

Equality and Opportunity 2009 Planned Grants for Docket I

Racial Justice

African American Policy Forum, general support

\$75,000 over one year

To provide general support to the African American Policy Forum (AAPF). Established in 1996, AAPF is a civil rights think tank that advances contemporary scholarship, research and civil rights law to promote progressive public policy reform that secures social and civil opportunities for low-income communities of color. Through its policy analysis and applied research, AAPF raises awareness on pressing racial justice issues affecting the African American community by building advocacy strategies between scholars and activists to respond to the erosion of civil rights in the United States. This is a one-year tie-off grant.

Citizens Planning and Housing Association of Baltimore, project support

\$200,000 over one year

To support the Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA) in a) successfully litigating the Thompson v. HUD case, which includes the monitoring and enforcement of the 1996 consent decree for the initial 3,000 housing units and negotiating a post-remedy settlement with HUD for the remaining 12,000 units; b) conducting policy advocacy for affordable housing in the Baltimore metropolitan area; c) implementing a communications strategy to promote regional housing opportunity; and d) coordinating efforts for the Baltimore Regional Housing Campaign and other local housing advocates.

Jamestown Project, general support

\$200,000 over one year (\$150,000 from EOF; \$50,000 from D&P)

To provide general support to the Jamestown Project, an action-oriented think tank dedicated to improving the quantity and quality of democratic participation in the United States by advancing diverse new voices in public and policy discussions, and by contributing to new innovations and concrete action projects to overcome past and present challenges to democracy, especially for people of color. Based in Cambridge, Massachusetts at Harvard Law School, Jamestown has been focused on tapping a new generation of intellectual leaders, especially in the African-American community, to connect ideas to action. It operates from a view that activists, scholars, and citizens can make democracy real by using five broad strategies: generating new ideas; promoting meaningful public conversations and engagement; cultivating new leaders; formulating political strategy and public policy; and using cutting-edge communications techniques to reach a broad public. This is a one-year tie-off grant.

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, general support

\$150,000 over one year

To provide general support to the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. Founded in 1963 upon the request of President John F. Kennedy, The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (The Committee) was formed to strategically engage and mobilize the private bar to provide legal services to address racial discrimination and defend fundamental civil rights protections. The organization represents racial and ethnic minorities and women in the courts by: (1) advocating strong enforcement of civil rights laws before administrative bodies; (2) working in coalition with other public interest agencies; and (3) educating the general public about pressing civil rights issues.

Native American Rights Fund, general support

\$200,000 over two years

To provide general support for the Native American Rights Fund (NARF). Founded in 1970, NARF has been the premier organization defending and promoting the legal rights of Indian people. NARF represents over 200 tribes in 31 states and has established five priorities of engagement: (1) the preservation of tribal existence, jurisdiction, and sovereignty; (2) the protection of tribal natural resources

including rights to hunting and fishing; land rights, and access to clean water; (3) the promotion of human rights for indigenous peoples throughout the world; (4) the accountability of governments to Native Americans; and (5) the furthering of Indian Law and public education on Indian issues. Executive director, John Echohawk, has led the organization since 1977. Its thirteen-member board of directors is composed entirely of Native Americans.

University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill, project support

\$100,000 over one year

To provide support for the UNC Center for Civil Rights, a project of the UNC School of Law. The UNC Center for Civil Rights is committed to the advancement of civil rights and social justice, especially in the American South. The Center sponsors research and advocacy and convenes students, faculty, visiting scholars, policy advocates and practicing attorneys to confront legal and social issues of concern to racial and ethnic minorities and the poor. The Center's work focuses on education, housing and community development, economic justice and voting rights. This is a one-year tie-off grant.

Immigrant Rights and Immigration Innovation

Immigration Reform Campaign

\$6,000,000 over 14 months to two-years

This is a package of grants that will support key immigrant rights organizations working to create the necessary conditions for immigration reform through a major campaign that consists of policy and research work, field and alliance building, proactive communications, and civic engagement. This campaign builds on the lessons of the 2007 failed reform efforts and aims to turn the tide of public debate and action by engaging new and diverse constituencies such as the business and faith communities to garner support for reform. This package of grants is being funded through a dedicated allocation approved by George Soros last year.

Breakthrough, general support

\$300,000 over two years (co-funded with the National Security and Human Rights Fund and the Strategic Opportunities Fund)

This is a renewal general support grant. Breakthrough is a human rights organization that uses education, media and popular culture to transform public attitudes and promote values of equality, justice and dignity. Breakthrough uses public education, popular cultural and new media to partner with the entertainment industry, educational institutions and diverse nonprofit organizations to strengthen democratic values and mobilize support for human rights.

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), project support

\$400,000 over two years (co-funded with the Criminal Justice Fund).

Renewal of project support for the Defending Immigrants Partnership, a collaboration between four nonprofit legal organizations to prevent the needless deportation of low-income non-citizens accused of crimes by providing defense counsel with the training and assistance needed to protect such persons against the immigration law consequences of conviction.

Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation USA, project support

\$25,000 over one year

To support U.S delegates attending the Third Global Forum on Migration and Development. This grant will support travel costs for 10 U.S delegates from organizations such as the National Employment Law Project, New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice, National Day Laborer Organizing Network and the National Network for Immigrant & Refugee Rights. The aim of the delegates is to exchange ideas, experiences and prepare a set of conclusions and recommendations for the governments attending the Global Forum that will take place in the fall in Greece.

LGBT Rights

Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, general support

\$75,000 over one year

To support activities related to the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice's U.S. grantmaking program, including regranting, convenings, technical assistance and program administration. Astraea is a dynamic global foundation providing critically needed financial support to lesbian-led, transgender, LGBTI and progressive organizations. Its U.S. grantmaking program supports brave and innovative organizations and projects in effective and strategic social change work in every region of the U.S.

Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues, project support

\$175,000 over one year

To support the Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues' Racial Equity Campaign, which provides grant support for LGBT people of color organizations in the U.S. and builds the capacity and commitment of LGBT foundations to support racial equity programs, policies and practices.

National Black Justice Center, general support

\$50,000 over one year

To support the National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC), the leading national organization dedicated to protecting and expanding the civil rights of LGBT African Americans. NBJC works to increase the visibility and political engagement of openly gay African Americans on issues of civil rights - including marriage equality, affirmative action, voter disenfranchisement, and anti-discrimination policies and legislation.

National Center for Lesbian Rights, general support

\$150,000 over two years

To support the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), a national legal organization committed to advancing the civil and human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people and their families through litigation, public policy advocacy, and public education. NCLR litigates precedent-setting cases at the trial and appellate court levels; advocates for equitable public policies affecting the LGBT community; provides free legal assistance to LGBT people and their legal advocates; and conducts community education on LGBT legal issues.

National Center for Transgender Equality, general support

\$100,000 over two years

To support the National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), the nation's leading social justice organization dedicated to advancing the equality of transgender people through advocacy, collaboration and empowerment. NCTE works to strengthen the transgender movement and individual investment in this movement by highlighting opportunities for coalition building, promoting available resources, and providing technical assistance and training to transgender people and their allies.

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation, general support

\$175,000 over two years

To support the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation, the leading national progressive LGBT rights organization dedicated to building the grassroots political power of the LGBT community to win complete equality. The Task Force accomplishes its mission by training activists, organizing broad-based campaigns to defeat anti-LGBT referenda and advance pro-LGBT legislation, and by building the organizational capacity of the movement.

Transgender Law Center, general support

\$100,000 over two years

To support the Transgender Law Center (TLC), a civil rights organization advocating for transgender communities in California and across the country. TLC utilizes direct legal services, public policy advocacy, and educational opportunities to advance the rights and safety of diverse transgender communities. They connect transgender people and their families to technically sound and culturally competent legal services, increase acceptance and enforcement of laws and policies that support

transgender communities, and work to change laws and systems that fail to incorporate the needs and experiences of transgender people.

Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative

Local Initiatives Support Corporation

\$560,000 over two years

To design and launch workforce development programs in neighborhoods with concentrated numbers of foreclosures in Detroit, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and Milwaukee, and to cull best practices to benefit communities across the country.

National Community Stabilization Trust, general support

\$200,000 over one year

To support the National Community Stabilization Trust (NCST), a new national nonprofit organization created to connect servicers and investors holding foreclosed properties with local organizations and coalitions working to stem the decline of communities with high concentrations of vacant and abandoned foreclosed properties. NCST was formed by an unprecedented collaboration of five of the nation's leading community development intermediaries—Enterprise Community Partners, Housing Partnership Network, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, National Urban League, and NeighborWorks America. In addition to facilitate the efficient transfer of foreclosed properties to responsible, local ownership, NCST serves as a focal point and a voice for the housing industry in the arena of foreclosed property reuse and community stabilization.

National Consumer Law Center

\$150,000 over one year

To support the National Consumer Law Center's Foreclosure Mediation Project, which is aimed at improving and expanding foreclosure mediation programs around the country by 1) thoroughly examining and evaluating foreclosure mediation programs already in operation; 2) preparing a set of best practices for foreclosure mediation; and 3) supporting advocates as they develop and implement new mediation programs.

National Housing Law Project

\$300,000 over two years

To launch a Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative that increases the capacity of national Housing Justice Network members to protect tenants in foreclosed properties, and to identify and implement strategic uses of neighborhood stabilization funds that maximize creation of affordable housing and economic opportunities for low-income people, particularly those traditionally challenged with access to housing.

National Law Center for Homelessness and Poverty

\$200,000 over two years

To support the National Law Center for Homelessness and Poverty's efforts to prevent homelessness resulting from evictions and foreclosures through the following activities: 1) documenting the relationship between the foreclosure crisis and increased homelessness through empirical research; 2) preparing resources and providing trainings on strategies to convert foreclosed properties into supportive housing for formerly homeless people and other special-needs populations; and 3) advocating for effective and targeted implementation of federal subsidies for homelessness prevention and assistance to renters displaced due to foreclosure.

National Training and Information Center, general support

\$400,000 over two years (\$300,000 from D&P; \$100,000 from NSI, EOF)

To support the National Training and Information Center (NTIC), a 36 year old, Chicago-based national resource center that supports, strengthens, and coordinates grassroots community organizations working for social and economic justice. Through the NTIC, 25 affiliate organizations in 14 states and the District of Columbia link local and regional organizing efforts into powerful national campaigns that win accountability from decision-makers. OSI support will build the network's capacity and power and support its work to push forward a national economic and racial justice agenda on housing and banking issues.

Pacific Institute for Community Organizations dba PICO National Network, general support

\$200,000 over one year (\$150,000 from D&P; \$50,000 from NSI, EOF)

To support the PICO National Network, a 36 year old, Oakland, CA-based network of faith-based community organizations that brings the voices of local families and faith leaders to the public debate on national policies, including housing and immigration. With more than 50 faith traditions represented in over 1,000 member institutions, PICO represents one million families in 17 states and 150 cities and is one of the nation's largest community based efforts. OSI support would strengthen the member institutions in the PICO network and support its leadership on national housing and immigration reform campaigns.

The Urban Institute

\$275,000 over 16 months

To support cross-site empirical research into the impacts of foreclosures on children and families by linking property-level foreclosure data to public school residential addresses and school performance records. Research findings will inform local foreclosure mitigation strategies and national policy on foreclosure prevention, neighborhood stabilization and economic recovery.

Campaign for Black Male Achievement

Young People's Project, project support

\$500,000 over two years (\$200,000 from D&P, \$300,000 from CBMA, EOF)

To support the Young People's Project (YPP) and their Jackson, Mississippi operations for development of a state-wide network of math literacy workers and school-based math literacy partnerships that function as educational and organizing hubs. YPP's mission is to use math literacy as a tool to develop young leaders and organizers who radically change the quality of education and life in their communities so that all children have the opportunity to learn, and reach their full human potential. YPP's Mississippi strategy fosters the development of a broader intergenerational coalition of students, teachers, and community organizers around youth-focused policy advocacy issues. Support of this effort advances the Campaign's priorities of engaging young black males in youth organizing and leadership activities, in addition to advancing the Campaign's goal to improve educational outcomes for black males.