

PDF's 2021 Community Organizing Grants

**GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS
WORKING FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE.**



The Peace Development Fund

The Peace Development Fund (PDF) is a public foundation that works to build the capacity of community-based organizations through grants, training, and other resources as partners in human rights and social justice movements.

We work to counter-balance dominant power structures by moving resources and sharing decision-making with activist groups and communities.

Our Programs

Community Organizing Grants

Grants to community based organizations working for social justice

The Sustainability Project

PDF's Capacity Building Training Program

Donor Advised Funds

Socially responsible charitable giving vehicles
administered by PDF to manage donors' charitable giving

Fiscal Sponsorship

Legal and tax-exempt status for social justice projects



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Community Organizing Grants

The Peace Development Fund makes grants to community-based organizations working for peace and social justice in the United States, Mexico and Haiti.

Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund

Donors to the Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund help raise money and recommend grants for grassroots organizations in Massachusetts' Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties.

Our Pillars of Grantmaking

Organizing to Shift Power

Groups whose leadership comes directly from the people who are most affected by the issues they are organizing around.

Working to Build a Movement

Groups that organize in the local community, but make connections between local issues and a broader need or systemic change.

Dismantling Oppression

Groups and projects that are proactively engaged in a process of dismantling oppression, confronting privilege, and challenging institutional structures that perpetuate oppression.

Creating New Structures

Efforts to create new, community-based alternative systems and structures that are liberating, democratic and environmentally sustainable, and which promote healthy, sustainable communities.

2021 Community Organizing Grantees

A Knee is Not Enough (AKINE)

Easthampton, Massachusetts

www.akine.org/

A Knee Is Not Enough (AKINE) is a BIPOC led, community-based, grassroots group that was founded after the Easthampton Police Department and public officials took a knee for eight and a half minutes to acknowledge the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis Police, but did not follow up with further action.



All Farmers

Springfield, Massachusetts

www.allfarmers.world/

All Farmers recognizes the inherent power and agency of refugee and immigrant farmers to meet the needs of their communities. We support the priorities of these farmers through advocacy and assist them in navigating the barriers—structural racism, limited financial resources, language—that hinder their progress towards food autonomy.

Apache Language Consortium

Pheonix, Arizona

www.apachelanguage.org

The Apache Language Consortium's mission is to preserve the Apache language. We believe that as a fundamental and irreplaceable facet of the Apache people's culture and humanity's linguistic heritage, it has an inherent right to exist. We restore our threatened language to stability and health. We increase international awareness of language loss and reawakening and strengthen the indigenous Apache community.

[API Equality-LA](#)

Los Angeles, California

www.apiequalityla.org

API Equality-LA's mission is to build power in the Asian and Pacific Islander community to achieve LGBTQ equality and racial and social justice.



[Change Comes Now](#)

Lake Park, Florida

www.changecomesnowfl.org/

Change Comes Now organizes with women, girls and their loved ones who have been, those who are in danger of being, and those who are currently impacted by the criminal justice system by educating, empowering, and mobilizing our communities.

[Coal River Mountain Watch](#)

Naoma, West Virginia

www.crmw.net/

Coal River Mountain Watch's mission is to stop the destruction of our communities and environment by mountaintop removal mining, to improve the quality of life in our area, and to help rebuild sustainable communities.

Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción (CIMA)

Asheville, North Carolina

www.cimawnc.org/

CIMA connects, strengthens and organizes communities to take action for immigrants' rights in Western North Carolina.

Communities for Clean Water (CCW)

Taos, New Mexico

www.ccwnewmexico.org

Communities for Clean Water (CCW) is a coalition of organizations whose mission is to ensure that community waters impacted by Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) are kept safe for drinking, agriculture, sacred ceremonies, and a sustainable future.



Decarcerate, Inc

Little Rock, Arkansas

www.decarceratear.org/

DecARcerate is a nonprofit working to affirm human dignity by confronting unjust systems. We envision a world where equity, healing, and reconciliation replace systems of punishment and oppression.

Decarcerate Western Mass

Easthampton, Massachusetts

www.decarceratewesternmass.wordpress.com/

Decarcerate Western Mass is a coalition of people and organizations across so-called Western Massachusetts, that came together at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic with the purpose of supporting incarcerated folks and getting people released. We are an abolitionist group, aiming to reduce the number of people incarcerated in prisons and jails across the country, with a local focus in Western Mass.

Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan (DAYUM)

Detroit, Michigan

www.alliedmedia.org/projects/dayum-2

DAYUM fights for accountability from leaders, justice for our communities, and a seat at the table for all marginalized youth. DAYUM believes in a world where all youth are safe and live with dignity and power in a culture of belonging.



Fund for Empowerment

Pheonix, Arizona

www.fundforempowerment.org

Fund for Empowerment's mission is to build community resources for oppressed and marginalized people, via direct services, capacity-building training, and project support.

Grandview Park Presbyterian Church

Kansas City, Kansas

www.grandviewpark.org/

We seek to serve as a community of faith spiritually connected to the community around us reflecting the diversity of neighborhood in a church that is full!

Greater Spokane Progress

Spokane, Washington

www.spokaneprogress.org/

Greater Spokane Progress (GSP) is a collaborative network united to build political strength and equity in our community.

Haymarket Pole Collective

Portland, Oregon

www.haymarketpole.com

We are a group of sex workers who share a vision of our labor liberated from racism, patriarchy, ableism, and other oppressive structures. From strippers to full-service sex workers; dominatrices to webcam models; we now join hands, click heels, and dance together as a unified front to alleviate the centuries of exploitation against Black, Brown, Indigenous, and/or Trans sex workers.



La Cana

Mexico City, Mexico

www.lacana.mx/

La Cana seeks restorative justice in Mexico. It advocates and defends the human rights of incarcerated women. La Cana aims to reduce and eventually eliminate all stigmas on women who live or lived behind bars. The organization promotes an orderly and durable reintegration into society through programs focused on a better life for incarcerated women.

Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending (MAAPL)

Worcester, MA

www.maapl.info/

MAAPL was founded in 2008 to stop and reverse the impacts of the predatory lending foreclosure crisis in Massachusetts through grassroots organizing, homeowner/tenant education, legal strategies and policy initiatives at all levels. We organize homeowners & tenants pre- and post-foreclosure, their allies and those collaterally impacted.

NNLB United

New York, NY

www.nnlbunited.com/

NNLB is a collective of intergenerational, multidisciplinary, intersectional Black MaGes (marginalized genders) who are dedicated to Black liberation, direct reparations, abolition, and decriminalization of poverty. The goal of NNLB is to, educate, mentor, and organize to dismantle systemic oppression of marginalized communities.



Out in the Open

Brattleboro, VT

www.weareoutintheopen.org/

Out in the Open connects rural LGBTQ people to build community, visibility, knowledge, and power.

Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights (POWER)

Olympia, WA

www.m.mamapower.org/

POWER is an organization of low-income parents and allies advocating for a strong social safety net while working toward a world where children and care giving are truly valued, and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated.

Red de Pueblos Trasnacionales

New York, NY

www.pueblostrasnacionales.org/

Transnational Villages Network/Red de Pueblos Trasnacionales is a network of individuals and groups from indigenous and rural communities in Mexico living in the US Northeast region working to advance full inclusion and access to rights to over 1 million indigenous immigrants from Mexico living in this region. They achieve this through community organizing, humanitarian relief, advocacy, education and cultural organizing.

San Francisco Taxi Workers Alliance

San Francisco, CA

www.sftwa.org/

SFTWA's core mission is Respect, Dignity and Economic Justice for taxi drivers. We seek to unify a low-income community of taxi drivers who have historically been among the most vulnerable of urban workers and to empower them to fight for their rights and livelihoods.



Springfield No One Leaves

Springfield, MA

www.springfieldnooneleaves.org/

Springfield No One Leaves is a grassroots member-led organization in Springfield, MA. They organize residents most directly impacted by the housing crisis and economic inequality to build collective power, defend against displacement and win long-term community ownership & control over land and housing. Through direct action campaigns, building community solidarity, leadership development & political education they empower and train residents to be leaders & organizers for a broad social justice movement.



The Cooperative for Freedom

New Haven, CT

Cooperative for Freedom is a collective of currently and formerly incarcerated people and allies in Connecticut joining abolitionist organizing to community-led mutual aid, political education, and building transformative resources and structures for self-determination and collective power with our communities across the walls. We are here to build the long future of our movements for abolition and liberation.

The Performance Project

Springfield, MA

www.performanceproject.org/

The Performance Project is an arts community of many ages and ancestries that engages young people in intensive artistic training, inter-generational mentoring, leadership development, and community building through the arts. The Performance Project envisions a world in which all people strive for personal and social liberation, where all individuals and cultures are honored, embrace interconnectedness, and we all are free to achieve our full potential.

Transit Riders Union

Seattle, WA

www.transitriders.org/

The Transit Riders Union is a democratic organization of working and poor people – including students, seniors and people with disabilities – taking control over our lives and building up the power we need to change society for the good of humanity and the planet. They organize and fight to ensure that every human being has a right to mobility.



Whiteswan Environmental (WE)

Bellingham, WA

www.whiteswanenvironmental.org/

WE support community healing through the natural, cultural, & historical restoration of the Salish Sea for 7th generation sustainability as a measure of ecological health protection for all. WE envision a Coast Salish Tribal Heritage Field Institute: an Indigenous-led 13 Moon, Mountain to Sea, Reef-to-Reef, K-PhD program, 7 longhouses in the San Juan Islands, 7 longhouses in the Gulf Islands.

[Who Speaks for Me?](#)

Washington, DC

www.whospeaks4me.org/

Who Speaks for Me? uses its platform to raise awareness about the intersections of trauma and the rise in incarceration rates in the USA among Women, Girls and LGBTQ people—with a focus on BIPOC. Their programming is multilayered—centering the stories of those with lived experience—to heal from, interrupt and dismantle the the Trauma-to-Prison Pipeline.

[Women Against Mass Incarceration, Inc.](#)

Bridgeport, CT

www.wamict.org/

Women Against Mass Incarceration (WAMI) is a non-profit organization working to empower women, girls, and families who have been directly/indirectly justice-impacted by incarceration (formerly or presently), trauma-survived, or seeking support. Through their re-entry work, advocacy and political education, their aim is to uplift, enrich and educate women and girls in efforts to end mass incarceration.





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