

UU Funding Program
Fund for A Just Society
Grants Made Fall 2022

Chainless Change, Inc.

\$10,000

Community Advocates Mobilizing for Power (CAMP)
Sunrise, FL

CAMP work is focused on diverting resources away from policing, and promoting alternatives to 911 for people in crisis in Broward County. The use of 911 dispatch is particularly dangerous and often criminalizing for those with severe mental illness or behavioral health challenges, who need specialized support and resources while in crisis. The aim is to reduce contact with law enforcement for those in crisis and ensure that people who need help are met with genuine support from community-based organizations instead. In addition, they are organizing for oversight and accountability measures that will safeguard the well-being of those in custody throughout South Florida.

Connecticut Worker Center, Inc

\$12,000

Institutional Supportive Services for Immigrant Families
Bridgeport, CT

Connecticut Worker Center members spearheaded the movement to secure new labor rights for CT's 55,000 domestic workers, culminating in 2015 when we became the 10th state to pass a Domestic Workers Bill of Rights. Since then, members have won new anti-discrimination protections and a law establishing a grant program to support domestic workers' rights enforcement.

Contact Center

\$5,000

Reproductive Justice & Family Stability Campaign
Cincinnati, OH

For a campaign to push the Ohio governor and State Legislature to make good on their promises by increasing the financial cash assistance that pregnant people and families receive under Ohio's TANF program known as Ohio Works First (OWF). Goals include increasing the monthly OWF cash benefit payment and a moratorium on OWF cash assistance time limits.

CT Black and Brown Student Union

\$15,000

Community First Coalition, Care not Cops Campaign
Hartford , CT

The Community First Coalition has outlined a legislative package that will redefine the school/state relationship with SRO's (school resource officers) and reallocate funding for clear family,school and community support in the form of mental health, arts, nutrition, and other student driven quality of life indicators. Demands include: creating a detailed process and

reporting for police when school-based interactions happen with students, decriminalizing Truancy and Chronic Absenteeism and barring police and other state or local actors in or out of law enforcement that can be contracted or assigned to investigate; issue warrants, arrest, prosecute or charge students for truancy or chronic absenteeism.

Dignity Power

\$12,500

Ava's Law

Orlando, FL

Dignity Power has been actively mobilizing constituents and fighting to pass Ava's Law since 2021. This law provides the ability to defer custody of pregnant women till 12 weeks postpartum to prevent another child like Ava from not getting immediate medical care due to the mother's incarceration. Ava's Law, Protecting the Dignity of Women and Infants Act, ensures pregnant women convicted of a crime can give birth with dignity and have the opportunity to defer the imposed sentence until a specific time after delivery. This bill ensures that pregnant incarcerated women and girls in Florida are treated with dignity, respect, and humanity.

Building off of the momentum of the successful passage of Dignity for Incarcerated Women and Girls Act (HB 49/ SB 332) and (2020) the passage of the Tammy Jackson Act (HB 1259/ SB 852), they are using a multimodal approach - connect, educate, organize, and mobilize - needed to combat the oppressive and harmful policies, language, and actions coming out of Florida's current administration.

Floridians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

\$5,000

Not in Our Name: A Leadership Initiative

Tampa, FL

FADP's Not in Our Name Leadership Initiative seeks to pass legislation to protect people with serious mental illness from the death penalty in Florida by 2026.

In 2023, they will identify, mentor, and train individuals who have been directly or indirectly impacted by the death penalty and who are motivated to network, speak, organize, and strategize for collective action. In year 2 of the initiative, they will implement a more formal leadership development program that includes training in consultation with state and national partners.

Idaho Organization of Resource Councils

\$10,000

Farmworker Justice Campaign

Boise, ID

Farmworkers in Idaho are disproportionately impacted by heat, smoke, and pesticide poisoning. In 2018, IORC recognized the need to expand its membership and community to address the climate issues that the Latinx community faces in Idaho, specifically Canyon County. IORC will work with current farmworkers to ensure that their voices are being heard and that their needs are being implemented in the campaign plan. They partner with local health providers to recognize symptoms of heat, smoke, and pesticides as well as mental health awareness and therapy and are

working and meeting with local and state government officials on how to implement rules and regulations to protect farmworkers from heat, smoke, and pesticide poisoning.

Material Aid and Advocacy Program

\$10,000

MAAP Unhoused Organizing Group: End Criminalization! Invest in Solutions!
Cambridge, MA

To base build and build power among people who are unhoused and/or use drugs to lead cross-city organizing and narrative change efforts to end carceral policies and criminalization and shift resources to self-identified solutions. The Stop the Sweeps! Stop the BID! Campaign offers popular education through teach-ins and zines on the harm of sweeps, and local BIDs - sharing our public records findings, impacts, and the findings from our collaborative work with national partners.

Movement for Justice in El Barrio

\$5,000

Movimiento's Interfaith Campaign for Immigrant Justice
New York, NY

In the face of xenophobic & racist violence and fear immigrant communities face, members of Movement for Justice in El Barrio are asking people of faith to stand in solidarity with immigrants. The new interfaith campaign is in collaboration with religious institutions & faith leaders from a broad array of denominations – including Catholic priests, rabbis, Unitarian, Buddhists, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Jewish, Pentecostal, Methodist, Interfaith ministers, and others, to help leverage their moral authority and exhort Congress and the Biden Administration to approve a just pathway to citizenship and cuts to ICE & CBP.

Quad Cities Interfaith

\$10,000

Community ID: A Right to an IDentity
Davenport, IA

In Iowa, a county may issue a Community ID – a verifiable, official photo identification card – that would make aspects of life more accessible to all county residents. Quad Cities Interfaith are organizing the community to implement a Scott County Community ID. Many community members are unable to acquire a traditional form of ID such as returning citizens, people who are homelessness, senior citizens and immigrants.

Richmonders Involved to Strengthen Our Communities

\$5,000

RISC Healthy Homes Campaign
Richmond, VA

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Strippers United

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Los Angeles, CA

Strippers United will expand the work it has already proven to be effective at: Organizing Know Your Rights trainings and free legal clinics for the sex worker and stripper communities, which it has already done with over 100 participants in partnership with the Teamsters, the UC Berkeley Labor Occupational Health Program, and the National Legal Advocacy Network.

Surveillance Technology Oversight Project

\$8,000

Dismantling Mass Surveillance
New York, NY

For 2023, priority issues identified by our community partners are: facial recognition, geofence warrants, and police purchasing of data. Facial recognition technology is one of the most dangerous surveillance tools available. The NYPD relies heavily on it: S.T.O.P.'s own litigation revealed the department used facial recognition 22,000 times in three years. Most people never even find out that facial recognition played a role in their arrest. Facial recognition increasingly serves as an entry point for the prison pipeline for communities of color.

S.T.O.P. launched “Ban the Scan” – a campaign to outlaw facial recognition in New York – in 2021. The campaign activities include expanding digital mobilizing and in-person movement work; amplifying media engagement; and launching a community education effort to expand our grassroots base and turn the tide of public opinion against facial recognition.

Tranzmission

\$15,000

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Asheville, NC

The issue is anti-transgender hate, and right now it is weaponized for politics. This grant supports Tranzmission building a coalition to address anti-trans hate in southern states, starting with NC. NC has an anti-trans bill pending in its legislation, and coming elections could provide support for its passing. Similar actions abound, especially in the south.

Women Against Mass Incarceration**\$10,000**

Challenging the Incarceration Pipeline for Women
Bridgeport, CT

To educate allies, the public and local government officials about the horrific realities of incarceration and the lack of support for women re-entering their communities and continue to organize for community approaches to systemic change that addresses the intertwined roles that racism, poverty, gender, and violence play in maintaining the trauma to prison pipeline.

Women's Community Revitalization Project**\$10,000**

Campaign for Land Justice: Put Vacant Land in Community Hands
Philadelphia, PA

Philadelphia has a housing and food affordability crisis - over 70,000 low-income Philadelphians lack housing they can afford and our communities need fresh, affordable food. Land is essential to addressing these issues, but the cost of land has soared in neighborhoods around the city resulting in a dramatic increase in housing prices, a surge in high end development, the loss of community gardens, and displacement of long-term, low-income residents.

The City of Philadelphia owns over 5,000 parcels of surplus land but its current disposition processes are slow (and favor for-profit developers (only 1 in 3 parcels supported the development of affordable housing while only 1 in 10 went to a community garden). WCRP has launched a campaign to transform land exclusion to land justice. Campaign goals include: Winning new disposition policies that give priority to community-determined uses of land; changed timelines so communities can gather resources needed to develop the land, community land trusts so that future generations benefit, and investments in affordable housing and urban/farms/gardens.

Women's Justice and Freedom Initiative, Inc.**\$5,000**

Dignity and Humanity - Not Vengeance and Punishment
Burlington, VT

Generational poverty, significant levels of addiction, mental, domestic and sexual violence have a direct impact on Vermonters' ability to survive and thrive. A trauma to prison pipeline creates the likelihood of incarceration and/or state supervision for many female Vermonters. For WJFI's community, a lack of reentry support for formerly incarcerated people, geographic disparities in financial resources, inadequate physical/mental health care, insufficient transportation infrastructure and little access to services compound these issues. The campaign will educate the community: communicate the harmful effects of incarceration and develop alternatives to incarceration by countering the pervasive public and governmental narrative that people are in prison because they are harmful or dangerous. They work to shift priorities to address harm before it occurs; pursue decarceration by releasing elders, primary caregivers, and those incarcerated for technical violations; and decriminalize the actions survivors of domestic and sexual violence take to protect themselves and their loved ones.

Youth Activism Project**\$5,000***Maryland Students for Educational Equity*

Bethesda, MD

MSEE seeks to ensure that all Maryland public schools are a liberatory space where all students, regardless of background, can build critical consciousness about the world around them and reach their full potential. The primary organizing strategy relies on constituent empowerment & decision-making. Young people of color drive the agenda and decision-making of YAP and MSEE and constitute the majority of paid staff and leadership team, make strategic decisions for the organization, determine the priority issues, and decide the course of action to solve those issues.

Youth Art & Self-empowerment Project**\$15,000***Youth Art & Self-empowerment Project (General Operating Support)*

Philadelphia, PA

For a statewide campaign to repeal PA's direct file laws, working with partners across the state to develop and advance SB1240 and other statewide legislation.

The Grow our Care, Not Control coalition, is a broad-based effort to end youth incarceration statewide and invest in community supports for impacted young people. These include: ramping up pressure on the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office to live up to its promises on cash bail and the prosecution of young people as adults, with #No215Jail partners, continue applying public pressure on the city to reduce the city's jail population and with the Philadelphia Community Bail Fund to post new rounds of bail for young people.

Youth Vs Apocalypse**\$7,500***Youth Vs. Apocalypse (YVA)*

Oakland, CA

For a campaign to engage more frontline, BIPOC and working class young people in an intersectional movement for climate justice that centers the philosophy that "No One Is Disposable." They organize to win policy changes that support young people's right to a livable and just society, and that take into account all communities and not just dominant cultures.

TOTAL GRANTS: \$185,000