacts with the media, government agencies, homeless advocates and participation in various events, SHOC members insure that the homeless are represented and heard.

**Sadie Nash Leadership Project, Brooklyn, NY****\$10,500**

SNLP is a youth-led leadership and activism program working with young women from low-income communities across NYC. It is a unique program which provides a dynamic and intensive experience that centers on the achievements of women, the use of role models, social justice projects, community organizing and service-based learning. SNLP's mission is to strengthen, empower, and equip young women as agents for change in the world. Continued general support funding was provided to strengthen and broaden the scope of current programming and activities and reach and include a more diverse group of low-income young women from all 5 boroughs.

**Salvation Farms, Wolcott, VT****\$20,000**

The mission of Salvation Farms is to harvest excess farm produce, making it available to Vermonters in need. Salvation Farms coordinates with farms and volunteers to harvest, store, and distribute "unmarketable" local produce; cost-free to all partners. General support funding was provided in support of this young organization's effort to become a federally recognized non-profit and finalize its first business plan.

**Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens, Ider, AL**

**\$5,000**

SMCC, an all-volunteer organization, strives to educate the public to the dangers of corporate factory hog farms, and to improve state and federal regulations governing swine Confined Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs). Continued general support funding was provided.

**smartMeme, Inc. Strategy & Training Project, San Francisco, CA**

**\$10,000**

SmartMeme works to build movements and amplify the impact of grassroots organizing with new strategy and training resources, values-based communications, collaborations, and meme\* campaigning. SmartMeme uses the power of narrative to advance a holistic vision of grassroots social change that connects struggles for democracy, peace, justice and ecological sanity. Funding was provided in support of the STORY project, SmartMeme's youth training and movement building initiative. \*The word "meme" was first coined by evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins in 1976 from the Greek root meaning "to imitate." Memes are "atoms of culture" that spread and act like genes and take on a life of their own. Memes are everywhere -- from personal mannerisms and collective ritual, to the advertising slogans and political buzzwords that dominate the media.

**Solutions to Issues of Concern to Knoxvillians, Knoxville, TN**

**\$10,000**

Solutions is a multi-racial, multi-issue and member-run organization focussing on youth leadership development, housing, healthcare, and welfare rights/income support at the local and state levels. General support funding was provided.

**Sunflower Community Action, Wichita, KS**

**\$12,675**

Sunflower Community Action is a multi-issue, multi-racial membership organization which promotes the self-empowerment efforts of low-income people in Kansas. Sunflower organizes communities to identify neighborhood concerns and trains people to win policy victories. Funding was provided for the Kansas Fair Lending Project, which will educate people about the dangers of quick cash loan shops.

**Tennessee Clean Water Network, Knoxville, TN**

**\$5,000**

TCWN builds coalitions, organizes citizens and advances water policy to protect the water resources of the state. Funding was provided in support of their efforts to "Building the River Movement" by providing networking opportunities, support and technical assistance to citizen watershed groups across Tennessee.

**Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, Porcupine, SD**

**\$10,000**

Thunder Valley CDC is a partnership between Lakota Action Network and the Thunder Valley community that is working to empower Lakota youth and families to improve the health, culture and environment of their community through the healing and strengthening of their cultural identities. Funding was provided in support of the training & decolonization component of their Youth Development Program, which uses popular education to help youth better understand their current struggles in order to work for change.

**Transgender Law Center, San Francisco, CA**

**\$7,500**

TLC is the first and only staffed transgender legal organization in California. They utilize direct legal services, education, community organizing, and policy and media advocacy to overcome discrimination and help the state become one where every person's gender identity is respected and

supported. Funding was provided in support of the Safe Bathroom Access Campaign, a community-based response to the rampant discrimination that transgender and gender non-conforming people experience too often when using public restrooms.

**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. TIGRA considers the system of remittances as the next frontier of economic justice work that links domestic and global issues. TIGRA is organizing million dollar clubs in immigrant neighborhoods to advocate for "Transnational Community Benefits Agreements" (TCBA) with industry leaders. A central provision of the TCBA asks money transfer companies to reinvest in the communities they serve. General Support funding was provided to support TIGRA's interlocking strategies to advance an economic justice agenda with a global frame.

**Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment, Livermore, CA \$15,000**

Tri-Valley CARES was founded in 1983 by residents in Livermore, CA who were, and continue to be, directly affected by pollution resulting from nuclear weapons activities at Lawrence Livermore National Lab. Their programs aim to stop new nuclear weapons development, promote the dismantlement of existing nuclear warheads, and protect the community environment. Continued funding was provided in support of their general activities to inform and mobilize the residents of Livermore, Tracy and the wider Bay Area about the health and environmental hazards of nuclear weapons activities. A significant portion of their work will ensure community participation in decision-making on the Superfund cleanup of toxic and radioactive contaminants.

**TVbyGIRLS, Minneapolis, MN**

**\$10,000**

TVbyGIRLS is a media making and mentoring project that uses the tools of media to work with girls, ages 12 to 19 to develop leadership, critical thinking, collaborative working skills and intercultural understanding. Girls participate in media literacy and media making workshops, long-term mentoring programs with adult women, and the creation of film and video work. Currently, two film projects are underway: Undercover (in which Muslim, Jewish and nonsectarian girls explore stereotypes of Islam from the perspective of teenage girls in each community); and Greatest Girls (a collaboration with elder women ages 80 to 95, with girls to look at intercultural and intergenerational views of growing up then and now).

**Vermont Association of Professional Care Providers, Montpelier, VT**

**\$5,000**

VAPCP is the state's only association of direct-care workers. Funding was provided to expand their capacity to organize to ensure quality jobs for direct-care and support workers and in doing so, ensuring quality care for Vermont's elders, individuals with chronic illness, and individuals with disabilities.

**Vermont Biofuels Association, Middlebury, VT**

**\$10,000**

The Vermont Biofuels Association is dedicated to increasing the demand and capacity for locally produced biodiesel and other agriculturally based fuels and serve as a resource for the development of a sustainable biofuels industry. General support funding was provided for organizational development.

**Vermont Earth Institute, Norwich, VT**

**\$10,000**

VEI's mission is to educate and support Vermonters to reduce consumption and adopt environmentally sustainable practices in their homes, workplaces and communities through the facilitation of small group discussion courses. Funding was provided in support of a collaboration with Alliance for Climate Action to more effectively and efficiently support community-based energy and climate change projects and develop a statewide web-based utility to help facilitate communications among the growing network of community-based groups and service providers.

**Vermont FEED, Shelburne, VT**

**\$15,000**

Vermont FEED seeks to expand farm-to-school activities across Vermont through its effective model program of strengthening community food systems and developing grassroots networks linking local farms, classrooms, cafeterias and communities. Vermont FEED is a collaborative project of NOFA-VT, Food Works, and Shelburne Farms.

**Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force, Inc., South Hero, VT**

**\$10,000**

The Vermont Freedom to Marry Task Force represents a coalition of individuals and associations in Vermont who support the freedom of same-sex couples to enter into civil marriage. VFMTF works to educate Vermonters regarding the issues surrounding the freedom to marry, and to advocate for full civil marriage equality, and full civil rights for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender citizens more broadly, in Vermont and beyond. General support funding was provided.

**Vermont Independent Media, Inc., Brattleboro, VT**

**\$10,000**

VIM works to help the residents of Windham County reclaim local print media through two component projects: 1) the Media Mentoring Project offers free sessions each month that teach media literacy and effective writing to local residents, and 2) The Commons, a community newspaper that expresses the unique character of Windham County and provides an outlet for diverse voices and in-depth articles about local issues, and local perspectives on national and international issues.

**Vermont Natural Resources Council, Montpelier, VT**

**\$7,500**

VNRC is a statewide environmental organization working to protect Vermont's natural resources through research, education and advocacy. Continued funding was provided in support of their Up Against the Wal, Round II campaign, which is helping to organize citizens to fight out-of-scale, poorly located, Big Box Wal-Mart developments.

**Vermont Workers' Center - Jobs With Justice, Inc., Burlington, VT**

**\$15,000**

The VWC unites workers and citizens in Vermont's unions and communities, builds campaigns to improve their lives, teaches them to use their collective voice effectively, and trains grassroots leaders who will remain committed to the cause of working people. Funding was provided to help strengthen and systematize their leadership development training and extend it to four new regions of Vermont.

**Western Lands Project, Seattle, WA**

**\$5,000**

The Western Lands Project monitors the myriad efforts that are under way to privatize public lands, including federal land exchanges, sales, and giveaways and any project that would cede public control of land to non-federal entities. They provide outreach, education, advocacy and legal

assistance as needed to groups throughout the U.S. who request their help in responding to bad land deals. Issues involved in public land transactions include: lack of environmental review and public comment on environmental impacts, bad appraisals, release of lands important to communities to private interests and the incremental deconstruction of the public lands system--something which affects all Americans.

**Western Slope Environmental Resource Council, Paonia, CO** **\$10,000**

WSERC is a grassroots group dedicated to protecting and enhancing the natural environment and quality of life in Delta County and Colorado's Western Slope. Specifically, they are working to minimize harm caused by natural gas development to public and private lands, watersheds, the local economy and human health. General support funding was provided.

**Wild Utah Project, Salt Lake City, UT** **\$10,000**

Wild Utah works to provide scientific support to activists working to protect wilderness and public lands in Utah, and to design and establish a connected system of wildlands networks. Funding was provided in support of the Quiet Forests Campaign which incorporates a multi-pronged strategy of science, law and activism to address the growing threat of Off Road Vehicles (ORVs) to the Wasatch Cache National Forest.

**Worcester Homeless Action Committee, Worcester, MA** **\$10,000**

WHAC is a very new organization working to build their grassroots base and find leadership within the homeless community. Funding was provided to support initial outreach and organizing efforts in order to enable low-income, ex-offender, addict, and homeless people to draft a new strategy to combat NIMBY groups in Worcester