

2017 GRANTEES

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RACIAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE FUND

The Racial & Economic Justice Fund supports groups that are engaged in direct-action community organizing in the Philadelphia region.

215 People's Alliance is a cross-race collaborative fighting for equity and justice in Philadelphia at the ballot box and in the street.

ACT UP Philadelphia works to end the AIDS crisis in Philadelphia through direct action to address social inequities impacting people living with HIV/AIDS and at risk of infection.

Asian Americans United nurtures and trains new generations of Asian Americans to work for social justice.

The Black and Brown Workers Collective is a direct-action social justice collective that challenges, resists, and dismantles oppressive systems impacting the lives of Black and Brown workers.

Caucus of Working Educators is determined to energize the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers and mobilize students, families, and communities to create the schools Philadelphia children deserve.

Eastwick Friends & Neighbors Coalition mobilizes community members to demand an environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable future for Eastwick residents.

Faith in New Jersey is an interfaith, cross-race network of faith leaders and communities working together to advance a social justice agenda at the local, state, and federal levels.

GALAEI, a queer Latinx social justice organization, builds leaders, provides economic opportunity, promotes sexual empowerment, and engages in organizing for the advancement of the Latinx and queer community.

Girls Justice League, a girls' rights organization, takes action to advance social, educational, and economic justice for girls, young women, and all those who identify as female in Philadelphia.

Media Mobilizing Project fights for long-term education justice through the direct participation of students, parents, school staff, and community members.

New Sanctuary Movement of Philadelphia builds community across faith, ethnicity, and class to end injustices against immigrants.

Norris Square Community Alliance organizes Norris Square residents to gather, build community, and improve the physical, economic, social, cultural, and educational aspects of their neighborhood.

Philadelphia Coalition for Affordable Communities organizes community, disability, faith, labor, and urban agriculture groups to ensure that Philadelphians with low incomes are not displaced by gentrification.

Philly Thrive advocates for a green economy for all by organizing Philadelphians to limit fossil fuel expansion and win political support against toxic energy hub projects.

Put People First! PA organizes poor and working-class Pennsylvania residents to push for a universal, equitable, transparent, and accountable health care system through base building and direct action.

Soil Generation is a Black-led coalition of growers building a grassroots movement for food sovereignty through advocacy, organizing, and community education.

Taxi Workers Alliance of Pennsylvania works to transform the taxi industry and improve working conditions through organizing, advocacy, litigation, direct legal services, and access to health care.

Urban Creators is a grassroots organization that empowers neighborhoods to transform neglected landscapes into dynamic, safe spaces that foster connectivity, self-sufficiency, and innovation.

Youth Art & Self-empowerment Project holds art and poetry workshops for young people who are incarcerated in adult jails and raises awareness about the school-to-prison pipeline while building a youth movement to resist and dismantle it.

Youth United for Change is a democratic, youth-led organization whose members are working-class youth committed to ensuring a high-quality education system for all young people.



FUTURE FUND

The Future Fund supports organizations that are working on emerging issues or developing new approaches to social justice activism.

The Advocate Center for Culture and Education unites community residents, volunteers, service providers, and educational institutions to improve the lives of North Philadelphia residents.

Contemporary Black Canvas is a podcast that celebrates the depth and breadth of the Black artistic and intellectual traditions from across the African diaspora and Africa.

Heart-to-Heart: Comienzos East serves people who are incarcerated and their families through education, skills building, therapeutic support, and advocacy.

Johnson House Historic Site, Philadelphia's only accessible and intact stop on the Underground Railroad, trains emerging leaders in participatory democracy, organizing, dialogue, and collective action.

LGBT Elder Initiative advocates for services and resources that are competent, culturally sensitive, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender elders.

Sisterly L.O.V.E. (Leading Others Via Education) develops leadership skills and community among trans women/femmes in Philadelphia.

Urban Tree Connection develops community-driven greening/gardening projects on vacant land, helps residents become strong leaders, fosters deep community cohesion, and creates livable communities.

UrbEd fights for high-quality education for urban students by working with community members, educational organizations, and policy leaders.

VietLead builds self-determination, leadership, and sustainability skills in the Vietnamese community through intergenerational farming, youth development, health navigation, and civic engagement.



Women's Medical Fund protects and expands abortion access for low-income women and teens through direct service and advocacy.

Yes! And... Collaborative Arts' Shadow Company is a teen-led, teen-run program that provides high-quality arts education.

PHOEBUS CRIMINAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

A partnership with the Phoebus Fund family foundation, the Phoebus Criminal Justice Initiative provides grants for criminal justice reform activism.

Address This!, a project of Books Through Bars, provides innovative, radical correspondence courses to individuals incarcerated throughout Pennsylvania.

Ardella's House addresses pressing issues for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women, and aims to improve women's lives and change the systems that create barriers.

The Elevation Project works to discover and meet the unique needs of people returning to society from a lengthy prison sentence through therapeutic groups, job readiness training, and job placement.

Hearts on a Wire Collective is a group of trans and gender-variant people and allies working inside and outside prisons that publishes quarterly zines and provides needs-responsive support.

Human Rights Coalition supports families in coping with the stress of incarceration and works to transform the prison system to a model of rehabilitation and successful reintegration to society.

I'm FREE (Females Reentering Empowering Each other) is a group of formerly incarcerated women supporting each other to reconnect with society and their families, revitalize their sense of purpose, and free themselves from an institutionalized way of living.

Pennsylvania Prison Society, a social justice advocacy organization for prisoners, their families, and formerly incarcerated people, is starting a peer support group for returning citizens.



POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower and Rebuild) is a coalition of people of faith pressing for the needs and priorities of all Philadelphians to be reflected in the systems and policies that shape the city.

Reentry Think Tank connects returning citizens with artists, activists, and legislative experts to make media campaigns and advocates for social, educational, and political platforms to help those in reentry succeed.

Sisters Returning Home seeks to protect, defend, and amplify the uncensored voices of prisoners by recording and distributing essays and interviews with incarcerated people.

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Veterans Legal Foundation is a coalition advocating for the expansion of legal and social services for incarcerated military veterans.

Why Not Prosper is a faith-based grassroots organization that helps formerly incarcerated women find employment and housing, reunite with their children, and not return to prison.

Youth Art & Self-empowerment

Project raises awareness about the school-to-prison pipeline while building a youth movement to resist and dismantle it.

Youth Sentencing & Reentry Project works to transform the experiences of children prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system and aims to eliminate the practice of sentencing children as adults.

OPPORTUNITY FUND

Offered monthly, Opportunity Fund grants are intended for unforeseen projects that are not part of an organization's ongoing work, such as demonstrations and rallies, coalition activities, and conferences and forums. To see the list of 2017 Opportunity Fund grantees, visit www.breadrosesfund.org/grants-scholarships/opportunity-fund.