

Grants Made 2008

Fund for a Just Society

of Grants Made: 51
Grants Made Total: \$260,500
Challenge Grants Made Total: \$39,000
Grand Total: \$299,500

9to5 Los Angeles - Los Angeles, CA \$3,000

Winning Policy Change in California

A second grant for organizing a state-wide effort to win paid sick days legislation. 47% of full-time, private sector workers do not have paid sick days. Consequences of inadequate sick leave coverage include health effects for workers, contagion among co-workers, reduced productivity and worsened health of children.

Arlington West Film and Speakers Program - Los Angeles, CA \$7,500
Challenge

Arlington West Film and Speakers Series For a film and speakers program to provide at-risk youth who are most targeted by military recruiters with crucial information they need to make a decision about enlistment.

Cape Care Coalition - Wellfleet, MA \$10,000
Cape Care Coalition Operations

For a single payer, community owned health care plan to cover all Cape Cod residents.

Center for Intercultural Organizing - Portland, OR \$5,000
Building Immigrant and Refugee Power

For a two year campaign to build immigrant/refugee power in Washington County. Immigrants and refugees face linguistic and cultural barriers in accessing basic services and hostility from right-wing groups using western states such as Oregon for an anti-immigrant agenda.

Central District Organization - Gary, IN \$10,000 and \$2,500 Challenge
Yes We "Garbage" Can

For a campaign to oppose the privatization of city sanitation services and expose illegal practices in awarding contracts for basic services for all residents of Gary. The campaign demands that the city provide and maintain garbage cans for its citizens.

Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores- Denver, CO \$3,000
Aurora Day Laborer Organizing Project

For developing an indoor gathering location to organize day laborers to prevent labor theft, guarantee wage collection and improve working conditions.

Clinch Coalition - Dungannon, VA \$8,000

Uniting Around High Knob

A second grant to address the threats of logging and a campaign to combat the hemlock woolly adelgid, a voracious invasive pest, in the National Forest and High Knob. The Coalition is organizing residents of Appalachia to make community voices heard and to build a sustainable economy through eco-tourism.

**Coalition Against Militarism in Our Schools - South Pasadena, CA
\$2,000 Grant \$2,000 Challenge**

Project Great Futures

To provide youth in Southern California with information about alternatives to military enlistment.

Coalition on Homelessness - San Francisco, CA \$10,000

Civil Rights Program

To challenge city measures to criminalize homelessness and eliminate civil rights abuses against homeless people. Every month the San Francisco Police Department issues over a thousand “quality of life” citations, primarily to homeless people. If the citee is unable to pay the fine, a warrant is issued and the person is barred from receiving public assistance.

Community Organizing and Family Issues - Chicago, IL \$10,000

Power-Pacs Elementary Justice Campaign

A second grant to expand a campaign by low-income parents of color to shut down the school-to-prison pipeline which unjustly affects their children. The campaign is organizing to replace “zero tolerance” with restorative justice practices, reinstate recess and increase access to high quality preschool programs.

Community Water Center - Visalia, CA \$10,000

Protecting Groundwater from the Ground Up

For organizing to protect and improve the quality of groundwater used as a source of drinking water in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The project will organize hundreds of low-income residents to demand concrete actions from regulatory agencies for more effective groundwater protection and water infrastructure improvements for rural communities.

Contact Center - Cincinnati, OH \$13,000

Safe and Stable Families Campaign for Kinship Care

For a statewide campaign to increase financial and child support for relatives who are raising family members’ children. Ohio has approximately 86,000 kinship caregivers, mostly grandparents, who receive far less income support than foster care providers.

Cook Inlet Keeper- Homer, AK \$8,000

Stop the Proposed Chuitna Coal Mine

A second grant for organizing and mobilizing local citizens, fishermen, hunters, and Native Alaskans to oppose the Chuitna coal mine and build statewide coalitions to protect salmon and beluga whale habitats from coal strip mine impacts.

Detroit Metropolitan Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues - Detroit, MI \$3,000

Justice for Child Care Providers

For a campaign to organize religious communities to support a campaign for living wages and decent benefits for home-based childcare workers. More than 10,000 home-based childcare workers in the city earn an average of less than \$7 an hour.

Different Avenues - Washington, DC \$2,000

Move Along Report Response

For organizing to protect the civil rights of sex workers, ensure that safer sex practices are not criminalized, and reduce barriers to legal employment for transgender people.

Economic Justice Coalition - Athens, GA \$10,000

University of Georgia Food Service

For an organizing campaign by students and faculty to advocate for better wages and benefits for full time food service workers classified as “temporary” at the University of Georgia.

EPOCA - Worcester, MA \$5,000 Challenge

CORI Reform

A third grant to win passage of the Public Safety Act in Massachusetts, reforming the reporting of and access to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI).

Georgia Minimum Wage Coalition - Atlanta, GA \$8,000

Faith based and Media Outreach Project

For an interfaith campaign to raise the state minimum wage, currently \$5.15 per hour, and to address food service tip credit as a just wage issue.

GIFT/ Grassroots Fundraising Journal - Oakland, CA \$1,000

2008 Raising Change: A Social Justice Fundraising Conference

To support a conference of fundraisers, community organizers, executive directors, and volunteers to address the challenges facing progressives, learn fundraising skills, and explore the politics of funding and the role of fundraising.

Greater Four Corners Action Coalition - Dorchester, MA \$3,500

Transit Equity

A second grant for a campaign to provide transit equality, organizing to extend subway service to low income, urban communities and use low emission technology.

Hartford Areas Rally Together - Hartford, CT \$3,000

HARTS Immigrant and Immigrant Rights Committee

To ensure enforcement of an ordinance for non-discrimination based on immigration status in Hartford, and to build Connecticut's first statewide coalition for immigrant rights.

**Hope Street Youth Development - Wichita, KS \$4,000 Grant \$2,000 Challenge
*Students United***

A second grant to build student power and address justice issues in the public schools of Wichita. The goal is to have the school district adopt language that includes sexual orientation and perceived sexual orientation into an anti-discrimination policy in Wichita.

**Idaho Women's Network R&E Fund - Boise, ID \$5,000 Grant \$2,000 Challenge
*GLBTQ Equality***

For organizing in two cities to add both sexual orientation and gender identity protections as a strategy for eventually amending the Idaho Human Rights Act.

IMPACT - Charlottesville, VA \$5,000

Fair Housing Opportunities for All

To support organizing for implementation of an Affordable Housing Trust Fund, revise policies for affordable housing and establish a housing ombudsman office.

Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice - San Diego, CA \$10,000

ICWJ Immigrant Solidarity Program

A second grant to influence and shape the debate and create conditions for comprehensive immigration reform, working toward ensuring humane treatment of immigrant workers and families and protecting the rights of immigrants with worker solidarity campaigns and policy advocacy.

**Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee - Milwaukee, WI \$2,000 Challenge
*Waukesha County Housing Trust Campaign***

To establish a housing trust fund to address the need for decent, accessible, affordable housing for low and moderate income residents.

Just Economics - Asheville, NC \$7,000

Living Wage Certification Program

For a living wage employer certification campaign and an economy that allows all workers to enjoy at least the basic necessities of life. The Certification program is the second of its kind in the country. To date 50 businesses and non-profits have been certified.

JusticeWorks Community, Inc. - Brooklyn, NY \$2,000

Seven Neighborhood Action Partnership

To educate and organize against the destructive effects of the Rockefeller drug laws. The project seeks legislative reform of mandatory minimum sentencing for nonviolent drug violations and an allocation of money for alternatives to incarceration.

L.I.F.E.T.I.M.E. - San Leandro, CA \$7,000

End Poverty, Not Welfare! Campaign

To gain improved policies for postsecondary education access for parents attending college while on welfare and gain broad support for increasing parents' access to education at the state and national level.

Lakeview Action Coalition - Chicago, IL \$5,000 Grant \$2,500 Challenge
Homeless Youth/Police Relations

For a campaign to stop the abuse of homeless and GLBT youth by enforcing a local system of police accountability.

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition - Medford, MA \$2,000 Challenge
DVD Organizing Project

For a dvd to be used in a campaign for the elimination of drug prohibition and the failure of the Drug War. LEAP board members and speakers are current and former members of law enforcement - police, judges, prosecutors, corrections officials - with extensive professional knowledge and experience of how current drug policies both cause and exacerbate a wide array of social problems. LEAP has a membership of 10,000 across 86 counties.

Love Makes a Family - Hartford, CT \$5,000

Expanded Community Organizing - Marriage Equality in CT

Continuing support for a campaign to expand Connecticut's marriage laws to include same-sex couples. The goal is to secure marriage equality by the end of 2009.

Maryland A.C.O.R.N. - Baltimore, MD \$1,500

ACORN Foreclosure Prevention Action and Education Campaign

For organizing against foreclosures and unscrupulous lending practices in Baltimore.

Merrimack Valley Project - Lawrence, MA \$10,000

MVP Campaign for Immigrant Justice

For a campaign uniting immigrant, labor, and faith communities organizing for access to legal services and public education for 115,000 immigrants and refugees in the Merrimack Valley.

Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty - St. Louis, MO \$5,000

Missouri Moratorium Momentum: Motivating Messengers

A campaign for a moratorium on executions while a Study Commission examines the death-penalty system in the state. This program focuses on building support among murder victims family members, and law enforcement officers, key constituencies with a stake in the outcome.

Montana Human Rights Network - Helena, MT

\$5,000 Grant, \$3,000 Challenge

Equality Project

For a campaign to add sexual orientation and gender expression to Montana's Human Rights Act.

Movement for Justice in El Barrio - New York, NY \$3,500

Housing Justice Program

For organizing for housing justice and against the increasing trend towards gentrification that is pushing immigrants and low-income residents from their homes.

Naugatuck Valley Project - Waterbury, CT \$6,000

Medical Interpretation Campaign

For a campaign to ensure that medical interpretive services are available for immigrants at hospitals and healthcare facilities.

North Carolinians Against Gun Violence - Chapel Hill, NC \$2,000

Gun Violence Prevention Collaboration

For a campaign to end gun violence in North Carolina through effective public policies. A local study found that 36% of gun owners with young children keep their firearms loaded and 50% do not store their weapons in a locked box.

South Asian Americans Leading Together - Takoma Park, MD

\$3,000 Challenge

Immigrant Community Leadership in Action

To train 20 members of the Southeast Asian community to be effective advocates on immigration, to conduct presentations, and to develop and translate education materials related to fair and humane immigration laws.

Southern Center for Human Rights - Atlanta, GA

\$12,000 Grant, \$2,500 Challenge

Private Probation Campaign

For an organizing campaign to end the use of for-profit probation services in Georgia which allows private corporations to extract "probation supervision" fees from people who are too poor to pay their misdemeanor fines on the day they are imposed.

St. Mary's Center - Oakland, CA \$7,000

Senior Advocates for Hope and Justice

A second grant to increase healthcare, food security and affordable housing to extremely low-income seniors. Organizing work is addressing universal health care in California, inclusionary zoning to include housing for low-income seniors, food stamps for those on SSI, and no increase in bus fares.

Tennesseans for Fair Taxation - Knoxville, TN \$4,000

Campaign for Corporate Accountability

For a campaign to close tax loopholes by enacting combined corporate tax reporting by companies doing business in Tennessee. Combined reporting will recover as much as \$250 million in revenue and will be used to reduce the food tax and raise funds for education and health care.

TIGRA (Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research & Action) - Oakland, CA \$10,000

Million Dollar Clubs

To expand an economic model organizing low-wage migrant remitters (immigrants who send funds to family members in their countries of origin) to use their collective economic leverage to encourage corporate accountability and community reinvestment to an additional six states.

Union of Minority Neighborhoods - Roxbury, MA \$2,000

Mass. Alliance to Reform CORI

A third grant to mobilize and organize people with criminal records and their allies to reform the Criminal Offender Record Information System.

United Workers Association - Baltimore, MD \$9,000

Human Rights Zone at the Inner Harbor

For temporary workers at Baltimore's Inner Harbor development to organize for fair wages and respectful treatment on the premise of basic human rights. Following their organizing in 2007 at Camden Yards which won a living wage for all stadium cleaners (and was the first time in the U.S. that day laborers won a living wage), this campaign represents one-third of the low wage workers in Baltimore.

Vermont Interfaith Action- Burlington, VT \$1,000

Yes, In My Back Yard

To increase the supply of affordable housing by mobilizing low and moderate-income individuals to work with public officials to set aside land and to pass regulations conducive to building affordable housing.

Waltham Alliance to Create Housing - Waltham, MA \$3,000 Challenge
South Side Community Planning for Change

A second grant to increase the power of local residents, particularly low income residents, to influence local land use decisions and to create a plan that makes a priority of basic needs such as transit and affordable housing.

Western Regional Advocacy Project - San Francisco, CA \$1,000
Without Rights

To challenge policing and court policies that criminalize and remove homeless and poor people from public spaces and to organize to increase access to services for mentally ill and poor people.

Winnemem Wintu Tribe - Redding CA \$2,000
Sacred Site and Watershed Protection Campaign

For a campaign to restore Nation-status and recognition to the Winnemem Wintu Tribe. The status would bring federal aid for health care and housing. The tribe had federal recognition until it was dropped by a “clerical error” in the mid-1980s.

Witness for Peace Washington DC \$7,000
Mexico Program: Roots of Migration Project

A second grant for progressive immigration and trade policy reform, with an education/action campaign exposing the root causes of migration and their relationship to fair-trade policies. The campaign advocates for policies that respect the human dignity of all people and promote sustainable development in Latin America.