



Fall/Winter 2018 Grantees

\$150,150 in grants to 37 projects/coalitions

Arthur Capper/Carrollsborg Community Village TimeBank: Using timebanking as a medium of exchange to marshal human capital to rebuild, re-energize and recreate community for returning residents and new residents after the demolition of the Arthur Capper/Carrollsborg (ACC) public housing complex in Southeast DC.

Ascensions Psychological and Community Services and I Mix What I Like: Engaging Black men ages 18-50 who have a self-identified mental health concerns in Hip Hop Group Therapy as a means to express their mental health and mental illness and to recognize how race and gender have impacted their lives. Participants will support of each other's personal and collective mental health goals.

Beet Street Gardens: A volunteer-run collective organization which cultivates gardens and gardeners in partnership with organizations that have long-standing relationships working in communities facing significant barriers to safe, peaceful outdoor space, and healthy, affordable food. We strive for all of Beet Street's services to be non-judgmental, non-coercive, and community-driven.

Brookland Manor/Brentwood Village Residents Association: Represents the affordable housing interests and community interests of everyone that lives our neighborhood. Since 1998, the Association has organized to protect the community. The current project is to organize and educate the community regarding the planned redevelopment of the property, which has already resulted in displacement and which will significantly reduce affordability. The Association is working to educate and build youth organizing skills.

The Community Grocery Cooperative: An emerging consumer-owned food cooperative East of the Anacostia River that will provide quality, affordable food, locally-made products and create living-wage jobs. We are committed to embodying the seven cooperative principles and values while creating a community-owned store. Our mission is to advocate for food justice and economic empowerment for the residents of Ward 7 and Ward 8 impacted by this known food desert.

Connection COREE (Clients Organizing for Radical and Ethnic Equity), National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens, and Grassroots DC: This program will help empower returning citizens to know their rights and be confident in their ability to succeed. It will also record the stories

of returning citizen about how their lives have been shaped and formed, their dreams, and what would make this better.

Crafting for Consciousness: A cooperative of women of color who build community, reduce stress, promote self-sufficiency, and generate revenue while making crafts and engaging in social justice dialogue.

Darfur Women Action Group: A 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. For more information, visit their website.

DC Montessori Cultural Empowerment (MCE) Project: A coalition led by NM Consulting with the Middleburg Montessori School and the Washington Montessori Institute (WMI) to provide access, justice training and advocacy training around Montessori education for people of color living primarily in DC's Ward 7 and 8 communities. The work seeks to overcome economic barriers that prevent persons of color from learning about, working in, or becoming leaders within the Montessori community.

Dulce Hogar (Sweet Home) Cleaning Cooperative: A burgeoning worker-owned house cleaning business and initiative to empower community residents who face significant barriers to traditional employment.

Fair Budget Coalition: The Fair Budget Coalition brings together human and legal services providers, community members directly impacted by poverty, professional advocates, faith organizations, and concerned D.C. residents to advocate for a District budget and public policies that address poverty and human needs. The Constituent Leadership Program engages constituents from our member organizations to access political power and work collaboratively through a multi-issue lens to uplift the needs and solutions that are being identified by community members most directly impacted.

Fundacion Angie: A grassroots organization in Ward 4 whose mission is to serve Latino LGBT people. Programs include workforce development for at-risk LGBTQ youth, support groups for Latino transgender communities, job coaching, and support groups for gay and bisexual Latinos over 40 years old. This project works to address the needs of the LGBT Latino senior population.

Grassroots DC and Black Lives Matter-DC: Grassroots DC and the Grassroots DC Media Collective are working with organizations within the DC Movement for Black Lives and in particular Black Lives Matter-DC to produce a series of media campaigns that support their issues.

Hustlers to Harvesters and Business Technology Career Center, Inc: 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.

Justice for Muslims Collective: The mission of Justice for Muslims Collective is to combat institutional and structural Islamophobia in the DC metro area through political education, grassroots organizing, mobilizations, and building alliances across movements.

Liberated Ecosystem: This project is an alliance of Insight-Incite Consulting, Re-Becoming Human, and Current Movements who have come together to launch and nurture a Liberated Ecosystem for the local DC activist community. This project has three parts: 1. an incubator that will support a small cohort of 4-6 people of color who want to launch their own social justice initiatives 2. A series of workshops on concrete liberatory skills for navigating power and building a new world, and 3. A series of short documentaries highlighting the work of the ecosystem.

Link Up: A community organization that works with D.C. residents incarcerated in the federal prison system, D.C. residents and tenant associations combating displacement, and people from all social backgrounds that seek the equitable economic and political organization of society, to strategize and identify solutions to end mass incarceration and gentrification.

Minds As Newly Developed Emancipated Leaders of America (M.A.N.D.E.L.A.): By working closely with those directly affected by the prison industrial complex (ex-offenders and their families), we seek to provide a network of individuals/resources for people to turn to outside of conventional parole/probation programs. M.A.N.D.E.L.A. will be assisting the participants in shifting their paradigms from being a reactive person to a proactive person

Malcolm X Grassroots Movement: Works to defend the human rights of Black / New Afrikan* people and promote self-determination in our community. Black Youth-Let Your Motto Be Resistance is a project to organize Black youth to build youth-centered community self-defense strategies as part of a broader movement to address state violence in the city as well as participate in campaigns and coalitions to address intercommunal violence by meeting the basic needs of youth and their communities.

Mount Pleasant Main Streets Best World Supermarket Coalition Project: This coalition is composed of the non-profit Mount Pleasant Main Streets, No Kings Collective, Best World Supermarket, and community members from the Mount Pleasant Neighborhood who have come together to support diverse and accessible food in our community.

Movement Soul Sessions: An alliance of groups including Empower DC, The Sanctuaries and Plymouth Congregational UCC. Movement Soul Sessions will be a monthly space targeted to social justice activists of all kinds – including the members of our organizations, residents who are actively working to improve their communities, and other partners. The sessions will include music from local artists, food, and a guest speaker, or presentation that relates to finding your spiritual center in the work for justice, sustaining that work, and community self-care.

National African-American Neighborhoods Homeowners and Tenants Advocate: Establishing self-empowerment among Black Washingtonians through community advocacy training and activities, and rehabilitating, renovating, and restoring cultural heritage and the integrity of historic contributions to DC, so that DC's African-American homeowners and tenants can stand and work together to advocate and secure the rights and interests of the indigenous population.

National Reentry Network for Returning Citizens: Works to support social, civic, and political reintegration of DC residents upon release from incarceration. The Network serves, organizes, and empowers a critically underserved population in the District of Columbia, particularly in Ward 7 and 8, prioritizing policy reforms, community leadership, and a client-centered approach to reentry.

No Justice No Pride: A collective of organizers and activists from across the District of Columbia working to end the LGBT movement's complicity with systems of oppression that further marginalize Trans and Queer individuals. NJNP members are black, brown, queer, trans, gender non-conforming, bisexual, indigenous, two-spirit, formerly incarcerated, disabled, white allies and together we recognize that there can be no pride for some of us without liberation for all of us.

On the Ground Radio Show: "On the Ground: Voices of Resistance from the Nation's Capital" is an award-winning, weekly radio show and podcast broadcasting alternative news from Washington, DC. We cover social justice activism about local, national and international issues, with a special emphasis on militarization and war, the police state, the corporate state, environmental justice and the left edge of culture and media.

Pan African Community Action: A grassroots group of African/Black people organizing for community-based power. We undertake to build community led power through participatory programs of action and political education drives that avow and advance: our "Human Right to Informed Consent and Self-Determination," collective community control over local economies, community control over the police, and a movement led by the most impacted of our communities.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Tenant Association: A tenant association fighting for safe, comfortable affordable housing, senior services, and strong tenants' rights at Paul Laurence Dunbar Apartments and across DC.

People for Fairness Coalition: An organization, led by homeless and formerly homeless individuals, dedicated to ending housing instabilities through advocacy, outreach, peer mentoring platforms, and building power among communities that have been denied the basic right to housing.

Premier CDC: Woodridge Senior Village will allow seniors in the Woodridge area to age in place. PCDC will determine what unmet needs each senior may have. Their needs may involve major or minor repairs on the home, handicap improvements such as lifts and rails, prescription pick up, transportation or social interaction. PCDC's Woodridge Village will link these seniors with city services, volunteers or churches.

Sincere Seven: Has educated, advocated and fought alongside workers for more generous benefits, safer working conditions and greater fair wages for the last two decades. On the job, barriers to working toward that greater quality of life is Wage Theft, and the S7 wants to stop wage theft. For more information, visit their website.

Siwayul (Heart of a Womxn): A one-persxn play about reclaiming Two-Spirit identity through Indigenous Salvadoran culture and diaspora; and empowering the Ancestral Goddess within. A Native American Trans Womxn seeks her place in the world. Guided by the Ancestors, she finds

herself within her heart of a Womxn- Siwayul, Nelwat Ishkamewe, Trans-Latinx DMV, & No Justice, No Pride are working together on this project.

Stop Police Terror Project: Working to change the system of racist, militarized policing in our region. SPTP works to oppose police abuses and also to build community-led peacekeeping efforts to empower oppressed communities to deal with their own security concerns in DC.

The Safe Sisters Circle: A women of color founded and operated organization that provides free holistic and community-based services to young Black women survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse in Washington, DC's Ward 7 and Ward 8. The "Healing Circles" project will be a combination of traditional and alternative therapy for abuse and trauma recovery through self-determination, spirituality (defined as the belief of a sense of connection greater than yourself), ancestry strength, and sisterhood/coming together to heal each other.

Trabajadores Unidos de Washington DC: A powerful Washington DC organization that educates low-wage workers on their rights, develops leadership among the immigrant community and organizes all workers as they fight for their rights in the workplace. The Campaign to Defend Workers' Rights will be a strong worker-led campaign to access services and programs that empower immigrants who suffer from wage theft and are frightened of arrest and deportation.

United Neighbors: Black Indian Productions is the first filmmaking project of United Neighbors, a grassroots think-tank comprised of neighbors in Ward 5. The goal of the film is to bring a voice to a minority community that has greatly suffered under the rush of development that has happened in Washington, DC. The primary focus of the film will be on the damage and loss of property by seniors of color.

Voces sin Fronteras: Our Stories, Our Truth: A bilingual graphic memoir collection by the Latino Youth Leadership Council (LYLC) in partnership with Shout Mouse Press. Through this professionally published book, the youth of LYLC shared powerful true-life stories—in both essay and comics form—about their own immigration and transformation with the mission to inspire, motivate, and educate their readers about the human face of immigration. This project will continue the outreach and advocacy work required to develop and execute leadership and speaking opportunities for youth authors.

WANDA: Based in Ward 8, Women Advancing Nutrition, Dietetics and Agriculture (WANDA) was born out of love and an urgency to heal our community by inspiring, engaging and informing women and girls of African descent to honor our ancestors by embracing our cultural food ways to heal ourselves and our communities and advocating for healthy food policies for their communities. In WANDA's world we are "re-imaginering" the imagery and narrative of women and girls of color as leaders in the food system by empowering them with online content programming about reclaiming our foodways, feminine power and our heritage.

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