

PDF's 2020 Community Organizing Grantees

Peace Development Fund makes grants
for community-based organizations working
for peace and social justice



What is PDF?

The Peace Development Fund 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.

Throughout its history, PDF has always looked at peace as not just the absence of war or militarism, but as the presence of equitable relationships among people, nations and the environment. This understanding of peace has allowed PDF to bring a social, environmental and economic justice perspective to its work.

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.

The 2020 Community Organizing Grantees

American Indian Prison Project Working Group

Woodbury, Minnesota

www.facebook.com/American-Indian-Prison-Project-Working-Group-406724099474785

The mission and services of AIPPWG are targeted towards the empowerment of American Indian incarcerated youth and adults through programming focused on political, social, and spiritual systems and re-entry back into their communities and Nations.

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. Their core work consists of being key members of policy and advocacy coalitions that can hold leaders accountable and dismantling systems of oppression through community outreach and community education.



Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center

Las Vegas, Nevada

www.arribalasvegas.org/

Arriba Las Vegas is a vibrant growing worker center dedicated to social and economic justice. Their mission is to develop, educate, and empower immigrant and worker led movements for inclusion, dignity, and win justice for all. Leadership development and popular education are the foundations of their direct-action campaign organizing.



Community Movement Builders

Atlanta, Georgia

www.communitymovementbuilders.org

Community Movement Builders is a member-based collective of black people creating sustainable, self determining communities through cooperative economic advancement and collective community organizing. Their mission is rooted in Black love and equity.

Cooperative Economics Alliance of NYC

New York, New York

www.gocoopnyc.com

The Cooperative Economics Alliance of New York City (CEANYC) strengthens and expands community-led, democratically-controlled initiatives—from worker, financial, and consumer co-ops to community land trusts and gardens, mutual housing, and low-income housing co-ops. They are working to build an economy based on val-

Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan

Detroit, Michigan

www.alliedmedia.org/dayum

Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan (DAYUM) is a youth led group that organizes campaigns and programs geared towards educating and empowering the youth of Detroit in order to fight for accountability from leaders,

Downwinders at Risk

Dallas, Texas

www.downwinersatrisk.org

Downwinders at Risk's mission is to build a strong grassroots constituency and create new strategies for clean air in North Texas. They do this by informing, connecting and mobilizing citizens to become active participants in the decision-making that affects the air they breathe. In doing so, they improve both the quality of their air and the quality of their democracy.

Great Falls Brooks Through Bars

Turners Falls, Massachusetts

www.greatfallsbooksthroughbars.org

Great Falls Books Through Bars is an all-volunteer organization based in Franklin County, MA that sends free books and reading material to people who are incarcerated around the country. They work to increase lines of communication between people in prisons and those on the outside, through volunteer days and film screenings, and by mobilizing people and resources to support organizing by people in prison.

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Greater Spokane Progress

Spokane, Washington

www.spokaneprogress.org

Greater Spokane Progress (GSP) is a permanent alliance of organizations building power in communities that have historically been disenfranchised and marginalized. They drive progressive change, advocate for equitable policies, and organize to amplify the voice of people who have traditionally been silenced.

Human Rights Coalition

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

www.hrcalition.org

The Human Rights Coalition recognizes that the prison system is based on a foundation of exploitation, punishment, and corruption. Most of the people in prison are poor, brown, urban, functionally illiterate, unemployed, or under-employed before they were. HRC's goal is to dismantle and abolish the prison system and replace it with accountability, safety, fairness, and resilience while focusing on healing justice.



International Traditional Games Society

Great Falls, Montana

www.traditionalnativegames.org

International Traditional Games Society recovers American Indian games and brings them to the schools and youth who are deprived of them in order to restore the ancient tribal cultural values of healthy living.

La Conexión

Bowling Green, Ohio

www.facebook.com/LaConexioncomunidad/

La Conexión was founded as a welcoming resource of unity, empowerment, and representation for the Latinx community in the broader North West Ohio area. They seek to empower the community for positive social change by establishing and nurturing links of solidarity; strengthening and promoting their identity; building power to address community issues; and building community capacity to develop engaged community members.

Nation Outside: The Voice of Formerly Incarcerated People

Ann Arbor, MI

www.nationoutside.org/

Nation Outside organizes and mobilizes formerly incarcerated people to advocate for the reduction of racial profiling and incarceration. They also educate the community about the successes and contributions of formerly incarcerated people so their capacity to thrive in their communities is enhanced.

Pa'lante Restorative Justice Program

Holyoke, Massachusetts

www.palanteholyoke.org/

Pa'lante is a youth-led transformative justice program at Holyoke High School working to build youth power and dismantle the school to prison pipeline. The Program builds youth power, centers student voice, and organizes for policies and practices that dismantle the school to prison pipeline in Holyoke and beyond.

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Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economics Rights (POWER)

Olympia, Washington

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 caregiving are truly valued and the devastation of poverty has been eradicated.



Phoenix Local Organizing Committee

Phoenix, Arizona

www.phxloc.org

Phoenix Local Organizing Committee's mission is to build community and leadership using ministries to promote systems where people of African descent are valued, seen and heard, established on the purpose and importance of unified communities.

RISE St. James

St. James, Louisiana

www.facebook.com/risestjames/

RISE is a faith-based organization focusing on environmental, air, and water protection. They advocate for racial and environmental justice and are fighting to protect the health and homes of residents against the expansion of the petrochemical industry in their communities.

Southside Worker Center

Tucson, Arizona

www.southsidecentro.org/

The Southside Worker Center's mission is to support worker-leaders in building collective power and improving worker conditions so that members can take part in dignified work and earn just wages. Their values are solidarity, justice, dignity, respect, and professionalism.

Spencer Pride, Inc

Spencer, Indiana

www.spencerpride.org

Spencer Pride, Inc. is focused on educating the public about rural LGBTQ+ people and the issues they face in order to make Indiana a safer and more welcoming place for all people. They accomplish this through community involvement and leadership, respectful conversation, and the development of healthy relationships, as well as with the creation of welcoming spaces.

Sunflower Community Action

Wichita, Kansas

www.scapower.org/about

Sunflower Community Action is a non-profit, grassroots organization that unites and empowers low-income people to expand justice and equality for all. They change lives by developing grassroots leaders who seek lasting solutions to problems in their communities. Sunflower members build power by taking action and holding decision-makers accountable.

Taller GiRASOL Grabando resistencia por medio de arte y la solidaridad

San Jose, California

www.tallergirasol.org

Taller GIRASOL is a multi-lingual, multi-racial, and multi-cultural community arts and action project that merges popular and traditional arts with social justice and solidarity action. Through art events, social justice workshops, and trainings, Taller GiRASOL creates spaces and moments for community, healing and collective power.





Transit Riders Union

Seattle, Washington

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 of their lives and building up the power needed 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.

Unchained

Syracuse, New York

www.weareunchained.org

Unchained organizes and advocates to dismantle the prison system and guarantee access to dynamic and culturally relevant education. They invest in people locked up by police and locked out of schools to build power and chart a path toward liberation by making racial and economic justice a reality.

Voces Ciudadanas, Inc

Brooklyn, New York

www.vocesciudadanasinc.org/

Voces Ciudadanas is a grassroots organization that works to build the collective power of migrants and other marginalized groups by promoting community leadership and organizing, education programming, and creating spaces for dialogue so that social justice becomes a reality for all.

Wellspring Cooperative

Springfield, Massachusetts

www.wellspring.coop/

Wellspring Cooperative is building a network of worker-owned businesses in under-served communities in Springfield, MA, and surrounding areas to provide good jobs and wealth-building opportunities. On a broader level, they are building a cooperative ecosystem to support co-ops and strengthen the solidarity economy for a more just and sustainable world.

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Women Against Mass Incarceration

Bridgeport, Connecticut

www.facebook.com/WAMIusa/

Women Against Mass Incarceration (WAMI) is a grassroots organization of reentry professionals, advocates and activists working to re-imagine our communities and end the incarceration of women and girls.



The Sustainability Project

PDF's capacity building training program

The Peace Development Fund offers our recent Community Organizing Grantees and Fiscal Sponsorship Projects the opportunity to apply for this three-year training and coaching program. We help grantees improve their **fund-raising capacity, board development and financial management.**