

UU Funding Program
Fund for A Just Society
Grants Made Fall 2021

Black Inmate Commissary Fund

\$15,000

Adopt the Block and Bring Us Books
Atlanta, GA

The goal of *Adopt the Block* is to create a small-scale, high-impact mutual aid program in specific jails and prisons in Georgia. *Bring Us Books* is a book donation program that seeks to grow incarceration minds through books of their choosing. Georgia has some of the strictest laws around book donations to jails and prisons in the country. The work also supports policy change to end these draconian restrictions. The state has seen a 329% increase in its incarcerated population between the years 1983 to 2015. Black people comprise 51% of the jail population and 60% of the prison population even though they are only 32% of the state's population

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

\$3,000

*Community Organizing to Raise Awareness
of the Harms Caused by Conversion Therapy*
Allentown, PA

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is engaging in community organizing and public education to raise awareness of the harms caused by conversion therapy in Pennsylvania. Since its inception, Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center has been the primary organization fighting for transformative social change to strengthen and support the LGBTQ community in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Community Movement Builders

\$15,000

Cop Watch and Community Safety Patrols
Atlanta, GA

CMB's newest community organizing initiative is a Cop-Watch and Community Safety Patrols program, which seeks to prevent police abuse, educate community members on their rights, document police misconduct, and enhance community safety and unity with the ultimate goal of bringing local community control over public safety while creating a community that fosters self-determination, unity, and safety.

Faith Coalition for the Common Good

\$3,000

Transformational Justice
Springfield, IL

FCCG is comprised of 32 congregations, non-profits and union labor organizations The Transformational Justice (TJ) Task Force, led by impacted persons, addresses the racial

and economic inequities within our legal system. This project trains leaders to cut issues, develop relationships with decision makers and organize successful actions - making systemic changes in our community for fair policing policies, pretrial fairness, and housing for returning citizens.

Free Migration Project

\$3,000

End Medical Deportation Campaign
Philadelphia, PA

For organizing to end the practice of medical deportation - the practice of forced transportation by a non-government entity of an immigrant patient who is critically injured or ill from one country to another without the informed consent of the patient. FMP is mobilizing a campaign to pass a city ordinance banning medical deportation in Philadelphia to serve as a model for other jurisdictions.

Maine Youth Justice

\$10,000

Maine Youth Justice
Portland, ME

For a youth-led campaign organizing to end youth incarceration by demanding the closure of the last youth prison in the state, Long Creek Youth Development Center, and the reinvestment of the prison operating costs into community resources for young people. The campaign provides young people with the tools they need to challenge systems of oppression, vision a future where they have their needs met, and advocate for new forms of justice. Relational organizing and mutual aid at the center of the work.

Manidoo Ogitigaan

\$3,500

Anishinaabe Community Response Team
Bemidji, MN

To create a strong Anishinaabe community response team, that can then help other communities build theirs. The work addresses the needs of the community by supplementing and enhancing the tribal response to COVID-19, including community organized response to addiction, violence, and diabetes. Additional issues that will be addressed through community organized action: food sovereignty and security, community health and wellness, and tribal and school collaborations to connect families to resources and organizing efforts that will support youth and Elders.

Missouri Workers Center

\$12,500

Campaign to End State Preemption
St. Louis, MO

The Missouri Workers Center grew out of the eight-year fight by Missouri fast food workers to win \$15 per hour and the right to form a union without retaliation. Missouri's preemption law has stopped Missouri's low-wage workers from winning better pay, benefits, paid time off, and more. They are organizing low-wage workers and community

partners in a social movement campaign to end preemption. This campaign brings low-wage workers together across racial and geographic lines and forge a path for workers to win economic and racial justice policies in their communities.

Movement for Justice in El Barrio

\$10,000

Movement's Immigrant Justice Program
New York, NY

Movement for Justice in El Barrio was founded by a group of immigrant mothers to fight against displacement. The majority-women low-income immigrants of color members make the decisions and set the direction of the organization. Their growing grassroots base of 1,300 members are committed to self-determination, participatory democracy, and collective decision-making. Their intersectional campaigns include: fighting for a just pathway to citizenship for immigrants, demanding that funds be cut to ICE and CBP, fighting for the closing of immigrant family detention centers, for the release of immigrants in detention due to COVID-19, and continuing to strengthen immigrant community defenders.

Nobody Leaves Mid-Hudson Education Fund

\$7,500

Making New York a National Climate Leader
Poughkeepsie, NY

Our energy system is a life-threatening driver of climate change. Privately-owned utility companies maximize their profits by relying on dirty energy, charging unaffordable rates, and shutting our heat and lights off when people can't pay, disproportionately targeting communities of color. NLMH is fighting to transition to a 100% renewable, democratically controlled, publicly owned energy system. New York State already has what's possibly the strongest climate targets in the country, but additional legislation is needed in order to ensure effective implementation and to meet the target and eliminate 100% of climate pollution by 2050 while investing 40% of state environmental spending into frontline communities.

Oregon Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice

\$10,000

IMIrJ - Organizing Growth - Part 1
Portland, OR

The campaign will build deeper relationships in areas that already have connections but not broad organizing power and be flexible to specific community needs. They practice Sacred Organizing, an organizing philosophy that combines existing organizing practices with interfaith practices and learnings from communities in Oregon. Sacred Organizing is centered in relationship and taking the time to build trust as we move into action.

Southeast Asian Diaspora Project

\$15,000

Planting SEADS Healing Justice Project.

Minneapolis, MN

Communities across Minneapolis are grappling with transforming broken justice systems to ensure wellbeing for all community members. The project uses a healing justice approach to address trauma from systemic violence by reviving Southeast Asian ancestral healing practices and building new inclusive processes. Communities across the Twin Cities have been organizing to create new, equitable systems of safety for decades, but efforts have greatly intensified since the murder of George Floyd. SEAD has been a core part of this work.

Tallahassee Community Action Committee

\$15,000

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Tallahassee, FL

TCAC was founded in response to a 2018 event where a racist hotel manager pulled a gun on unarmed black students entering a student apartment complex. The project includes two main goals for TCAC going into 2022: challenging the Tallahassee's City Budget and replacing it with the more inclusive and justice driven People's budget, and growing the advocacy and support work that centers on police brutality, over policing, and mass incarceration in Tallahassee.

Tenant Education Network

\$10,000 / \$2,500

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Chicago, IL

TEN seeks to solve the affordable housing crisis in the Midwest by building a large, powerful, new base of tenants who live in specific subsidized housing sector. They are organizing these tenants into unions that win public policy changes and collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) that prevent eviction, improve living conditions, provide social supports, create affordable homes, and fund organizing. 2,000,000 Tenants in the U.S live in high-density "Project Based Section 8" (PBS8) buildings. They are almost 100% low income, majority people of color, and live in every state. TEN reaches out to people living in PBS8 buildings with dangerous conditions, identifies tenant leaders, and shares with information about how HUD works.

The People's Port Authority

\$7,000

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Providence, RI

Formed in 2015 as No LNG in PVD after National Grid announced plans to build a LNG (liquefied natural gas) "liquefaction facility" in Providence, founding members included impacted community members with lengthy experience addressing issues related to

health, reproductive rights, environmental justice, climate change, and community organizing. The People's Port Authority is an environmental justice community

organization led by residents of South Providence and Washington Park to educate, mobilize, and support our community against environmental racism. They are currently fighting a massive proposed expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in the Port. Winning the fight against Sea 3 would not only protect neighbors and children from toxic pollutants and keep in line with RI's climate goals, but would also set a precedent for stopping other fossil fuel projects.

VOICE-Buffalo

\$15,000

Live Free Buffalo
Buffalo, NY

Live Free Buffalo seeks to dismantle the empire of white supremacy within the Erie County Sheriff's Office, particularly two county jails, through organizing policy change regarding solitary confinement, mental and physical health care, and jail transparency laws. The successful organizing and implementation of such change will end the countless deaths and murders of neighbors.

Women Against Mass Incarceration

\$7,500

Challenging the Incarceration Pipeline for Women
Bridgeport, CT

WAMI empowers women and girls working in a prison abolitionist framework through engagement in community organizing, participatory defense, and political education training. They educate and organize women and girls about the negative impact the criminal legal system imposes particularly in communities of color. The goal is to get women involved and learn how the criminal "justice" system works - to understand the policies that drive incarceration and how these policies affect lives. Working inside and outside the walls, they are creating new strategies to defund police and prison, re-invest in the services our communities need, and end the hyper-policing of our communities.

Women's Justice and Freedom Initiative

\$3,000

No New Prisons – Vermont
Burlington, VT

WJFI's "No New Prisons" campaign is organizing to close the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility, oppose building a new women's prison, and revamp reentry procedures. The goal is to reimagine communities by addressing the devastating impact of incarceration, harmful child welfare policies, physical health/mental health/addiction issues, and violence.

Workers Dignity Project

\$10,000

*Building on Successful Rapid Response**Eviction Defense via Tenant Union Organizing in Nashville, TN*

Nashville, TN

With an estimated shortage of 50,000 affordable housing units by 2030, Tennessee has some of the nation's weakest tenant protections and Nashville faces an affordable housing and tenant rights crisis. The Mosaic Warriors and DRUS are two campaigns organizing against illegal and unjust evictions and displacement. This tenant-led organizing seeks to improve living conditions, build a citywide base of affected tenants and establish a tenant bill of rights.

TOTAL GRANT

\$175,000

TOTAL CHALLENGE

\$2,500

TOTAL**\$177,500**