



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program  
Fund for A Just Society  
Grants Made 2019

**Adoptees for Justice** **\$8,000**  
Chicago, IL *\$7,000*

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*#Citizenship4AllAdoptees*

Intercountry adoptees who were adopted as children by American parents are now being deported to their places of birth. The project organizes, advocates and educates for citizenship for all intercountry adoptees, including those with a criminal record, brought here on non-orphan visas. This remedies the enormous flaws that lie in the intersection of the adoption, immigration and criminal justice systems.

**Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance (AMOR)** **\$15,000**  
Providence, RI

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*Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance (AMOR)*

For organizing a rapid response network and support system to defend queer, trans, BIPOC, immigrant and refugee communities in the face of state violence.

**Arab American Action Network (AAAN)** **\$10,000**  
Chicago, IL

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*Arab Youth & Immigrant Women Organizing to End Racial Profiling*

To support a joint community organizing effort by Arab and Muslim youth and women to end racial profiling and scapegoating of immigrant and non-immigrant communities of color. The campaign was researched, developed and originally launched by members of the AAAN Youth Organizing Program, now they have joined forces with the AAAN Women's Committee.

**Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center** **\$15,000**  
Las Vegas, NV

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*Take ICE out of PolICE in Las Vegas*

For organizing to end the Police-ICE collaboration in Las Vegas where the Sheriff of the Police Department has deputized his officers as immigration agents. The campaign utilizes direct action organizing, legal tactics and strategic communications to tackle the police-ICE collusion.

*(Amounts in italics are Challenge Grants)*

**California Coalition for Women Prisoners** **\$15,000**

Oakland, CA

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*Network on Women in Prison*

For organizing for the commutation of all prisoners with Life Without Parole sentences and to end LWOP sentencing in CA. Over 5,000 people are currently sentenced to Life Without Parole in California state prisons. CCWP prioritizes racial and gender justice in their work challenging the prison industrial complex.

**California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative** **\$6,000**

Oakland, CA

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*Building the Power of Immigrant Women in the Nail Salon Industry*

For organizing by low-wage nail salon workers who are exposed to toxic chemicals to address environmental health, safety, and labor issues. The nail salon industry is one of the country's fastest growing sectors with over 336,000 licensed workers in California, primarily low-income young Vietnamese immigrant and refugee women. The majority of these workers do not receive healthcare, overtime pay or minimum wage.

**Colectivo Ilé** **\$10,000**

Caguas, PR

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*Don't be eRACEd by the Census*

For organizing by Puerto Rican afrodescendant women to stop the whitening racial pattern of the Puerto Rican people by mobilizing communities to mark "Black" and "afro-descendant" on the upcoming 2020 Census. The lack of data makes black people invisible and dissuades the creation of anti-discrimination public remedies to address complex racial problems.

**Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition** **\$12,500**

Minneapolis, MN

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*Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition Building Organizing Movement*

For organizing to protect and build more public housing, eliminate displacements and access public funds for public housing in Minneapolis. The plan to privatize and dismantle Glendale Townhomes and the rest of public housing for developers is part of a nationwide agenda for investors to profit from public housing.

**Direct Action for Rights and Equality (D.A.R.E.)** **\$12,500**

Providence, RI

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*Removing Barriers Opening Doors*

For the second year of a campaign to remove the barriers that ban residents with a history of criminal conviction from obtaining licensing for a wide range of occupations. Limited employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals feeds into a cycle of impoverishment, exploitation and community destabilization that ensures continued mass incarceration.

**Education Justice Alliance** **\$9,000**

Raleigh, NC

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*School Safe Zone Campaign*

To strengthen protections for immigrant and undocumented students in the largest school district in North Carolina. The coalition of parents and students are organizing to end the school-to-prison and school-to-deportation pipelines.

**Fuerza Latina** **\$8,000**

Fort Collins, CO

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*Creating An Undocumented Immigrant Workers Owned Cooperative*

To create a worker-owned cooperative and a space for organizing led by undocumented workers who have faced detention and the deportation and are suddenly in the role of being key breadwinner as well as caregiver. It will provide the space for women to work on rotation, to share childcare as well as a layer of protection as owners of the company.

**Georgia Muslim Voter Project (GAMVP)** **\$10,000**

Lawrenceville, GA

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*Muslim Count: Census 2020*

To engage with 5,000 Muslim residents in person and 10,000 online to increase their participation in the 2020 Census. The project reaches out to Muslims in urban and rural Georgia through community partnerships and events, door knocking, and phone banking. The greater participation in the Census, the more likely that candidates representing the community will be elected and be accountable.

**La Conexion** **\$8,000**

Bowling Green, OH

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*Not One More: Stopping Deportation Community by Community*

A second grant to expand organizing to create more welcoming environments for immigrants and to stop deportations and the practice of local law enforcement agencies engaging in immigration efforts.

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**Louisiana Bucket Brigade** **\$10,000**  
New Orleans, LA *\$5,000*

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*Standing with St. James*

For organizing by a faith-based African-American women-led group to stop petrochemical plant construction in St. James Parish. LABB and the Center for Constitutional Rights are challenging the deliberate siting of toxic industries in African American communities. LABB is also organizing for a transition from fossil fuels to healthy, pollution-free communities. Louisiana is responsible for 19% of greenhouse emissions in the U.S.

**Metropolitan Congregations United** **\$15,000**  
St. Louis, MO

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*Breaking the School to Prison Pipeline (BTP)*

For organizing to eliminate out of school school suspensions in charter and catholic schools. MCU won 27 of 30 regional school district's commitments to reduce and eliminate out of school suspensions for children under 3rd grade. Missouri ranks #1 in out of school suspensions - African American students comprise 16% of the population yet receive 40% of the suspensions.

**Mountain Shadow Association** **\$15,000**  
Bozeman, MT

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*Valley of the Chiefs Restorative Justice Community Project*

To institute Restorative Justice processes on the Crow Reservation, creating a justice system that addresses root causes, builds community and expands democracy. They aim to establish Restorative Justice as a viable alternative to incarceration, removal of children from home, and other punitive discipline currently used by the legal system.

**Movimiento Cosecha - MA** **\$15,000**  
Boston, MA

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*Michigan Driving Without Fear Campaign*

For a campaign in Michigan to win drivers licenses and no arrests for driving without licenses for the immigrant community. Twelve states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico have adopted this policy. The campaign will transform the daily lives of immigrants and build leadership to create pathways to citizenship for all 11 million undocumented immigrants in the U.S.

**Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson** **\$10,000**  
Poughkeepsie, NY

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*Coverage 4 All Campaign*

To win state-funded healthcare for 1 million undocumented New Yorkers who are currently barred from coverage due to their immigration status. They are prohibited from buying insurance through the ACA marketplace, barred from Medicare or Medicaid and CHIP.

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**Peaslee Neighborhood Center** **\$10,000**

Cincinnati, OH

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*Do Development Differently Campaign*

For organizing to create a community-based development mode based on preservation and investment rather than erasure and investment and to develop a Rubric Toolkit for evaluating public investments and subsidies with an equity lens to ensure transparency, accountability and neighborhood benefits.

**People Engaged in Active Community Efforts (PEACE)** **\$6,000**

Lake Worth, FL

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*PEACE Community IDs Project*

To continue a campaign to get additional government and non-governmental entities to accept the community ID in Palm Beach county. Undocumented people, people who are homeless, people who have been incarcerated, youth, the elderly are among the thousands of people who do not have a valid ID.

**Pioneer Valley Workers Center** **\$10,000**

Northampton, MA

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*Western Mass Licenses for All*

For organizing to grant licenses to all Massachusetts drivers, thus ending arrests, car impoundment and deportation of immigrant drivers.

**Poder in Action** **\$15,000**

Phoenix, AZ

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*Redefining Safety Campaign*

To increase police transparency and accountability for their violence, end police collaboration with ICE, decriminalize city ordinances and divest city funding from the PPD while increasing investments in community-identified priorities that create safety.

**Powell Valley Electric Cooperative Member Voices** **\$8,000**

Sneedville, TN

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*Democratizing Powell Valley Electric Cooperative*

For organizing by members to take control of their energy co-op and democratize the governance of the utility, thereby securing access to resources for equitable energy efficiency, broadband and other programs to support low income communities.

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**Prison Health News** **\$5,000**

Philadelphia, PA

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*Prison Health News*

For a quarterly newsletter read by 5,000 people who are in state or federal prisons without access to the internet or health information. In addition to providing vital health information, writers in prison share organizing strategies and tactics they use for advocate for their individual and collective health to help build a movement for prison health justice.

**Providence Student Union** **\$6,000**

Providence, RI

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*Student Power in State Takeover of Providence Schools*

For organizing to ensure that students - primarily low-income students of color - have a role in the state takeover of the school system. PSU has joined with numerous parent and youth organizations to make sure that students have the power to shape education reform.

**Reentry Housing Alliance** **\$6,000**

Charlotte, NC

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*Creating Housing Opportunities for People with Records in Mecklenburg*

For organizing to create housing opportunities for people living with criminal records. Individuals released from prison face significant challenges securing both transitional housing and permanent, independent housing. With more than 30,000 people moving to the Charlotte region each year there is intense competition for affordable housing.

**Santa Fe Dreamers Project** **\$12,720**

Santa Fe, NM

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*SFDP Temporary Housing Program (for Transgender Asylum Seekers)*

To provide temporary housing, case management and support services for transgender women asylum seekers recently released from ICE before moving to housing with a U.S. sponsor. The program is a key component of the organizing to overcome the unjust system of immigration policies and enforcement.

**The Seed House - La Casa de la Semilla** **\$15,000**

Wichita, KS

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*InvestDon'tArrestKS# Campaign*

For a youth-led campaign to close Kansas's last remaining youth prison, and reallocate funds to support community-based programs based on trauma reduction, healing and support systems (housing, employment, life skills).

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**Trans United** **\$15,000**

Washington, DC

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*Sex Worker Justice Pledge (Sex Workers Advocacy Coalition)*

For organizing to decriminalize sex work in Washington, DC, to promote the safety, health and well-being of sex workers and to invest in resources including healthcare, transportation, and affordable housing.

**Transformative In-Prison Workgroup** **\$7,500**

San Rafael, CA

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*California's Access to Healing Campaign*

For a campaign by formerly incarcerated Californians, families and providers to shift 1% of the overall \$12.5 billion corrections budget to community-based, trauma-informed programs in prison.

**Unchained** **\$7,500**

Syracuse, NY

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*#FreeFromFees315*

For organizing to eliminate the practice of funding local jails and buoying the profits of jail vendors on the backs of incarcerated people and their families. Onondaga County jails charge exorbitant prices for phone calls and commissary items as well as imposing fees on people who receive disciplinary tickets.

**VOZ: Workers' Rights Education Project** **\$10,000**

Portland, OR

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*Stop Wage Theft on Public Projects!*

For organizing to change the way that wage theft laws are enforced, create new avenues for workers to report wage theft and to enhance the consistency of enforcement. The group was founded by, and is led by, day laborers.

**# of Grants Made: 32**

	<b>Grants Made Total:</b>	<b>\$312,720</b>
	<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	<i>\$37,000</i>
	<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$349,720</b>

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