

**Ben & Jerry's Foundation  
2009 National Grassroots Grant Recipients**

**9to5 Atlanta Working Women, Atlanta, GA**

**\$10,000**

Atlanta 9to5 works to strengthen the ability of low-wage women to win economic justice. Funding was provided for the Family Flexible Policies for Low-Wage Women project. The goals of this project are to build organizing and leadership skills of the constituency and build support and momentum for workplace and public policies that allow workers to balance job and family responsibilities. [www.9to5.org](http://www.9to5.org)

**Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras, Tucson, AZ**

**\$10,000**

Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras (Indigenous Alliance Without Borders) was created by and for Indigenous peoples to promote respect and protection for Indigenous rights, border rights, sovereignty and cultural rights, and human/civil rights for the Indigenous peoples who live on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border. The Alianza Indigena organizes and mobilizes members of southern Indigenous border communities to promote U.S. Immigration and border enforcement policy changes that respect their rights of mobility and passage. [www.indigenasinfronteras.org](http://www.indigenasinfronteras.org)

**American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Vermont (ACLUF-VT), Montpelier, VT  
\$5,000**

The ACLU Foundation of Vermont works to defend and enhance the principles of freedom, justice and equality embodied in the Bill of Rights and the Vermont Constitution to ensure these rights are preserved for each new generation through public education, litigation and legislative advocacy. Funding was granted to assist in establishing a staffed public education program to strengthen ACLU's organizational capacity and improve outreach to and engagement of young people in the work of the ACLU in Vermont.

**Androscoggin River Alliance, Lewiston, ME**

**\$15,000**

The ARA was established in 2005 by citizens who live and work along the Androscoggin River, concerned with the health of the river and how it affects the health of their communities. The Androscoggin River is Maine's third largest river and its most polluted. For over a century it has served as Maine's principal industrial river. ARA works together with other organizations, and federal, state, and local governments to give citizens of the Androscoggin River Valley a collective voice in the future of the river's policy, planning and management. General support funding was provided. [www.cleanandroscoggin.org](http://www.cleanandroscoggin.org)

**Aubin Pictures, New York, NY**

**\$15,000**

Aubin Pictures works to develop, produce and distribute documentary films and videos which promote cultural and social awareness and change, and better understanding between different sectors of society. "What's On Your Plate?", is a documentary film and nationwide engagement campaign that follows the many paths, the conflicting economics, and the disparate decisionmakers that all play a part in what we eat. Through the eyes of two 11-year old girls the film will present a variety of perspectives on how food reaches an urban community and the associated challenges. The project will be youth-centric, including an interactive website, educational curriculum and toolkit, and outreach campaign. [www.whatsonyourplateproject.org](http://www.whatsonyourplateproject.org)

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

**\$15,000**

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](http://www.vowbwrc.org)

**Bushwick Housing Independence Project (BHIP), Brooklyn, NY**

**\$15,000**

The Bushwick Housing Independence Project was formed as an urgent response to the Bushwick community's growing affordable housing crisis, poor housing quality as well as rising rates of eviction, displacement and homelessness. Funding was requested to support prevention of displacement of rent-stabilized tenants by aggressive landlord tactics, prevention of the loss of rent-stabilized units, protection of tenants in buildings abandoned by landlords, passage of legislation to limit percentage of working tenants' income used for rent and better enforcement of HPD codes to ensure safety and well-being of tenants.

**California Food and Justice Coalition, Berkeley, CA**

**\$10,000**

CFJC's Grow Local Campaign works to uplift and replicate their members' innovative solutions to the food system crisis. Through policy advocacy and training of grassroots leaders, the Grow Local Campaign will promote and support local level policy change aimed at increasing access to land and resources for local food production and consumption. [www.cafoodjustice.org](http://www.cafoodjustice.org)

**California Institute for Rural Studies, Davis, CA**

**\$15,000**

The mission of the California Institute for Rural Studies is to conduct research and disseminate information promoting a rural California that is socially just, ecologically balanced, and economically sustainable. Funding was provided in support of the "Fair Food: Field to Table" project which aims to (a) raise awareness of farmworker conditions and the Fair Food movement through dissemination of a multimedia documentary to university students and campus food service providers; and (b) to develop a toolkit to help campus-based groups promote purchasing of fairly produced food as part of their efforts to promote more sustainable food on campuses. [www.cirsinc.org](http://www.cirsinc.org)

**California Prison Moratorium Project, Fresno, CA**

**\$15,000**

The California Prison Moratorium Project organizes to stop the expansion of new construction of jails, prisons and detention centers in the central valley, seeking instead alternatives to incarceration for as many people as possible. General support funding was provided for their continued organizing efforts in California's Central Valley to unite low-income, communities of color that are primarily affected by incarceration and the prison industry, with criminal justice, environmental and social justice organizations and community residents in the Valley. [www.calipmp.org](http://www.calipmp.org)

**Center for Immigrant Families, New York, NY**

**\$15,000**

CIF is a collectively-run organization by and for immigrant women of color. Funding was provided for the Escuela Popular de Mujeres/Women's Popular Education Program, which is the "heart" of CIF's work and the source from which all 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. [www.c4if.org](http://www.c4if.org)

**Central District Organization, Gary, IN****\$15,000**

CDO is a volunteer organization of residents, religious organizations, community organizations and individual activists working together to gain power to improve the Midtown/Central District neighborhood of Gary, Indiana. General support funding was provided in support of their three current campaigns: "Build it Up, or Tear it Down"- to address the overwhelming number of abandoned buildings in the community; "Yes We 'Garbage' Can - which addresses the lack of basic city services provided to the residents and; Anansi's Web Youth Media Action Project - an afterschool workshop that teaches citizen journalism to high school students.

[www.myspace.com/midtowncdo](http://www.myspace.com/midtowncdo)

**Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center (CSERC), Twain Harte, CA \$7,000**

CSERC works to defend the water, wildlife, and wild places of the Northern Yosemite region and to raise environmental awareness about threats to the environment. Support was granted for three needed efforts to protect this region: (1) wildlife photo-detection surveys and photo-stations that capture photos of rare, at-risk wildlife species; (2) water sampling and field monitoring for evidence to enforce regulations and halt livestock grazing damage to meadows and streams; and (3) an educational slide show that will raise awareness about the environmental concerns of the Northern Yosemite region. [www.cserc.org](http://www.cserc.org)

**Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores, Denver, CO****\$10,000**

El Centro Humanitario organizes immigrant day laborers in Denver and Aurora, Colorado. El Centro focuses on developing worker ownership over their center, worker self-sufficiency and community among workers through direct organizing, leadership development and policy change. Funding was provided in support of their efforts to organize workers on the streets in Aurora, a suburb of Denver with one of the fastest growing immigrant populations in the state, in the face of community hostility and discrimination against day laborers. The project is focusing on developing the leadership of workers, developing a community campaign to create broader support and opening a safe gathering place for day laborers. [www.centrohumanitario.org](http://www.centrohumanitario.org)

**Centro Presente, Inc, Sommerville, MA****\$10,000**

Centro Presente is a member-driven, statewide Latin American immigrant organization led primarily by Central American immigrants and organizing for immigrant rights and economic and social justice. Continued funding was provided to support the Centro Presente Workers Center to enable them to continue organizing, empowering and mobilizing Latino workers in the Boston area through leadership development, collective action and community education strategies with goals to raise awareness and fuel the movement that will bring long-term societal change and justice to immigrant workers. [www.cpresente.org](http://www.cpresente.org)

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

The Childhood Lead Action Project works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning. Funding was granted for the Lead-Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, a multi-year campaign to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in the remaining hot spots in Rhode Island. This community organizing campaign will engage those directly affected by the issue of childhood lead poisoning.

[www.lead safekids.org](http://www.lead safekids.org)

**Citizens For Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB), Merrimac, WI \$10,000**

CSWAB works to mobilize and empower rural communities near Wisconsin's decommissioned Badger Army Ammunition Plant in support of a sustainable future for the property that will protect and restore the integrity of soil, water, air, and biological diversity. General support funding was given in support of their work toward the common goal of creating one of the largest prairie and oak savanna restorations in the Midwest. [www.cswab.org](http://www.cswab.org)

**Comite del Barrio, El Paso, TX \$15,000**

Comite del Barrio is dedicated to restoring the South Central El Paso barrio into a livable community rooted in equality, dignity, and justice, through community organizing and popular education with fellow barrio residents. Support was provided to hire a coordinator to help further their efforts towards social change, community revitalization, and sustainable development in the barrio. This work will help educate, inform and make aware the Chamizal Neighborhood community to environmental, economic, political, and social issues affecting the barrio, involve the low-income, Spanish speaking, Mexican immigrant South Central El Paso community, organize and engage residents in activism to impact systemic and social change and resolve poverty and inequality afflicting the barrio. [www.mujerobrera.org/comitedelbarrio.html](http://www.mujerobrera.org/comitedelbarrio.html)

**Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC), Eugene, OR \$10,000**

The Community Alliance of Lane County educates and mobilizes for peace, human dignity and social, racial and economic justice. Funding was provided in support of the Back-to-Back program and Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect. Both programs address broad issues of human rights and dignity and use educational, advocacy, cultural, networking, and collaborative activities to undertake this work. [www.calclane.org](http://www.calclane.org)

**Community Asset Development Re-Defining Education (CADRE). Los Angeles, CA \$15,000**

CADRE requested support for its Right to Education Campaign. A parent led organization, they will seek to stop the pushout of low-income children and students of color from the public school system. They will work to ensure the effective implementation of the Los Angeles Unified School District's "School-wide Positive Behavior Support" discipline policy, work to deepen public support for preserving the human right to a quality education, work on parent-defined issues, and address unnecessary and ineffective suspensions that could be replaced by strategies that address the root causes of student misbehavior etc. [www.cadre-la.org](http://www.cadre-la.org)

**Community of Vermont Elders, Montpelier, VT \$15,000**

COVE' works to promote and protect a higher quality of life for the state's seniors, COVE advances its mission through advocacy and education. It 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. A Capacity Building Finalist grant was provided for infrastructure development and staffing for the Caregiver Initiative. An initiative working to support paid and family caregivers and ensure the dignity, security and well being of both vulnerable elders and vulnerable caregivers.

**Concerned Citizens For A Better Tunica County, Inc., Tunica, MS \$15,000**

Concerned Citizens for a Better Tunica County builds leadership of students and parents to positively effect community and educational policy in the Tunica School District. General support funding was provided in support of their five program areas: stopping the development of an electrical power substation in their low-income African American community, youth leadership development program--Tunica Teens in Action, monitoring the implementation of the five year plan for reforming the public schools, and organizational development and capacity building trainings.

**Conservation Alabama Foundation, Birmingham, AL**

**\$5,000**

The mission of the Conservation Alabama Foundation is to build the ability of Alabama citizens and organizations to promote conservation through government and civic action. Funding was provided for the Alabama Quarry Coalition and Conservation Ambassadors project which seeks to establish a citizen-driven process for encouraging statewide cooperation in order to limit further construction of quarries and landfills, encourage increased local government oversight in quarry and landfill siting and operations, and improve quality of life for those affected by quarry and landfill operations. [www.conservationAlabamaFoundation.org](http://www.conservationAlabamaFoundation.org)

**Creative Interventions, Oakland, CA**

**\$15,000**

Creative Interventions works to create community-based options for interventions to interpersonal violence. For many people, police intervention or leaving the community is not perceived as a viable option. By bringing knowledge and power back to those closest to and most impacted by violence, Creative Interventions breaks isolation and clears a path towards holistic, viable, and sustainable systems of violence intervention and community health. Funding was provided in support of the Story Telling and Organizing project (STOP), which documents and applies successful community-based strategies for intervening in situations of intimate and interpersonal violence. [www.creative-interventions.org](http://www.creative-interventions.org)

**DARE - Direct Action for Rights and Equality, Providence, RI**

**\$15,000**

DARE organizes low-income families in communities of color for social, economic and political justice. Funding was granted for their organizing campaigns that address criminal justice reform, affordable housing/anti-gentrification, and youth and parent empowerment. [www.daretowim.org](http://www.daretowim.org)

**English For Action (EFA), Providence, RI**

**\$15,000**

Funding will be used to support the work of English for Action's, Action Committee, a group of Latino immigrants, studying English, who meet to learn about, discuss, and take action on important community and immigrant issues. Current issues being addressed are the underlying issues of racism and oppression against immigrants in Olneyville. [www.englishforaction.org](http://www.englishforaction.org)

**Figuroa Corridor Coalition for Economic Justice (FCCEJ), Los Angeles, CA**

**\$15,000**

The Figuroa Corridor is a 40-block area in Los Angeles inhabited by working-class people of color who are in danger of being displaced by redevelopment efforts. Funding was provided in support of UNIDAD which prepares community members to participate in the city's planning process by teaching "people's planning" (their signature urban-planning curriculum from an economic-justice perspective), building consensus about community goals and making the local community visible as a vital working-class community worth preserving. Specifically, UNIDAD seeks to pressure the city to preserve the neighborhoods' existing affordable housing, create

abundant new affordable housing, support local small businesses, and ensure that investment in the Figueroa Corridor provides good jobs to local people. [www.saje.net](http://www.saje.net)

**Global Community Monitor, El Cerrito, CA** **\$10,000**

Global Community Monitor trains and supports communities in the use of environmental monitoring tools to understand the impact of fossil fuel industry pollution on their health and the environment. The "Bucket Brigade" will provide capacity building and technical assistance in outreach and advocacy to industrial communities throughout the U.S. in their efforts to win environmental health and justice demands from industrial polluters. [www.gcmonitor.org](http://www.gcmonitor.org)

**Global Justice Ecology Project, Hinesburg, VT** **\$15,000**

The Global Justice Ecology Project works to build local, national and international alliances with action to address the common root causes of social injustice, ecological destruction and economic domination. Funding was provided for the STOP GE Trees Campaign, a coalition campaign working to protect forests and wildlife, as well as forest-dependent communities by permanently preventing the release of genetically engineered trees into the environment. [www.globaljusticeecology.org](http://www.globaljusticeecology.org)

**Green Mountain Farm-to-School, Newport, VT** **\$10,000**

Green Mountain Farm-to-School's mission is to restore and strengthen local food systems in Vermont by promoting positive economic and educational relationships between schools, farms and communities. Funding was provided to help develop and pilot a centralized online system for marketing, ordering and distributing local foods to Vermont schools and other institutions. The goal of the pilot project is to increase revenue for farmers, provide school children with fresh nutritious foods and educate the community about the benefit of eating locally-grown foods. [www.greenmountainfarmtoschool.org](http://www.greenmountainfarmtoschool.org)

**Greenhorns, Red Hook, NY** **\$10,000**

Greenhorns' recruit, support and promote America's young farmers. The goal of the Greenhorns Documentary Film is to recruit more young farmers and promote the cultural acceptance and economic position of farming by appealing for the elevation of living standards of family farmers, young farmers, and farm workers. [www.thegreenhorns.net](http://www.thegreenhorns.net)

**Healthcare - NOW!, New York, NY** **\$10,000**

Health-care NOW! formed to raise national awareness of the health insurance crisis and to organize a large citizens' movement for national, single-payer healthcare reform. The Win-Win Campaign targets local government entities (cities, towns, counties, school boards, and states) and provides them with information and analysis to show how national, single-payer healthcare can benefit local residents and save government money. Local activists will educate the public and elected officials about single-payer healthcare. [www.healthcare-now.org](http://www.healthcare-now.org)

**Healthy Environment Alliance of Utah (HEAL Utah), Salt Lake City, UT** **\$12,000**

HEAL Utah works to protect the health of Utahns from the risks of nuclear and toxic waste and to promote clean energy policies for the state. General Support funding was provided in support of their work to keep other countries from exporting their nuclear waste to Utah, to challenge a

potential new nuclear reactor and to pursue a 100% renewable energy project for Utah's electricity grid. [www.healutah.org](http://www.healutah.org)

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

**\$7,500**

House the Homeless provides education and advocacy around issues of homelessness and homelessness prevention. Working collaboratively with the National Coalition for the Homeless, their goal is to end homelessness as it exists today by focusing on economic causes and solutions. Funding was provided in support of the Universal Living Wage Campaign (ULW), HtH's ten-year plan to end homelessness and to ensure that anyone working 40 hours in a week will be able to afford basic rental housing throughout urban and rural communities across the U.S.

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

**Idaho Rural Council, Inc., Bliss, ID**

**\$7,000**

IRC is a chapter-based membership organization working to preserve the well-being of Idaho's family farms and rural communities. Funding was provided in support of their "Fighting Factory Farms" Campaign, which is working to restrict and regulate the industrial dairy and hog confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs) that are threatening the environment and quality of life of many of Idaho's rural communities. [www.idahoruralcouncil.org](http://www.idahoruralcouncil.org)

**Jane Addams Senior Caucus, Chicago, IL**

**\$15,000**

JASC is an organization dedicated to organizing seniors into a powerful group of civic leaders able to advocate for the welfare of seniors. The organization is currently working on organizing around issues of health care and affordable housing while creating a strong grassroots organization that develops seniors to represent their collective interests and renew senior's participation in public life.

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

**JusticeWorks Community, Brooklyn, NY**

**\$15,000**

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 policies, 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.

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

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

**\$10,000**

Kids Are Priority One Coalition is Vermont's statewide early childhood coalition working to ensure that every Vermont child has a solid foundation. The Coalition's "Parents Rising Initiative" will assist parents in articulating their child care story with policymakers and the public; cultivate parents' civic engagement skills by organizing trainings to de-mystify the political process and strengthen communication skills; and engage parents in advocacy, such as contacting legislators and testifying at committee hearings about the need for affordable child care.

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

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

**\$15,000**

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 its strategic position in Illinois to promote pro-immigrant worker policy locally, state-wide, and nationally. [www.latinounion.org](http://www.latinounion.org)

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

**\$15,000**

Latinos en Accion de CCC is the Latino-led chapter of Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement. Their goals for the coming year are to build new grassroots Latino leaders, continue to address local issues, work for comprehensive immigration reform and explore ways to involve more Latino residents in becoming active, voting citizens. [www.iowaccci.org](http://www.iowaccci.org)

**Local Motion, Burlington, VT**

**\$10,000**

Local Motion is a membership-supported non-profit propelling a culture of active transportation and recreation in Northwestern Vermont. Funding was provided in support of their 3-pronged 2010 campaign. This initiative will enable Local Motion to inspire more Vermonters to walk, bicycle, run and XC ski over the next 10 years, thereby improving personal health, reducing air pollution and restoring communities. [www.localmotion.org](http://www.localmotion.org)

**Louisiana Environmental Action Network, Baton Rouge, LA**

**\$10,000**

LEAN is a statewide umbrella organization that works to foster communication and cooperation among individuals and organizations to address the environmental problems of Louisiana. LEAN provides technical, strategic, and organizing assistance to communities striving to solve air, water, land quality issues around the state. General support funding was provided. [www.leanweb.org](http://www.leanweb.org)

**Media Mobilizing Project, Philadelphia, PA**

**\$15,000**

MMP believes it is vital to document and highlight the nature of poverty as well as the groups fighting for social change. They train constituencies to produce and distribute media, building a community media infrastructure that amplifies new voices at local, state and national levels. MMP's mission is to unleash the combination of communications, media making and organizing. Funding was provided in support of their three-fold radio journalism initiative, "Voices of Poverty". Voices of Poverty trains leaders across the MMP network to become radio journalists and works to support these leaders in producing media about their own issues and struggles as well as the issue and struggles of other anti-poverty groups across the city. [www.mediamobilizing.org](http://www.mediamobilizing.org)

**Mississippi First, Jackson, MS**

**\$15,000**

Mississippi First is a grassroots organization is a civil society organization working to change public policies that are keeping Mississippi last in most quality of life indicators. Mississippi First wants more for Mississippi, they need to advocate for the best policy solutions, to revitalize their democracy, and to advance new public leaders. Funding was provided to help the organization effectively use new media technologies to organize. [www.mississippifirst.org](http://www.mississippifirst.org)

**Movement Generation and Center for Political Education, Oakland, CA**

**\$15,000**

Jointly sponsored by MG and CPE, the Bay Area Justice and Ecology Project provides in-depth information and analysis about global ecological crises and facilitates strategic planning for action among leading organizers from Bay Area organizations working on economic and racial justice issues. By providing entry-level trainings and political education work to movement leaders working on issues such as immigrant rights, racial justice, workers rights, affordable housing, and economic justice, the project aims to address the increasing economic and social impacts of global environmental problems on urban, low-income communities and communities of color. The Bay Area Justice and Ecology Project brings together key movement leaders with allies to develop shared goals, strategies and collaborative campaigns around local, regional, and state-wide environmental and climate policy. [www.politicaleducation.org](http://www.politicaleducation.org)

**Multicultural Resource Center, Ithaca, NY**

**\$11,800**

The MRC works to confront racism and other forms of bias and oppression, to help empower people to embrace Ithaca's ethnic and cultural diversity, and to facilitate leadership on these issues. Funding was provided in support of Talking Circles on Race and Racism. Comprised of a diverse group of people who commit to meet together for five weekly sessions to deepen the level of community-wide conversations on race, and to provide a safe space to consider taking on next steps, the Talking Circles help empower people from both disenfranchised and privileged groups to create systemic change. [www.multicultural-resource.org](http://www.multicultural-resource.org)

**Nashville Homeless Power Project, Nashville, TN**

**\$15,000**

The NHPP is a group of homeless and formerly homeless people working to eradicate the root causes of homelessness while protecting the basic rights of those who remain in the streets. Through organizing and building power with peers on the streets, allies and decisionmakers, they develop concrete solutions. Funding was provided in support of the NHPP Worker Rights Project involving homeless workers who find work through Temporary Employment Agencies and are exploited by those agencies. [www.homelesspower.org](http://www.homelesspower.org)

**National Radio Project / International Media Project, Oakland, CA**

**\$15,000**

NRP trains and supports independent journalists and individuals involved in community organizing and, with community collaboration, produces and distributes a high-quality public affairs program, Making Contact. Funds were provided in support of their Environmental desk which will develop programs on critical environmental issues: Green Jobs, Race, a New Economy, Communities Respond to Big Oil: Local to Global, and Urban Gardens and Food Justice. [www.radioproject.org](http://www.radioproject.org)

**Naugatuck Valley Project, Inc. Waterbury, CT**

**\$15,000**

The NVP unites new immigrants, the working poor, and their allies to engage in common action to restructure basic social institutions and to hold public and private actors accountable to the needs of the region's low-income families. General support funding was provided to enable NVP to carry out two job-creating and job-strengthening programs: the NVP Medical Interpretation/Health Care Jobs Project, and the NVP Youth Green Jobs Program. [www.naugatuckvalleyproject.org](http://www.naugatuckvalleyproject.org)

**New England Grassroots Environment Fund, Montpelier, VT**

**\$15,000**

NEGEF is a funders' collaborative that works to energize and nurture long-term civic engagement in local initiatives that create and maintain healthy, just, safe and environmentally sustainable communities, through grantmaking, networking, and skills-building activities for small, grassroots

organizations. Funding was provided to develop an interactive tool that all New England environmental, sustainable, agricultural, energy/climate action and local living economic and environmental justice grassroots groups can use to inform and advance their work. NEGEF is creating a model electronic communications and data management system to more effectively support the needs of New England's grassroots activists and organizers.

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

**New Hampshire Task Force on Women & Recovery, Manchester, NH \$15,000**

NHTWR works to improve the lives of at-risk, addicted and recovering girls, women and families impacted by alcohol, drug and other addictions through education, collaboration, advocacy and empowerment. Funding was provided in support of the Women's Leadership Training Institute (WLTi) for the mobilization and training of women in recovery who are both in and out of the criminal justice system. Trainings provide women with the skills necessary to advocate for themselves, their families, other women in need of services, and broader systems change.

**New Jersey Parents' Caucus, Inc., Randolph, NJ \$14,500**

New Jersey Parents' Caucus works to ensure that parents and caregivers of children with emotional and behavioral challenges are given an effective voice in decisions that affect the services their children receive. Funding was provided in support of the NJ Youth Justice Initiative, an advocacy project that seeks to create systemic change by 1) ending the practice of trying, sentencing and incarcerating juveniles, 14 years of age and older, as adults, and 2) ensuring the provision of appropriate special education services to children in the adult prison system who are classified or have gone unclassified but have a mental health disability.

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

**Olneyville Neighborhood Association, Providence, RI \$15,000**

The mission of Olneyville Neighborhood Association (ONA) is to organize low income families, immigrant communities and people of color in Olneyville in order to create a diverse, community-led, democratic and non-partisan political movement that wins economic, social and political justice. General Support funding was provided for their work challenging gentrification and anti-immigrant attacks that threaten the economic survival and human rights of their community members.

**Oregon Physicians For Social Responsibility Oregon Chapter, Portland, OR \$15,000**

Continued funding was provided in support of the Campaign for Safe Food, an effective, consumer-based campaign working to advance the establishment of an agricultural system and food supply that does not use genetically engineered organisms by strategically focusing on three specific areas: 1) Discontinue the production of any dairy products in the U.S. from cows treated with recombinant bovine growth hormone (rBGH or rBST); 2) Prevent the contamination of food and the environment from biopharmaceutical crops in Oregon; and their newest focus area; 3) Reform the industrial meat system in the U.S. by opposing cloning, genetically engineered animals and the use of non-therapeutic antibiotics. [www.oregonpsr.org](http://www.oregonpsr.org)

**Oregon Toxics Alliance, Eugene, OR \$12,000**

Oregon Toxics Alliance works for all Oregonians to help communities find solutions that protect human and environmental health. Funding was provided in support of OTA's campaign Oregon Hearings on Pesticide Exposure (O-HOPE) to build networking in rural communities bearing the

brunt of health risks from pesticides. The goal of O-HOPE is to leverage public interest into a statewide campaign for meaningful pesticide reduction policies by bringing forth the voices of rural residents to tell their story. [www.oregontoxics.org](http://www.oregontoxics.org)

**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. The Chicago Parent Union, open to all parents, will create a parents union that will offer a larger, networked body of organized and empowered parents that will be even more effective in standing up for parents' and Local School Council' rights and will increase parents' involvement in children's education. [www.pureparents.org](http://www.pureparents.org)

**Peace & Justice Center, Burlington, VT** **\$5,000**

The Peace & Justice Center works to create a just and peaceful world by working on the interconnected issues of economic and racial justice, peace, and human rights. Funds were provided for three program areas: Economic Justice Project, Peace & Human Rights Project and Racial Justice Project. Low-wage workers, people of color, youth, the working poor, and their allies will benefit from this work. [www.pjcvvt.org](http://www.pjcvvt.org)

**People Escaping Poverty Project (PEPP) , Moorhead, MN** **\$15,000**

PEPP is a 23 year-old multi-issue organization organizing for long term solutions to alleviate poverty in the communities that border Minnesota and North Dakota. Funding was provided in support of The Alliance for Racial Equity, a year long community organizing Plan to improve racial relations in the Moorhead, MN region and to increase civic engagement of disenfranchised communities of color, immigrant communities and people who are homeless. [www.pepp.org](http://www.pepp.org)

**Pioneer Valley Project, Springfield, MA** **\$7,500**

PVP is an interfaith community-organizing project working with the immigrant community to provide the broad support needed to address public safety and police accountability problems that face this vulnerable population. In the process they are developing leadership within the immigrant community so that people can have a voice in the issues that are so important to their quality of life in this country.

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

Red Rock Forests works to protect the ecological and hydrological integrity of the La Sal and Abajo Mountains, the sole watersheds for southeastern Utah's Greater Canyonlands Basin. The Canyonlands Basin Watershed Protection Project, for which funding was provided, is a holistic approach to protecting the regional watershed. Red Rock Forests will produce the data, documents and activists necessary to fight oil, gas, and uranium development on behalf of the greater Canyonlands Basin's plant, animal, and human communities. [www.redrockforests.org](http://www.redrockforests.org)

**Reflect & Strengthen, Dorchester, MA** **\$15,000**

Reflect and Strengthen is a grassroots collective of young working-class women from the urban neighborhoods of Boston who take a holistic approach to organizing in order to create personal and social transformation. Their funding request was approved for their expanding education and organizing work in the community. They remain grounded in their values of addressing anti-racism, celebrating life, consensus decision making, equity leadership development, love,

restorative justice, addressing root causes of oppression, and sisterhood.  
[www.reflectandstrengthen.org](http://www.reflectandstrengthen.org)

**Rock Creek Alliance, Sandpoint, ID**

**\$10,000**

The overall work of Rock Creek Alliance is to protect and restore the natural environment in north Idaho and western Montana. This organization promotes education and facilitates public participation in pollution prevention and ecosystem protection related to natural resource extraction, especially hardrock mining. Funding was provided in support of their research, education, litigation and organizing efforts to prevent a Canadian corporation from constructing an enormous copper/silver mine beneath the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness Area, which would severely impact water quality, wilderness and wildlife. [www.rockcreekalliance.org](http://www.rockcreekalliance.org)

**Sadie Nash Leadership Project , Brooklyn, NY**

**\$10,000**

SNLP works to strengthen, empower, and equip young women as agents for change in their world, the program seeks to question and redefine the nature of leadership and to promote perspectives and practices that are cooperative, accountable, ethical and effective. This is a youth-led, activism program working with young women from low-income communities across NYC. Funding was provided for the ELLA Fellowship Program (Engage, Learn, Lead, Act), the program serves as a powerful incubator for social justice projects; providing the training, resources, and the support needed to inspire and scaffold youth activism. [www.sadienash.org](http://www.sadienash.org)

**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.

**Southern Californians for Youth, Los Angeles, CA**

**\$15,000**

Southern Californians for Youth (SC4Y) is a network of social justice youth organizations working to build power among low-income youth of color in the greater Los Angeles region. SC4Y is working to transform their communities, by strengthening and developing the capacity of youth organizations and youth leaders, engaging in collaborative action and building a stronger, more cohesive movement for social justice. General Support funding was provided.  
[www.social4youth.org](http://www.social4youth.org)

**Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation, Chicago, IL**

**\$15,000**

SOUL will work to empower ordinary people to take an active role in shaping the future of their communities. Funding was provided in support of their organizing work to ensure that the Green Jobs economy includes Southsiders and that they have a seat at the table when it comes to implementing Stimulus contracts. [www.soulinchicago.org](http://www.soulinchicago.org)

**Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice (SNEEJ), Albuquerque, NM**  
**\$15,000**

The SNEEJ is a coalition of over 50 multi-racial, multi-issue people of color organizations in the environmental and economic justice movement in the West, Southwest and Northern Mexico. SNEEJ exists to strengthen the work of member organizations through training, research assistance and leadership development. Funding was provided for their Summer Youth Placement Program and the Youth Organizing Training Institute of the Youth Leadership and Development Campaign.

The YLD Campaign is designed to build leadership and skills capacity of young people of color to engage in social change organizations that work on environmental and economic justice issues.  
[www.sneej.org](http://www.sneej.org)

**Student / Farmworker Alliance, Immokalee, FL**

**\$15,000**

The Student/Farmworker Alliance (SFA) is a national organization of students and youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery from the agricultural fields of the U.S. Together with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) in southwest Florida, the epicenter of this country's fresh tomato industry, they are working to animate, organize and coordinate support and solidarity for the CIW-led Campaign for Fair Food. Funding was provided for their "Dine with Dignity" campaign which seeks to pressure food service provider industry leaders such as Aramark, Compass and Sodexo - who hold lucrative contracts with hundreds of colleges and universities to deliver and serve food on campus - to agree to work with CIW to improve conditions in their tomato supply chains. [www.sfalliance.org](http://www.sfalliance.org)

**Sunflower Community Action. Wichita, KS**

**\$7,000**

Sunflower Community Action organizes people in low-income neighborhoods, teaching new leaders how to be heard and win victories on issues they choose. Sunflower's multi-racial membership fights racism and poverty by speaking to decision-makers with one voice locally, statewide, and nationally. A multi-issue, brown-black-white organization, Sunflower identifies passionate neighborhood concerns and trains people to win policy victories. Support will help the Kansas Worker Justice Project restore \$500,000 in paychecks stolen from immigrant workers, discourage Kansas employers from defrauding their employees, and engage the newly trained leaders in other justice issues. [www.sunfloweract.org](http://www.sunfloweract.org)

**Teachers Unite, New York, NY**

**\$15,000**

Teachers Unite's work is grounded in the understanding that educational injustice is yet another outcome of our segregated and inequitable society. Their vision is to transform the popular understanding of what it means to be an educator so that those who choose to teach are committed to pedagogical innovation, community organizing and strengthening public education systemically. They realize that to make a lasting difference, they needed to get involved outside the classroom and work to transform communities and unjust policies. General support funding was provided.

**Toxics Action Center, Montpelier, VT**

**\$15,000**

Toxics Action Center works side-by-side with residents, providing the skills and strategies needed to clean up and prevent pollution while developing long-term leaders for the environmental and social change movement. Funds were provided for the campaign "Clean Up Vermont: Ensuring Safe & Clean Salvage Yards". This campaign will address the problem of polluting junkyards and protect Vermont from the damages such junkyards pose to both human health and the environment. Jurisdiction and regulation of junk yards needs to be clarified and strengthened, and more stringent environmental protections must be established. [www.toxicsaction.org](http://www.toxicsaction.org)

**Tri-Valley Communities Against a Radioactive Environment, Livermore, CA \$12,500**

Tri Valley CAREs (Communities Against a Radioactive Environment) monitors nuclear weapons and environmental cleanup throughout the U.S. weapons complex with a particular focus on Livermore Lab and the surrounding Bay Area. Funding was granted for Tri-Valley CAREs' major objectives for the coming year: make progress to ensure the removal of plutonium from Livermore

Lab by 2010, prevent the development of new nuclear weapons and revitalization of the weapons complex, win an environmental impact report on Site 300's hazardous and explosives waste treatment facilities, monitor the Superfund cleanup at the Livermore Lab main site and Site 300 and ensure the necessary funds are appropriated and expended - that cleanup actually happens and involve the community in decision-making in all of these objectives. [www.trivalleycares.org](http://www.trivalleycares.org)

**TVbyGIRLS, Minneapolis, MN**

**\$10,000**

TVbyGIRLS is an organization that uses the tools of media to build leadership, critical thinking, collaborative working skills, compassion, cross-cultural understanding and social justice action with girls 11 to 19. Funding was requested for support of the outreach component of UNDERCOVER, a documentary project where teen girls from diverse communities share the rituals and culture of their belief systems and together look at the stereotypes that build walls between them. [www.tvbygirls.tv](http://www.tvbygirls.tv)

**United Community Centers, Brooklyn, NY**

**\$15,000**

UCC is a membership organization dedicated to involving adults and youth residents in social efforts to learn about and resolve community problems. Support was granted for ENYF, East New York Farms! Project. This program organizes residents to address food justice by promoting local and regional sustainable agriculture and community based economic development. Integrated strategies include: training young leaders, organizing residents to create a more sustainable, aware, and self sufficient community, and network and build alliances to affect policy. [www.eastnewyorkfarms.org](http://www.eastnewyorkfarms.org)

**Universal Health Care Action Network (UHCAN), Cleveland, OH**

**\$15,000**

UHCAN helps to build strong, connected organizations and coalitions in states and nationally that can effectively engage the public, policymakers and key constituencies to achieve affordable, quality health care for all. UHCAN is concentrating on assisting grassroots health care advocacy groups throughout the country, engage in the national health care reform effort now underway. UHCAN will implement, build upon and/or defend positive reforms enacted by Congress. [www.uhcan.org](http://www.uhcan.org)

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

**\$13,600**

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. Funding was provided to help build The Commons' online news operation and move the print version of the paper from a monthly to a weekly publication schedule. [www.commonnews.org](http://www.commonnews.org)

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

**\$10,000**

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

**Vermont Workers' Center - Jobs With Justice, Inc., Burlington, VT** **\$15,000**

VWC unites working and low-income Vermonters to work together for justice at work and in our communities through strategic campaigns, grassroots organizing and leadership development. Healthcare is a Human Right will work to hold legislators accountable to their constituents and use current single-payer universal healthcare bills as vehicles to push for fundamental change on healthcare. The Organize for Change program will include basics in grassroots organizing, social justice movement history and the development of the Vermont Anti-racism Training Institute. [www.workerscenter.org](http://www.workerscenter.org)

**Voices for Vermont's Children, Montpelier, VT** **\$15,000**

Voices for Vermont's Children develops and promotes fiscal policies that support the public structures Vermont requires for a vibrant and sustainable economy that offers opportunities for all citizens to live healthy, secure and productive lives. A Capacity Building finalist grant was given to support the One Vermont Coalition. One Vermont aims to be a broad-based coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals who are concerned about where the state is headed and who are ready to take action to help shape Vermont's future. [www.voicesforvorkids.org](http://www.voicesforvorkids.org)

**Western Lands Project, Seattle, WA** **\$10,000**

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

**Western Regional Advocacy Project, San Francisco, CA** **\$15,000**

Western Regional Advocacy Project is a regional collaborative of seven social justice and community empowerment organizations from six West Coast cities. WRAP works to build a movement that exposes the root causes of homelessness, challenges unjust housing and economic development policies and fights the criminalization of poverty. This grant will be used for a strategy retreat, translating and distributing a Spanish version of Without Housing, and completing action research on the incarceration of mentally ill people for the Without Rights Campaign. [www.wraphome.org](http://www.wraphome.org)

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

WSERC, a grassroots environmental group, works to protect and enhance the natural environment and quality of life in Delta County and Colorado's Western Slope. Specifically, they work to minimize harm caused by natural gas development, they partner with local coal mines to minimize harmful effects of coal mining, and the organization promotes sustainable public land management, helps the North Fork area minimize energy consumption, recycle, and generate much of its own energy and food and works to involve youth and the community in environmental issues. General support funding was provided. [www.wserc.org](http://www.wserc.org)

**Winooski Coalition for a Safe and Peaceful Community (WCSPC), Winooski, VT** **\$15,000**

The mission of the WCSPC is to assess and respond to the needs of people in Winooski in ways that promote learning, inspire life-giving choices, and facilitate respectful relationships, especially across cultures and generations. Funding was given to assist in strengthening the organization's people and tools so that it may fulfill its mission more powerfully, remaining focused on the premise that people should direct the work rather than the organization imposing its work on the people. [www.wcspsc.org](http://www.wcspsc.org)

**Women In Transition, Louisville, KY**

**\$15,000**

WIT is a grassroots organization run by and for low-income women, working to address issues identified by its core members. General support funding was provided to enable them to continue their main initiatives: Dismantling Classism workshops--member-led workshops which strive to reframe the debate about poverty to shift the focus on the resiliency and strength of poor people and unveil the truth about what makes people poor; and Claiming Our Rights and Reclaiming Our Children (CORROC) Campaign, which organizes and advocates for low-income families to who have had their children unjustly removed from their homes by Child Protective Services to have a voice in the process to reform the child welfare system. [www.witky.org](http://www.witky.org)

**Women, Food and Agriculture Network, Atlantic, IA**

**\$10,000**

WFAN links and empowers women to build food systems and communities that are healthy, just, sustainable, and that promote environmental integrity. Their "Women Caring for the Land" program, for which funding was approved, will bring groups of women landowners together, within their own communities, in "learning circles" for a series of discussions about how to increase good conservation practices on the farmland they own. [www.wfan.org](http://www.wfan.org)

**Worcester Homeless Action Committee, Worcester, MA**

**\$15,000**

WHAC is a constituent-led organization of people who have experienced homelessness and their allies working towards strong, sensible policies to move homeless people into housing. Funding was provided to support an organizer to recruit homeless persons and allies for members, guide steering committee meetings and agendas, work with existing structures to ensure homeless input, develop a discharge planning guide and advocate for its use in institutions, and continue the public education process on poverty as the root cause of homelessness.

**Worcester Roots Project, Inc., Worcester, MA**

**\$8,000**

The Worcester Roots Project and their signature project The Toxic Soil Busters is a youth-developed and initiated approach to ending the environmental justice issue of lead-soil contamination. They train youth as community organizers, health educators, and lead-safe landscapers to create safe places for living, working and playing in Worcester's most lead-contaminated neighborhoods. [www.worcesterroots.org](http://www.worcesterroots.org)

**Workers Defense Project / Proyecto Defensa Laboral (PDL), Austin, TX**

**\$15,000**

Workers Defense Project works to empower Latina/o immigrant workers to act collectively for racial and economic justice in the workplace through leadership development, organizing, education, and collaborating with strategic allies. Funding was provided for the project, Building Austin, Building Justice Project. The project aims to make greater systemic change in the construction industry by addressing the root causes of structural inequality in the industry, being denied rest or lunch breaks, failure to receive wages, serious injury and even death on the job. PDL

will ensure just treatment in the workplace through organizing and local policy campaigns.  
[www.workersdefense.org](http://www.workersdefense.org)