



Fall/Winter 2016 Grantees

\$50,000 in grants to 19 projects/coalitions

Black Swan Academy: Empowering black youth in under-served communities through civic learning and engagement, giving them a comprehensive set of tools needed to succeed in life and become active social catalysts in their communities.

Family & Friends of Incarcerated People: Promoting social, cultural, and youth development for the children of incarcerated people and at-risk youth, as a means of avoiding intergenerational incarceration.

Institute for Asian Pacific American Leadership & Advancement: For a series of race talks and healing sessions that discuss the intersectionality of shared struggles in communities of color, and to provide a space for AAPI communities and other communities of color to strategize how to organize and mobilize around important issues.

International Capoeira Angola Foundation: An Afro-Brazilian cultural center whose mission is to preserve, cultivate and introduce the art and philosophy of Capoeira Angola as a mechanism for social change.

The Future Foundation: Empowering youth and young adults with comprehensive social justice advocacy, community organizing and resource development skills to improve their future, through designing, facilitating, and evaluating popular education sessions.

Washington Peace Center: An anti-racist, grassroots, multi-issue organization working for peace, justice, and non-violent social change in the metropolitan Washington D.C. area.

You-Nique Services/It Is What It Is Mobile Talk Show: Providing a platform for those labeled as poor to be a part of creating their own stories, told in their own way as a way to peacefully dismantle the system of oppression fueled by the constant bombardment of negative images seen and heard thru mainstream media as it pertains to people of color.

Horn of Africa Community Institute: Supporting African immigrants and refugees in obtaining and supporting the expansion of affordable housing through the Amharic Housing Advocacy Program.

National Network of Returning Citizens: Building a strong network of returning citizens who support each other's successful reintegration to their communities and to elevate their leadership by advocating for policy reforms that promote restorative practices and reductions in incarceration.

Northwest Childcare Cooperative: Supporting low-income women of color as they develop leadership, business management, and collective governance skills that will help them start, run, and operate a childcare cooperative in the Logan Circle neighborhood.

The Black Workers Center Chorus: Voicing the concerns of DC tenants, workers, and families in song, drawing specific attention to the need for living wage jobs, affordable housing, unemployment, and homelessness.

What's Going On: For the Marvin Gaye Project, through which residents of and visitors to Ward 7 will enjoy high quality classes and performing arts events that will speak directly to the history of DC, the power of Marvin Gaye's music, and current and historical perspectives on issues of race, racism, civil rights, social justice and what it is to be American.

CollegeBound Entertainment, LLC (CBE): For the Black Arts Movement, an grassroots training/Art in Activism course focused on how yesterday's Black Arts Movements apply to artist movements today, and what the relationship is among art, politics, and the role of the politically conscious artist.

Melanin Uprising: A youth-led collective based in Ward 7 seeking to create spaces for youth to discuss, process, and combat oppressive forces that cause trauma in the Black community, and thereby inspire a generation of strong, resilient, self-actualized leaders who advocate on behalf of themselves and their peers.

Tightshift Laboring Cooperative: Supporting the growth of a worker-owned cooperative that will provide quality employment to returning citizens and troubled youth while providing excellent moving, landscaping, cleaning, and other home improvement services.

Empowering the Transgender Community: Engaging trans women of color to organize events to empower trans women of color with the tools that they need to be more effective advocates for themselves, find solutions together, and directly engage the DC government agencies that need to change to achieve long term success for trans women in the District.

On the Ground Radio Show: A weekly radio show that covers social justice activism, with a special emphasis on sustainable living, environment, economics, labor, and the left edge of culture and media.

Park View Wilderness Lab: Supporting a multi-media social practice, collaborative art and research project exploring the oral histories within the NW DC neighborhood of Park View; the goal is to collect, preserve and share the Park View community's memories and stories for future generations, prioritizing traditionally marginalized identities and voices and to situate those stories in meaningful, accessible venues which reassert the narrative commons on spaces in the community.

Train the Movement: A People of Color-led network of facilitators and trainers with diverse backgrounds and skill levels, providing resources, tools, trainings, and facilitation support for communities of color building liberation through social movements and action.

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