# <u>UU Funding Program</u> Fund for A Just Society Grants Made Fall 2023

**BUILD** \$7,500

Transportation for All! Lexington, KY

Without access to reliable transportation, adults living with serious mental illness in Lexington can't access the services they need and live crisis to crisis. BUILD leaders are pushing our city's transit authority to implement microtransit, on-demand and door-to-door public transportation, because we deserve care, not crisis!

**Drag Story Hour** 

**\$10,000** / *\$5,000* 

Sheilds Up! North Carolina San Francisco, CA

Shields Up! supports Drag Story Hour chapters in their work to provide a safe atmosphere for storytellers and audiences by developing safety teams known as the Royal Guard. The Royal Guard coordinates closely with existing chapter directors, organizers, venues, and storytellers to buoy events with a de-escalatory buttress of love.

### **Essex County Community Organization**

\$7,500

Lynn Organizing Hub for Leadership Development and Community Transformation ("The Organizing Hub")
Lynn, MA

The Lynn Organizing Hub for Leadership Development and Community Transformation will create systemic change around policing and affordable housing in Lynn. Embedding intensive training into a real-time organizing campaign cycle, the Organizing Hub empowers directly impacted leaders with the tools and mentorship they need to address their most urgent needs.

Just Voices \$10,000

Just Voices Iowa
Des Moines, IA

Our mission is to build a platform that educates, advocates, and collaborates to end racially-biased policing in Des Moines and across Iowa. We do this by collecting data on police stops, tickets, and arrests; thru in-depth research on specific police activities (like marijuana enforcement); collecting & then sharing the stories/trauma of victims of racially-biased policing. Police reform is our goal.

JustME for JustUS

\$15,000

JustME for JustUS Rural Youth Organizing Support Brunswick, ME

Our Rural Youth Organizers lead projects in their rural communities that encourage young people to get involved in the climate, economic, and environmental issues facing their communities. In 2024, these organizer projects include nonpartisan civic work to ensure that youth voices are heard on the issues that will impact them.

La Conexion \$10,000

Esperanza
Bowling Green, OH

Esperanza is a project led by Latinx and recent immigrants to inform families of school age children and families of their basic educational rights despite their immigration status.

## **Material Aid and Advocacy Program**

\$15,000

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

The MAAP Organizing Group is building collective power among unhoused people and people who use drugs, with support from movement allies in MAAP's Stop the Sweeps! Stop the BID! Organizing group, to demand an end to the coordinated campaigns of displacement and criminalization of their community and investment in their co-created and evidence based solutions to the crises they fight to survive each day.

#### **Queer Trans Project**

**\$13,500** / *\$1,500* 

Queer Trans Project National Organizing Jacksonville, FL

Queer Trans Project requests \$15,000 to support organizing and advocating for LGBTQ+ rights and safety across the United States.

Funding will support our mass text national organizing platform, and free affirming hotline with encouraging resources and opportunities to get involved. These programs allow us to quickly mobilize the LGBTQ+ and allied community in response to rapidly changing situations nationwide.

# **Renters & Unhoused Neighbors Alliance**

**\$10,000** / *\$5,000* 

Campaign for Community-Based Housing & Land Stewardship Covina, CA

We demand collective stewardship of land and deeply affordable housing that is democratically run by and for those of us who experience homelessness, displacement, and risk of eviction. We're base-building by door-knocking, visiting camps, and hosting community story-telling forums. We'll mobilize for an escalation campaign with likely direct action.

ShelterJH \$11,000

ShelterJH Jackson, WY

ShelterJH builds grassroots support and political power to address housing insecurity. We offer inclusive educational opportunities to facilitate collective involvement in local political issues. We will use this funding to plan and operate monthly educational events for our supporters regarding specific time-sensitive housing topics.

# St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America (IFCLA) \$15,000

Migrantes Unidos' 5 Demands: Justice for Asylum Seekers in Missouri St. Louis, MO

This project will support the 5-demand campaign of a St. Louis-based team of asylum seekers, Migrantes Unidos, who are organizing against the dehumanizing, racist and harmful digital detention and surveillance tactics employed against them by the local immigration enforcement.

# **Tallahassee Community Action Committee**

\$15,000

Queer People Live Here Tallahassee, FL

Florida Governor signed multiple anti-Trans bills, solidifying intent to incite violence. This political stunt happened quickly, and hundreds of Trans people have fled Florida. We are mobilizing to make Tallahassee a LGBTQ Sanctuary City. Together, we will tell the Governor, "We belong in Florida, and we won't back down!"

#### The Feminist Front \$7,500

Electoral Justice Now 2024: Electing Equality & Abortion Defenders Oakland, CA

Electoral Justice Now 24 or EJN24 is a non-partisan electoral campaign to expand abortion access and enact the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) by educating, registering, and mobilizing voters, specifically young people and communities of color in the Southwestern U.S. for the 2024 elections.

### **Western Organization of Resource Councils**

\$15,000

Nebraska Organizing Project Billings, MT

The Nebraska Organizing Project's Language Access Campaign addresses critical concerns stemming from the prevalence of Spanish speakers being underrepresented in Nebraska. The primary objective of this campaign is to enhance access to essential city services for this demographic.

**Women's Community Revitalization Project** 

\$15,000

Philadelphia Coalition for Affordable Communities: Affordable Housing Campaign Philadelphia, PA

With 77 members, the Philadelphia Coalition for Affordable Communities (PCAC) is waging a campaign for housing justice. We are developing the power and leadership of PCAC constituents to secure passage of a law requiring 50% of city housing resources to be utilized to meet the affordable housing needs of the city's poorest residents, households earning under \$25,000 per year, 29% of the population.

Total Grants: \$177,000

Total Challenge Grants: \$11,500

Challenge Grants are in Italics