

UU Funding Program  
Fund for A Just Society  
*Grants Made Spring 2023*

**All Parks Alliance for Change**

**\$6,000**

*Twin Cities Manufactured Housing Rent Stabilization Project*  
St Paul, MN

Residents are "captive" tenants. Unlike other renters, they cannot simply move if rents become too high because of the high cost and difficulty in moving a manufactured home. Rent increases should be limited to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) unless they can be justified by costs related to operating, maintaining or improving the park. Adopting such a policy will require a large and sustained grassroots campaign.

**Alyssa Rodriguez Center for Gender Justice**

**\$15,000**

*Alyssa Rodriguez Center for Gender Justice*  
Brooklyn, NY

We are creating a guide on how to change state and federal laws by and for incarcerated survivors of gender-based violence. The tool will help leaders understand how to push an abolitionist, gender justice agenda in both friendly and hostile state and federal legislatures. We will compile case studies, strategy tools, and samples that combine practical tips and long-term vision to shift political power.

**AMOR - Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance**

**\$7,500**

*Leadership Committee Program*  
Pawtucket, RI

AMOR's work is anchored by its Leadership Committee, a team of organizers and caregivers of mixed immigration status. They work as staff who lead collective action for just policy change and organize events to increase community access to these benefits. This project aims to increase their budget for taking on new legal campaigns that directly impact immigrant communities and promote access to these legal wins.

**Black Inmate Commissary Fund**

**\$8,000**

*Adopt-A-Block and Bring Us Books*  
Atlanta, GA

We are providing larger commissary deposits to two organizers on the inside to continue running their own small-scale, high-impact mutual aid programs as part of our Adopt the Block program. Organizers within our prisons and jails know better than us who needs resources and of what kind. We are also organizing to change book laws in Georgia prisons and jails through our Bring Us Books program.

**Black Lives Matter Phoenix Metro****\$7,500**

*Institute for Radical Permission*  
Phoenix, AZ

Black Lives Matter Phoenix Metro is requesting funds for our leaders to participate in the Institute for Radical Permission by adrienne maree brown and Sonya Renee Taylor. This grant will partially cover BLM's facilitators and scholarships for BLM participation.

**Brookhaven Landfill Action and Remediation Group****\$7,000**

*Building Power Against Environmental Racism on Long Island*  
Brookhaven, NY

We educate town residents about the Brookhaven Landfill's harm and ensure that our communities are aware of the polluting proposals generated by local government & private corporations about the landfill's future. Given new state policies about environmental justice, we fight to ensure that relevant N.Y. state agencies reject permits for future landfilling and expansion of polluting industries in our community.

**Center for Sustainable Justice****\$10,000**

*Sacred Reckonings*  
Minneapolis, MN

We are at a particular moment in the work toward dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery and its triplet spawn of White Supremacy, Christian Supremacy and extractive capitalism. White settler-colonizer churches have a specific and important role to play. Sacred Reckonings is an organizing training designed in deep collaboration with BIPOC leaders to engage White settler-colonizer congregations in reparations.

**Compañeros Immigrantes de las Montañas en Acción****\$10,000**

*CIMA Defense against poli-migra (local law enforcement and ICE) and anti-immigrant laws.*  
Asheville, NC

Organizing Latine immigrant community members in Western North Carolina (WNC) to advocate for a more favorable political and social environment where we can experience greater safety, abundance, wellbeing, and opportunity.

**Economic Justice Coalition****\$6,000**

*Civic Engagement - Voter Empowerment/Voter Advocacy*

Athens, GA

Our project is Voter Empowerment/Voter Advocacy. We advocate for unencumbered access to voting for our citizens. Voter Empowerment includes, monitoring civic meetings at the county level that includes the board of commissioners, school board, board of elections and the city council. Our coordinators/canvassers cover 13 counties in Northeast Georgia which include 64 cities/towns that have elections.

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

*Decrim! at the Super Bowl*  
San Francisco, CA

The proposed project: Provides direct education of the media and policy makers about the myths surrounding sex trafficking and the Super Bowl; educates sex workers about their rights and provides them with legal assistance for Super Bowl related arrests; and, plans direct actions at the Super Bowl with partner organizations.

**Faith Coalition for the Common Good      \$12,000**

*Transformational Justice*  
Springfield, IL

Our Transformational Justice (TJ) Task Force, led by impacted persons, addresses the racial and economic inequities within our legal system. This project, staffed by a paid organizer, will train 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,& housing for returning citizens.

**Jane Addams Senior Caucus      \$10,000**

*Housing Justice for Seniors in Chicago*  
Chicago, IL

JASC seeks to create safe, stable and dignified housing for every senior in Chicago through organizing associations of low-income senior tenants in project-based Section 8 (PBS8) buildings.

**Juntos Creando Cambios Task Force (A Project of the Fund for Idaho)      \$10,000**

*Juntos Creando Cambios*  
Boise, ID

The grant request represents the third year of community organizing among primarily new immigrant families with a developmentally disabled family member. Most families are Spanish Speaking and are mixed immigration status families. The issues we focus on involve the ways lack of language access prevents people with disabilities from getting the services and therapies they are entitled to through Medicaid.

**Laundry Workers Center      \$5,000**

*Organizing Women Laundry Workers and Low-Wage Immigration Workers in New York City and New Jersey*  
New York, NY

Laundry Workers Center requests support to fuel our programmatic work, leadership development, and organizing work with women and low-wage immigrant workers in New York City and in New Jersey. A \$15,000 grant will help us to organize workers and support them in their campaigns to transform their workplace conditions and to affect systemic change in the area of workplace organizing.

**Long Beach Residents Empowered****\$5,000***Long Beach Tenant Councils*

Long Beach, CA

The Long Beach Tenant Council creates organized groups of tenants across Long Beach to advocate for tenant protections and assistance. LiBRE aims to empower the voices of Black, Latine, and API tenants in historically disenfranchised Long Beach neighborhoods in North, Central, and West Long Beach.

**Participatory Budgeting Cleveland (PB CLE)****\$8,000***People's Budget Ballot Initiative*

Cleveland, OH

The Participatory Budgeting Cleveland (PB CLE) coalition is coming together to put a City of Cleveland charter amendment on the November 2023 ballot to institutionalize a participatory budgeting process as a direct democracy tool for Cleveland residents to vote on how a percentage of the city general budget is spent.

**Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane****\$12,500***BOLD Organizing & Leadership Development for Transformation*

Spokane, WA

Using a shared analysis and tools, we will engage inter-generational volunteers to have targeted conversations about racism and poverty to expand the number of people working to make our community better. We will defeat a ballot measure this fall that would raise sales taxes to build a new jail in Spokane County and expand our racially biased carceral system.

**Reclaim RI****\$7,500***Pioneer Tenants Defense Fund*

Providence, RI

The Pioneer Tenants Defense Fund directly supports courageous tenant organizers from Pioneer Tenants United (PTU). Their ongoing fight against slumlord Pioneer Investments is part of a historic campaign for safe and dignified housing. This fund helps protect our tenant organizers against Pioneer's illegal acts of retaliation, including attempted evictions.

**RPCAN // Alliance for Community services****\$8,500***Humanize Long Term Care: Dignity & Community*

Chicago, IL

Refusing to be treated as disposable, people with disabilities, including current and former nursing facility residents, are organizing statewide to 'Humanize Long Term Care' by winning policies that increase the dignity for persons in nursing facilities, reduce Medicaid's pro-institutional bias, and enable fuller integration into community life - as called for in the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision.

**Tenant Education Network****\$8,000**

*Building Power in HUD Buildings*  
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 federally subsidized housing. We will organize tenants into unions that win collective bargaining agreements that prevent eviction, improve living conditions, provide social supports, and fund organizing.

**Texas Prisons Community Advocates****\$7,500**

*End Inhumane Extreme Heat conditions within Texas Prisons*  
Fulton, TX

This project mobilizes impacted and public communities through grassroots strategies, empowerment, advocacy training, data collection of critical information, amplifying voices, and connections to ally communities to challenge the injustices and improve institutional conditions of Texas prisons. The focus of this specific project is to eradicate inhumane temperature conditions through policy change.

**UE Research and Education Fund****\$15,000**

*Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee*  
Pittsburgh, PA

The Emergency Workplace Organizing Committee (EWOC) supports workers in any industry, anywhere in the country, to organize their coworkers and build collective power. EWOC operates via a network of thousands of volunteer labor organizers who provide guidance, support and training to non-union workers looking to improve their working conditions.

**Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions (WASS)****\$5,000**

*Addressing the Burden of Pollution in Westchester*  
Peekskill, NY

Westchester County burns all of its garbage in one of its most impoverished, Blackest, Brownest cities, with a high immigrant population. The residents of Peekskill are suffering serious health consequences of this environmental racism. Through community outreach, education, and statewide network building, we are working to overhaul the waste system in our county and end environmental racism.

Total Grants: \$201,000