UU Funding Program

Fund for A Just Society

Grants Made Fall 2024

A Luts Sigue $15,000
Nashville, TN
Tenneesse Drivers Union: The Largest Effort To Organize Rideshare Workers In The South

The Tennessee Drivers Union represents over 300 Uber/Lyft drivers from 16 nationalities, leading the largest driver organizing effort in the South. Rideshare drivers are essential to Nashville's economy as the city depends on them for transportation. Members are uniting against the low pay and deplorable conditions they are enduring.

Brockton Workers Alliance $9,000
Brockton, MA
Building Immigrant Worker Power in Brockton

BWA is an alliance of immigrant workers in Brockton, MA that operates as a multi-racial, multi-lingual worker center built on a foundation of solidarity, collaboration, and self-agency. In the coming year, BWA will empower immigrant workers through a combination of leadership development and political education, alongside a statewide effort to pass two key pieces of legislation.

Colorado Tenants Alliance Fund $5,000
Lakewood, CO
Denver Metro Tenants Union - Healthy Homes Denver

The project addresses the incongruency between tenants' rights on paper and the dim realities of tenants' rights in actual practice. The most impacted renters are being empowered to hold enforcing agencies accountable. At the municipal level, this includes Denver's Public Health Investigations and Residential Rental Licensing Program. Likewise, recent state-level policy victories require enforcement and testing.

CT Black and Brown Student Union $5,000
Hartford, CT
Community First Coalition, Re-imagining School Safety

BBSU is a youth-centered organization that organizes to build power with Black and Brown young people in CT to protect students' rights by ending school policies and practices that rely on policing, violence and surveillance. They are building a world where students no longer experience repressive school discipline policies but instead experience just and liberatory schooling.

Erotic Service Providers Legal, Educational and Research Project $10,000
San Francisco, CA
Civil Rights for Sex Workers and Clients

For an online Civil Rights Course, designed by sex workers for sex workers, to help constituents know their rights, recognize inappropriate procedures, learn how to address them, and understand how the criminalization of sex work, including widespread surveillance, impacts their privacy rights as members of the public, while contributing significantly to base-building for decriminalization.

Essex County Community Organization $5,000
Lynn, MA
North Shore Organizing Hub for Community Transformation

To support the North Shore Organizing Hub, an effort to equip grassroots, BIPOC-led cohort of North Shore residents with concrete organizing skills to win systemic policy changes on the issues that affect their lives.

Housekeys Action Network Denver $15,000
Denver, CO
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Housekeys Action Network Denver exists to fight for rights and housing as directed by houseless people. The work involves many projects/campaigns including fighting for housing, hygiene access, decriminalization of houselessness, shelter needs and accountability, houseless migrant organizing, and more. All of this work comes from direction gathered through outreach.

Idaho Organization of Resource Councils $10,000
Boise, ID
Idaho Farmworker Justice and Health Campaign

To establish a fairer and healthier community for Idaho's farmworkers through organizing and advocating for the right to safe working conditions, including protection from heat stress, smoke inhalation, and pesticide poisoning.

It's Our Future Know Your Rights Fund $15,000
Goldsboro, NC
Farmworker Campaign Strategizing

H2A farmworker members of It's Our Future who are organizing in the fields to confront workplace exploitation will hold a 3 day in-person meeting in Mexico during the offseason, free to meet without grower intimidation. The meeting will include strategic planning for several organizing campaigns and advocate with Mexican government officials on issues such as corruption in the H2A program.

JustME for JustUS $5,000
S Freeport, ME
JustME for JustUS General Operating Support 2025

JustME for JustUS unites rural youth (ages 15-30) across all political backgrounds to advocate for their futures. The Rural Youth Organizers lead year-round climate justice projects, hosting impactful and accessible community events and engagement opportunities that foster youth leadership and ensure the long-term sustainability of their communities.

Labor on the Line Inc. $9,000
Cambridge, MA
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To create a storytelling and training programs that uplift the stories and organizing methodologies of young workers who are organizing for positive change at work and to Provide trainings for young worker leaders to arm them with the tools to organize for economic justice at their job and in their communities.

Liberation Medicine School $5,000
Seattle, WA
Liberation Medicine School

To support a 16 month Cohort of diverse Black Trans care practitioners focused on deep understanding and practical, abolition-rooted dismantling of the medical industrial complex as a collective. This grant supports participation stipends, accessibility resources, peer-teacher stipends, and educational materials.

Mass Alliance of HUD Tenants $5,000
Jamaica Plain, MA
Save Our Homes Campaign

To mobilize in coalition low-income HUD and MassHousing tenants, providing their voices of lived experience to improve housing conditions and prevent evictions for Extremely Low Income (ELI) households and to create systemic change by codifying and expanding both the city-funded Rent Subsidy Program and the Mass Rental Voucher Program.

Natioinal Association to Advance Fat Acceptance $10,000
Las Vegas, NV
The Campaign for Size Freedom

Anti-fatness is a pervasive form of systemic injustice that limits and endangers the lives of those in larger bodies. The Campaign for Size Freedom works to support local organizers in adding height and weight to protected classes under the law in their states and cities.

Return Strong! $12,500
Las Vegas, NV
The Food Fight

Food should never be weaponized—yet in prison, food is used as a tool for control, punishment and deprivation. In Nevada, malnutrition is a crisis impacting the physical and mental health of incarcerated people. The Food Fight will ensure that food in prisons is no longer used as a tool to dehumanize, but rather a means to provide nutrition, and honor the human rights of people living in prison.

Rio Grande Valley Harm Reduction $15,000
Edinburg, TX
Rio Grande Valley Harm Reduction- Prickly Pear Project

Project Prickly Pear addresses the urgent need for weather respite stations in South Texas along the border. Led by unhoused individuals and their allies, the initiative advocates for elected officials to establish public respite centers in McAllen and Edinburg, ensuring vulnerable populations can access relief during extreme heat and cold.

ScholarshipsA-Z $5,000
Tucson, AZ
Undocumented Futures Campaign

The Undocumented Futures campaign provides pathways for Undocumented youth to grow as leaders while fighting misinformation and building community awareness about Proposition 308: in-state-tuition law for Undocumented students.

ShelterJH $15,000
Jackson, WY
Housing For All Wyoming

ShelterJH educates, organizes and empowers residents in Teton County, the wealthiest county, with the highest wealth disparity in the country, and seeks to expand into a statewide organization with the goal of building statewide power for affordable housing and justice.

Storyline Community $7,500
Milwaukie, OR
Trauma-Informed, Campaign-Based Leadership Development

To invest in the leadership of rent-burdened residents of Clackamas County, Spanish-speakers, parents and youth, and queer folks– those at the intersectional margins of our organizing base in Clackamas County. Storyline will work with developing leaders through a campaign cycle that addresses systemic gaps in the county and metro rental assistance.

We Rise $5,000
Bronx, NY
We Rise and Care Forward

We Rise is a peer organizing and training program designed to transform the domestic worker industry. Their current projects are We Rise Nanny Training, Care Forward, and We Rise Regenerates which seek to build worker leaders across NY/CT worker centers/coops, a new organizing model centering transformative justice to raise standards, and a peer-to-peer network of care workers to rejuvenate group wellbeing.

Total Grants – 20 $183,000