



## Spring/Summer 2017 Grantees

*\$75,000 in grants to 20 projects/coalitions*

**African American Music Association:** To extend healing, comprehensive training, and the culture of music and performing arts as an ongoing practice within the community so as to stem the problems of alcohol, drugs, domestic/gun violence and neighborhood beef.

**African American Women's Resource Center:** For the Kitchen Table Talks, discussions with women of color who have participated in movements ranging from Civil Rights to women's rights to LGBT rights, in order to improve strategies for the fights of today.

**African Diaspora STEAM Travel Project:** A coalition project design to expose low-income students ages 10-21 with a rich cultural travel experience by teaching African History and doing a deep dive into Cuba, Jamaica and South Africa. This summer, students will work with over 500 young people in South Africa, with the goal of completing an Engineering Service Project (ESP) that would provide free lighting for over 1,000 families in South Africa currently living without electricity.

**Black-Asian Community Building Project:** For a project in Participatory Action Research and Community Organizing that will set personal stories of conflict between immigrant and Black communities in a political and historical context to demonstrate larger forces at work behind conflicts and begin to heal all communities and uplift those who are targeted and marginalized.

**Co-cooperative Developer Certification:** To expand dignified employment opportunities in low-income communities of color through the development of worker cooperatives, businesses owned and managed democratically by their employees. The organization seeks to create a co-operative ecosystem in DC where all workers – especially those of us who have been most marginalized by our current economy – reap the benefits of our labor, have a meaningful voice in the workplace, and apply those democratic practices to other areas of civic life.

**Coalition for Community Advocacy:** A coalition working to increase support of the NEAR Act and Youth Rehabilitation Act, in recognition of the fact that over-policing will not make our communities safe.

**Darfur Women Action Group:** women-led anti-atrocity advocacy group, founded by a Darfuri genocide survivor, which strives to empower the most affected communities of the crises in Sudan

who live as refugees in the DC area by building strong leadership among those who are historically excluded and enabling them to lead and foster positive change within their local communities.

**DC African Francophone Faith Leaders Train The Trainers:** For a train the trainer curriculum, offering culturally sensitive and language appropriate trainers, to build capacity, relevance, and visibility in DC's African Muslim and African Francophone communities.

**DC Justice For Muslims Coalition:** A coalition focused on challenging institutional, structural, and interpersonal Islamophobia through organizing, education, training, advocacy, and pushing local advocacy organizations to include Muslim voices and experiences in larger advocacy efforts to dismantle white supremacist cisheteropatriarchy.

**Express Igbo:** An organization whose mission is to promote and preserve the Igbo language by teaching students a language that is perishing at the hands of globalization, culturally biased pedagogies, and white supremacy.

**Fair Budget Coalition:** For the Constituent Engagement Program, which aids member organizations in developing tailored, authentic plans for grounding their advocacy work in the experiences of people most impacted by policy change.

**Holistic HIV Service Network:** Working to end the spread of HIV/AIDS among refugee and migrant communities who have arrived in DC from from brutal tyrannies and human rights abuse of the dictatorial regimes of Africa, especially from Ethiopia and Eritrea, by linking them with appropriate and accessible treatment, care, and support services.

**Hustlers to Harvesters:** Empowering returning citizens to organize, act, and amplify leadership and voice of those directly affected by employment discrimination, removing barriers and cultivating job opportunities for returning citizens and job seekers with a criminal background.

**Many Languages One Voice:** For Our Rightful Place, a hub for immigrant-led organizing in DC through the DC Immigrant Organizing Center and the DC Immigrant Justice Coalition.

**Marsha P. Johnson Institute:** Addressing the need for culturally competent practices aimed at improving health and quality of life outcomes for trans people, especially Black trans women, by cultivating a platform to connect with Black trans women and gender non-conforming femmes of color through direct relationships, outreach, research, and programming to produce work that serves the needs of their communities.

**Mothers Outreach Network:** Mobilizing African American mothers subject to systems of disempowerment, such as the foster care system and the criminal justice system, to uplift them from a socioeconomic structure that inadequately addresses their full potential for economic independence through social justice education, grassroots mobilization, and legal advocacy.

**Young Doctors DC:** A mentoring, education, and health program for high school boys of color in Washington DC, conducted through summer and Saturday academies that train boys in preventative medicine, mental health, and health disparities in underserved communities.

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