



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program
Fund for A Just Society
Grants Made Spring 2020

DecARcerate, Inc. **\$10,000**
Little Rock, AR *\$5,000*

DecARcerate's Campaign to End Solitary

To end Arkansas' practice of solitary confinement and hold public institutions accountable to end its use. As the only state-wide organization in Arkansas dedicated to criminal punishment abolition, not simply reform, they work to foster a political imagination where systems of punishment and oppression are replaced with systems that are just, equitable, and healing.

Defend Glendale & Public Housing Coalition **\$10,000**
Minneapolis, MN

Organizing to Stop the Privatization of Minneapolis Public Housing

For organizing a community of low-income immigrants, refugees, Black, Black Muslims (East African), families with children, seniors, and people with disabilities to keep public housing public and stop privatization, displacement and gentrification.

Erotic Service Providers Legal, Educational and Research Project **\$10,000**
San Francisco, CA

Decrim Now!

To mobilize erotic service providers and allies to fight the latest onslaught of new federal legislation SESTA/FOSTA, local legislation and police actions. Constituents and allies are putting forward decriminalization policies that address the human rights impacts of criminalizing adult consensual sex. The long-term goal of the project is to protect the human rights and personal safety of sex workers and trafficked persons.

LiBRE **\$10,000**
Calabasas, CA

LiBRE Tenant Organizing Program

For organizing low-income renters to monitor and enforce the new eviction moratorium and new statewide renter protections, to advocate for new housing policy for renters and for the preservation and production of existing and new affordable housing. The work benefits approximately 300,000 renters whose lives have been improved due to LiBRE's successful policy work, especially through eviction and rent moratoriums.

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Louisiana Bucket Brigade **\$10,000**

New Orleans, LA *\$5,000*

Stop Formosa: Standing with St. James

For organizing by African American women whose homes and ancestral land have been brutally transformed for a moratorium on the expansion and new construction of petrochemical facilities. There are hundreds of African-American families, direct descendants of slaves who worked the plantations, living in close proximity to current and proposed plants in St. James. The white slave owner descendants own or lease the land to the petrochemical and oil/gas companies.

Manidoo Ogitigaan **\$15,000**

Bemidji, MN

Anisinaabe Community Response Team

For organizing to develop a community-led Emergency Response team to ensure the community's food and medicine needs are met during the pandemic. The organization also works to strengthen the Ojibwe language and cultural knowledge, improve access to resources for Native community members in the region, and to address social and environmental justice issues.

Metrowest Worker Center **\$10,000**

Framingham, MA

Building A Grassroots Immigrant Collaboration to Combat Wage Theft

For organizing to obtain and enforce justice and impact systems change around wage theft by workers employed in the construction, cleaning, restaurant, and landscaping industries. Most do not have regularized immigration status, making them even more vulnerable to employer discrimination and abuse.

Native Justice Coalition **\$13,000**

Manistee, MI

MMIWG2S Project

The MMIWG2S abbreviation stands for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People. The project addresses ongoing violence and continued genocide that affects Native American, First Nation, Inuit, and Métis women, girls, and Two-Spirits across the US and Canada. The organization strives to bring a much needed resource on racial justice to rural and remote Anishinaabe communities.

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Siembra NC **\$15,000**

Greensboro, NC

Expanding Community Defense Resistance

For organizing to expand the community defense program in more vulnerable rural, immigrant communities - largely trailer park communities and congregations. The program trains neighbors and communities to identify the ways that they can work together to protect themselves and defend their rights from ICE, police, wage theft, and discrimination.

SISTA Fire **\$10,000**

Providence, RI

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To support a campaign for better maternal health outcomes for womxn of color at Women and Infants Hospital in Providence, part of a larger goal of maternal health justice. SISTA Fire, a movement building organization, works to ensure that the leadership, knowledge and lived experiences of Black and indigenous womxn, and all womxn of color, are at the center of health care policies and practices.

Stop the Inhumanity at the Cuyahoga County Jail **\$10,000**

Cleveland, OH

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For organizing to effect change at the jail and across the county's criminal justice apparatus. The Cuyahoga County jail, like most county jails, is a temporary home to hundreds of individuals who have not been convicted of any crime, but who lack the financial resources to obtain bail. The Jail has a myriad of violations of state standards - the US Marshals report described conditions as "inhumane". Eight inmate deaths occurred in 2018 with a widespread pattern of cost-cutting,

Women on the Rise **\$10,000**

Atlanta, GA

Communities Over Cages: Close the Jail ATL Campaign

For organizing to close the Atlanta City Detention Center and repurpose it into a Center for Wellness & Freedom and build a movement of formerly-incarcerated women to transform the criminal punishment system in Georgia. The closure would reallocate \$30 million back into communities most harmed by the jail's operation. The work also focuses on eliminating broken windows ordinances and tackling the root causes of incarceration.

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Youth Art and Self-Empowerment Project**\$15,000**Philadelphia, PA

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To support a youth-led campaign to end the practice of trying and incarcerating young people as adults in Pennsylvania. YASP is leading a movement of young people to challenge Act 33, the 1996 amendment to PA law that allows youth over 15 to be automatically tried in adult court for a variety of crimes. They also are working to secure a city-level commitment not to detain youth in adult jails, to end cash bail and pretrial punishment.

of Grants Made: 13

Grants Made Total:	\$148,000
<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
Grand Total:	\$158,000

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