



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program Fund for a Just Society Grants Made 2013

Number of Grants	51
Grants Made	\$312,000
Challenge Grants	\$ 23,000
Grand Total	\$335,000

Alliance for Appalachia, Fayetteville, WV
Appalachian Clean Water Future \$5,000 grant
For a campaign to counter the devastation to streams and drinking water created by mountaintop removal coal mining in Appalachia. The goal is to reduce coal production and formalize a meaningful standard for environmental protection through the EPA.

Arab American Action Network (AAAN), Chicago, IL
Youth Committee to Protect Peoples' Rights \$9,000 grant / \$3,000 challenge
For a Muslim youth-led campaign to address discrimination by law enforcement and school officials and end racial and religious profiling.

Arizona Worker Rights Center, Phoenix, AZ
Ending Wage Theft, part two \$7,000 grant
For a collaborative campaign of faith leaders, business owners, non-profits and community allies to pass state-wide legislation to criminalize employers who knowingly withhold wages from their workers.

Association of Manufactured Home Owners Kent, WA
Zoning to Protect Manufactured Housing \$7,000 grant
For organizing manufactured home owners to ensure passage of local ordinances to preserve 55 manufactured housing communities and provide security of tenure for more than 3,000 households.

Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Northampton, MA
Civil Rights Restoration Campaign in Charlotte, NC \$7,000 grant
For a campaign to restore civil rights by building coalitions among non-traditional partners to challenge policing and intelligence abuses, including domestic surveillance and racial profiling in the context of the wars on drugs, terror and immigration.

Brandworkers International , Long Island City, NY
Workplace Justice Campaign \$14,000 grant
For organizing low-wage workers to overcome wage theft, discrimination, and unsafe working conditions in New York City's food processing factories and distribution warehouses.

Brazilian Immigrant Center, Allston, MA
Reforming Labor Laws for N.E. Domestic Workers \$15,000 grant
A third grant for the final stage of a campaign to bring over 100,000 domestic workers in Massachusetts, mostly immigrant women of color, under state law protection through the Domestic Worker Bill of Rights.

Chainbreaker Collaborative, Santa Fe, NM
Help Santa Feans Ride \$1,000 grant
To lay the foundation for a local civil rights law that mandates an equity analysis for spending city funds as a proactive approach to curtailing sprawl and displacement in city planning, and to strengthen support for public transportation by providing annual bus pass rebates to those who purchase bikes for transportation.

Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, Mercersburg, PA
Corporations, Democracy and Sustainable Communities \$1,000 grant
For a campaign to stop a proposed the Northern Pass Project, a 200 mile energy development in New Hampshire that will have significant environmental and economic impact on the most pristine and poorest regions of the state.

Companeros: Four Corners Immigrant Resource Center, Durango, CO
Companeros: Justice for Immigrant Workers \$9,000 grant
For a campaign to implement local policy that will prevent future mistreatment or discrimination by local employers, improve existing relationships in the workplaces and broader community, and win an immigrant worker-friendly resolution in city council.

Dallas Area Interfaith (DAI), Dallas, TX
Healthy Communities \$7,000 grant
For organizing three healthcare campaigns: to ensure access to health care exchanges and improve implementation of the Affordable Care Act, to expand Medicaid to 1.5 million Texans currently denied due to the governors decision to opt out, and to ensure that Parkland Hospital continues to provide high quality health care for indigent and undocumented people.

Direct Action for Rights and Equality (D.A.R.E.), Providence, RI
Behind the Walls \$4,000 grant
For organizing family members and former prisoners to challenge policies that result in massive incarceration and racial disparities. The focus is on implementation of Ban the Box legislation, passed in June 2013.

Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Sacramento, CA
Human Right to Water Implementation \$5,000 grant
A third grant for organizing to ensure that communities of color, tribal, and low-income communities have access to safe water and participate in decisions affecting water, affirming and implementing the "Human Right to Water".

EPOCA, Worcester, MA
Jobs NOT Jails \$15,000 grant

For organizing to freeze prison construction, pass criminal justice reforms including reducing barriers to employment and ending mandatory minimum drug sentences, and develop jobs programs focused on communities with high rates of poverty and crime.

Every Mother is a Working Mother Network, **Los Angeles, CA**
Know Your Rights Campaign \$4,000 grant
For organizing to fight the unjust detention of children by child protective services because of poverty, race or financial incentives to welfare agencies.

Fe y Justicia Worker Center, **Houston, TX**
Down with Wage Theft Campaign \$8,000 grant
For a campaign to win increased consequences for employers who engage in wage theft and workplace abuses and to develop a new model of civic and corporate accountability.

Federation of Congregations United to Serve (FOCUS), **Orlando, FL**
Focus on Voting Rights \$3,000 grant
For organizing to restore the voting rights of 1.5 million Florida citizens disenfranchised because of a prior felony conviction.

Greater Four Corners Action Coalition, **Dorchester, MA**
Fairmount Corridor Initiative \$5,000 grant / \$1,000 challenge
For an anti-foreclosure campaign in Four Corners, a community with the highest foreclosure rate in the state, to move houses out of the foreclosure process and keep families in their homes.

Heeding God's Call, **Philadelphia, PA**
Ending Gun Violence \$8,000 grant / \$2,000 challenge
To unite people of faith to take action against gun violence by pressing the mayor and Philadelphia city council to establish a local license for gun dealers mandating that gun shops comply with the Responsible Firearms Retailer Partnership Agreement.

HOPE (Helping Organize People Effectively), **Lexington, NC**
Democracy at Work \$8,000 grant
To counter the voter suppression laws and increase the numbers of disenfranchised voters who can access state-issued photo identification and participate in the upcoming 2014 elections.

Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice , **San Diego, CA**
Trafficking \$7,000 grant
To engage faith communities and authority structures to transform the community response to the trafficking of workers. "First Identifiers" will commit to training to identify victims and to create opportunities for victims to seek help and work with law enforcement agencies. Congregations will provide support to victims and ICWJ will broker meetings between faith community and law enforcement leaders.

Junta for Progressive Action, **New Haven, CT**
Raise Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers \$4,000 grant / \$1,000 challenge

For a campaign to address the frozen wages of tipped workers in Connecticut and win an increase in the minimum wage from \$5.69 to \$6.21.

Just Communities of Western Mass, Springfield, MA

Just Communities: \$12,000 grant

For organizing to pass the Trust Act which will clarify that the role of police is to keep communities safe and not enforce federal immigration policies that result in deporting undocumented immigrants, and the Safe Driving Act to obtain licenses, insurance and training for undocumented workers in Massachusetts.

Just Harvest USA, Immokalee, FL

Campaign for Fair Food/ Fair Food Program \$6,000 grant / \$2,000 challenge

A second grant for organizing for decent wages for farmworkers in Florida's tomato industry and urging food retailers to join the Coalition of Immokalee Workers' Fair Food Program.

Kids Rethink New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Student Restorative Justice \$9,000 grant / \$2,000 challenge

For a youth led campaign to shift a punitive approach to school discipline to a restorative justice one in New Orleans public schools.

Latino Union of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Chicago Coalition of Household Workers \$5,000 grant

For campaigns to pass the Illinois Domestic Worker Bill of Rights, to expand the rights of domestic workers, to expand workforce development opportunities for domestic workers, and organizing to advance the capacity of undocumented women and families to respond to deportations.

Louisiana Bucket Brigade, New Orleans, LA

Community Based Emergency Response for Chemical Accidents in LA

\$3,000 grant / \$1,000 challenge

To build the power of fence-line neighbors (communities adjacent to the state's oil refineries, chemical plants and other hazardous sites) to be prevent, respond to and recover from petrochemical accidents.

Maine Wabanaki REACH, Portland, ME

Truth and Reconciliation Community Engagement \$5,000 grant

To support Wabanaki organizers and tribal communities engaged in the Maine-Wabanaki Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation process. The goal is to create an understanding of what occurred to Wabanaki children and families impacted by the Maine child welfare system and recommend systems that ensure the future health and security of Wabanaki people.

Mass. Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH), Dorchester, MA

Temp Worker Leadership and Organizing Campaign \$10,000 grant

For mobilizing temp workers to assert their rights to safe jobs that pay good wages and are free from sexual harassment. The campaign organizes against negligent temporary agencies, and seeks state agency oversight to ensure swift enforcement.

Movement for Justice in El Barrio, New York, NY
H.P.D. Listen Up! We are in the Struggle! \$9,000 grant
For organizing tenants in El Barrio's worst kept buildings to pressure the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to enforce housing laws.

Mississippi Coalition for Vietnamese-American Fisher Folks & Families, Biloxi, MS
2014 Community Organizing, Education and Mobilization \$10,000 grant
For organizing for equitable and inclusive RESTORE Act policies for Vietnamese-American fishermen. whose livelihoods were devastated by the 2010 BP Oil Spill.

NARAL Pro-choice Ohio Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Protect Ohio's Abortion Providers \$8,000 grant
For a campaign to protect Ohio's eleven remaining abortion providers from extinction following passage of a budget bill that includes regulatory provisions that are being used to close abortion clinics.

National Religious Campaign Against Torture, Washington, DC
Amplifying Voices from Solitary \$6,000 grant / \$3,000 challenge
For increasing the number of faith communities engaged in ending prolonged solitary confinement for youth by developing a Readers Theater project, expanding letter writing to inmates and for the creation of a presentation, "Photo Request from Solitary", to be shared in 15 congregations nationally.

Naugatuck Valley Project, Waterbury, CT
Aging in the Community Project \$3,000 grant / \$2,000 challenge
For organizing with elder, Limited English Proficient immigrants, their families, aides and allies to win improved services and working conditions from the home care industry so that the growing number of elderly LEP residents have the resources to age in place.

Northwest Arkansas Workers Justice Center, Springdale, AR
Empower and Mobilize Poultry Workers \$8,000 grant
For improving working conditions, especially safety and wages, for women in the poultry industry in Arkansas.

One Iowa Education Fund, Des Moines, IA
The Family Equality Project \$2,000 grant / \$1,000 challenge
For a campaign to secure full family equality and address the "Iowa Anomaly", which denies equal family rights to same-sex married couples that are given to heterosexual married couples.

Picture the Homeless, Bronx, NY
Civil Rights Campaign \$4,000 grant
To end the use of the selective enforcement of the disorderly conduct statute as a tool of police to harass homeless New Yorkers from public spaces.

Restaurant Opportunities Center of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Dignity at Darden Campaign \$2,000 challenge
To end discrimination on race, gender and sexual orientation and win back wages and paid sick days for workers at La Capitol Grille.

Rhode Island Jobs with Justice, Providence, RI
No More Second Class Workers! \$4,000 grant
For organizing for immigration reform, to win back pay for those who have had wage theft and to ensure workers rights.

Rural and Migrant Ministry, Poughkeepsie, NY
Justice for Farmworkers Campaign \$4,000 grant / \$1,000 challenge
A second grant for organizing to pass labor rights legislation for New York State farm workers, including collective bargaining, overtime pay and a legal day of rest each week.

T'ruah: The Rabinnic Call for Human Rights, New York, NY
Solitary Confinement Campaign \$1,000 grant
For an interfaith campaign to educate and mobilize rabbis and Jewish communities to end California's solitary confinement practices.

Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research & Action, Oakland, CA
Making Economic Choices Matter \$7,000 grant
For an economic model that can promote the values of a "solidarity economy" in immigrant communities in the USA as an alternative to our current economic model that leads to extreme concentration of wealth for some and misery for the vast majority.

United Valley Interfaith Project, Meriden, NH
Project to End Predatory Lending in New Hampshire \$6,000 grant
For a campaign to win the creation of reasonable small-dollar loan alternatives to high interest car-title loans, and lead a campaign to pass a bill capping car-title loans interest rates at 36%.

Vermont Workers' Center, Montpelier, VT
Paid Sick Days Now! \$1,000 grant
Organizing low-wage workers to win mandatory paid sick days and build momentum for legislation to guarantee at least 7 paid sick days for all Vermont workers.

VOICE (Voices Organized in Civic Engagement), Oklahoma City, OK
Pathway to Hope \$6,000 grant
For a campaign to transform the punitive prison system in Oklahoma into a more just, rehabilitative one, lifting the crushing burden of fees and introducing education, job training, and drug treatment into the system.

Washington Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Seattle, WA
Grassroots Mobilization for Safe and Just Alternatives \$5,000 grant
To build momentum to repeal the death penalty in Washington.

Westchester United, Queens, NY
Campaign to Guarantee Access to Kindergarten \$4,000 grant / \$2,000 challenge
For interfaith organizing to guarantee the availability and access to kindergarten for all children in the county, at a time when a statewide property tax cap and a cap on the amount of aid the state will provide to school districts has resulted in cutbacks to educational services.

Western Colorado Congress, Grand Junction, CO
Gasfield Justice Campaign \$8,000 grant
A second grant for a campaign to ensure that the natural gas industry on the Western Slope respects landowner's rights, people's health and the environment and to build citizen participation into local, state and federal decision making.

Western North Carolina Workers Center, Marion, NC
Campaign to End Wage Theft \$5,000 grant
To activate disenfranchised workers to challenge wage theft and to expand organizing to community centers, churches and legal centers.

Western Slope Conservation Center, Paonia, CO
Responsible Energy Initiative \$5,000 grant
To ensure community participation in energy development plans, encourage local power providers to incorporate local renewable energy sources and develop baseline monitoring projects. The goal is to create an environmentally aware community with a diverse economy that is not dependent on boom-and-bust cycles of resource extraction.

Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center, Morristown, NJ
From the Bottom Up! \$3,000 grant
For organizing for a humane federal immigration policy, for in-state tuition for undocumented students in New Jersey, and for day laborers to challenge exploitation and recover their unpaid wages.