

CLIMATE CHANGE GRANTS DESCRIPTIONS

GRANTS APPROVED JANUARY- APRIL 2016

Center for Rural Strategies Inc
(Whitesburg, KY)
www.ruralstrategies.org

Total Award: \$100,000 over 12 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support the Center for Rural Strategies (CRS) to strengthen the diverse voices of rural communities battling social justice issues, and to develop strategic connections among rural communities to each other, urban areas, advocacy networks, allies, and policymakers. CRS seeks to conduct a comprehensive public information campaign to draw national attention to the impacts of climate change on rural America, and to demonstrate that rural communities can and should be involved in devising solutions to address climate change.

Program Contribution:

Climate: Approach: Arts & Culture, Constituency Building

Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy
(Los Angeles, CA)
<http://www.laane.org>

Total Award: \$100,000 over 12 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) to build a vibrant and inclusive movement in the nation's second largest regional economy that addresses structural inequality and promotes new models for economic reform. LAANE will complete an implementation plan for a major organics recycling and remanufacturing program in connection with the increase in recycling in LA, and enact a Zero Waste LA policy that will serve as a replicable model for other cities around the country.

Program Contribution:

Climate: Approach: Constituency Building

National People's Action
(Chicago, IL)
www.npa-us.org

Total Award: \$300,000 over 24 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support National People's Action's (NPA) grassroots organizing work to develop leaders, elevate community-led solutions to the problems that affect them, and advance economic and racial justice among policy makers and other stakeholders. NPA launched Clean Power Plan implementation plans in six states – IL, MI, MN, NV, NY and OH – bringing frontline communities directly into both the public debate and planning process, collaborating across sectors, and highlighting new investment in clean energy and equity focused solutions.

Program Contribution:

Climate: Approach: Constituency Building

Rocky Mountain Institute

(Boulder, CO)

www.rmi.org

Total Award: \$200,000 over 12 Months

Reinventing Fire, Shine, and ELab Leap Initiatives

Renewed funding to support Rocky Mountain Institute for three energy access initiatives: Reinventing Fire to transition China away from coal; Shine to enable affordable and accessible solar energy; and, ELab Leap to improve models for affordable clean energy in New York State.

Program Contribution:

Climate: Approach: Disruptive Ideas

INEQUALITY GRANTS DESCRIPTIONS

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Allied Media Projects Inc

(Detroit, MI)

www.alliedmedia.org

Total Award: \$300,000 over 18 Months

General Support

Renewed funding to support Allied Media Projects to convene and nurture a network of media, art, technology, education, and social justice activists, enabling and brokering art and social justice collaborations around the country. Its network of more than 8,000 media makers, artists, educators, and technologists are using media-based organizing to address the root causes of social and economic injustice.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Arts & Culture, Constituency Building

Auburn Theological Seminary

(New York, NY)

www.auburnseminary.org

Total Award: \$300,000 over 24 Months

General Support

Renewed funding to support Auburn Theological Seminary for their national programs that aim to develop and support multifaith progressive leaders. Auburn partners with emerging and prominent cultural influencers to expand moral frames that shift public discourse through convenings, providing seminary trainings, and facilitating workshops for leaders in the progressive movement that are rooted in a racial, LGBTQ, and gender-justice analysis.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Religious Traditions and Contemplative Practices

Bend The Arc - A Jewish Partnership For Justice

(New York, NY)

www.bendthearc.us

Total Award: \$800,000 over 24 Months

General Support

Renewed funding to support Bend the Arc in its efforts to engage progressive American Jews in economic and social justice campaigns, to provide organizing training to Jewish leaders – especially leaders of color – and to grow the national Jewish social justice movement.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Religious Traditions and Contemplative Practices, Constituency Building

CEL Education Fund
(Oakland, CA)

www.engagementlab.org
<http://www.culturestrike.org/>

Total Award: \$500,000 over 24 Months
CultureStrike

Renewed funding to support the project CultureStrike (CS), a migrant artist-led initiative that develops timely, creative responses to the issue of immigration. CS employs powerful and effective cultural strategies. Through artistic creations, creative participatory projects with affected communities, and strategic cross-sector partnerships, CS helps social justice advocates disarm opponents, build empathy and political will, and fuel solutions.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Arts & Culture, Constituency Building, Disruptive Ideas

Firelight Media Inc.
(New York, NY)

<http://www.firelightmedia.org>
<http://firelightmedia.tv/make/>

Total Award: \$50,000 over 12 Months
Documentary Lab

Renewed funding to support the Documentary Lab, a professional development program that provides long-term and comprehensive support to filmmakers of color who are committed to using films as tools for social change.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Arts & Culture

Fractured Atlas Productions, Inc.
(New York, NY)

www.fracturedatlas.org
<http://workingnarratives.org/>

Total Award: \$125,000 over 12 Months
Working Narratives

Renewed funding to support Working Narratives, an organization that collaborates with grassroots groups on story-driven communications campaigns for social, economic and racial justice. Working Narratives offers offline and online movement-building support through communications and leadership training, digital platforms, original artistic productions, community radio, collaborative initiatives, and networking. Working Narratives will continue to expand Nation Inside, the country's largest online campaign platform for criminal justice reform and strengthen Black Man Running (BMR), which hacks the 5K running model to create public art and organizing projects that build capacity for social justice work

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Arts & Culture, Constituency Building

Jobs with Justice Education Fund
(Washington, DC)
www.jwj.org

Total Award: \$450,000 over 18 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support Jobs with Justice Education Fund to address how changes in the economy impact working families. Jobs with Justice proposes transforming the way Americans think about contingent work while challenging the ways low-income workers view their own sense of possibility and agency.

Program Contribution:
Inequality: Approach: Constituency Building

JOIN for Justice, Inc.
(Boston, MA)
<http://www.joinforjustice.org/>

Total Award: \$700,000 over 24 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support JOIN for Justice for its work training and mentoring Jewish leaders, rabbis, and community organizers to build constituencies and leverage religious traditions to shift cultural understanding and action on inequality. JOIN's training opportunities have successfully engaged historically conservative congregations and clergy on a variety of social justice issues including green jobs, family leave and mass incarceration.

Program Contribution:
Inequality: Approach: Constituency Building, Religious Traditions and Contemplative Practices

MAPP International Productions, Inc.
(New York, NY)
www.mappinternational.org

Total Award: \$300,000 over 18 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support MAPP International Productions to advance a methodology that combines transparent creative process, high quality performing art works, and participatory public engagement to apply artistic imagination to democratic discourse. MAPP's artists create and present projects that deal with inequality through a range of lenses, including women's rights and protection, mass incarceration, and the tensions between cultural movements, government and the individual. Projects are developed with the intention of encouraging individual citizens and communities to recognize that they have a part to play in solving the challenges addressed with within the artwork.

Program Contribution:
Inequality: Approach: Arts & Culture

National Domestic Workers Alliance, Inc.
(New York, NY)
www.domesticworkers.org

Total Award: \$825,000 over 18 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support the National Domestic Workers Alliance in its efforts to build a vibrant and inclusive movement among caregivers and those for whom they provide care, and to transform the way “care work” and caregivers are viewed by our society and by policy makers.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Constituency Building

PICO National Network
(Oakland, CA)
<http://www.piconetwork.org>

Total Award: \$750,000 over 18 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support PICO National Network, the largest multi-faith, multi-racial organizing network in the country, in its efforts to bring a strategic religious voice into big state and national fights on criminal justice, predatory lending, immigrant rights and economic inclusion, and racial and economic justice.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Religious Traditions and Contemplative Practices, Constituency Building

Restaurant Opportunities Centers United, Inc.
(New York, NY)
www.rocunited.org

Total Award: \$450,000 over 18 Months
General Support

Renewed funding to support Restaurant Opportunities Centers United for its efforts to alter the way service workers are viewed by society and policy makers, and to raise standards in the restaurant sector through a reform effort involving Darden’s consumers, investors, employees and peers.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Constituency Building

TakeAction Minnesota Education Fund

(St. Paul, MN)

www.takeactionminnesota.org

Total Award: \$100,000 over 12 Months

General Support

Renewed funding to support TakeAction Minnesota Education Fund, a broad-based, deeply organized alliance of social justice groups in Minnesota seeking to advance economic and racial justice. This coalition—made up of 23 organizations that primarily represent low-income workers and people of color—brings together community organizing, legislative work, and policy analysis, and has created an infrastructure that enables progressive organizers to push for structural, policy, and social change.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Constituency Building

UBW, Inc.

(Brooklyn, NY)

www.urbanbushwomen.org

Total Award: \$400,000 over 24 Months

General Support

Renewed funding to support Urban Bush Women, a dance company that seeks to challenge systemic politics and policies, interrogate the disenfranchisement of people -women in particular- and positively affect community through its choreography onstage and its dance-based community engagement and cultural organizing work off-stage.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Arts & Culture, Constituency Building

Union for Reform Judaism

(New York, NY)

www.urj.org

www.rac.org/

www.urj.org/just-congregations

Total Award: \$1,200,000 over 18 Months

The Religious Action Center and Just Congregations

Renewed funding to support the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), for the Religious Action Center (RAC) and Just Congregations' (JC) combined efforts to develop a robust, powerful Reform Jewish constituency that works with other diverse communities to bring about social, economic and environmental justice.

Program Contribution:

Inequality: Approach: Religious Traditions and Contemplative Practices, Constituency Building

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS DESCRIPTIONS

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Artists for Humanity Inc.

(Boston, MA)

www.afhboston.org

Total Award: \$45,000 over 8 Months

Resisting the Tide: Embracing the Future exhibit

To support the project “Resisting the Tide: Embracing the Future,” a spring 2016 art exhibit at NCF. The exhibit will feature multi-media works by youth and emerging Boston artists that examine the interconnectedness of inequality and climate change, and encourage action to create a more just and environmentally sustainable society.

Program Contribution:

Infrastructure: *Approach: Exhibit*