

Brief Summary of Program and Strategies

Democracy and Power Fund

The Democracy and Power Fund (D&P) expands on OSI's longtime support of efforts that inspire and motivate people of color, young people, immigrants, and low income communities. Launched in 2008, D&P makes investments in multi-issue advocacy and organizing organizations that advance strategies to expand access to democracy for all and build power to advance lasting social and systemic change.

D&P supports organizations within five funding priorities:

1. *Grassroots Organizing & Civic Engagement* – Organizations and networks that expand public participation and collective action to advance social justice and open society through grassroots organizing and civic engagement.
2. *Social Engagement Through Arts, Culture, & Technology* – Organizations that use innovative means of social engagement through arts, culture, and technology to inspire and sustain participation in social justice organizing and advocacy.
3. *Leadership Development & Youth Engagement* – Organizations dedicated to youth organizing and engagement, and development of a leadership continuum that includes multiple layers of social justice leadership, from new activists to movement elders.
4. *Building State-Based Power* – State-based groups that address opportunities to advance (or threats to) open society.
5. *Policy Innovation* – Organizations that identify issues, conduct analysis and applied research, and integrate policy change efforts with grassroots strategies to more effectively improve the lives of many.

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