

## **Equality and Opportunity 2009**

### **Planned Grants for Docket III**

The Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF) makes grants across four core areas: racial justice; immigrant rights; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) rights; and gender justice. EOF also works to increase support for an intersectional equality agenda by supporting advocacy efforts that address two or more of EOF's core areas and may also implicate the concerns of other U.S. Programs funds and campaigns. Beyond this, EOF supports three targeted initiatives that address urgent equal opportunity concerns. They are the Campaign for Black Male Achievement; the Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative; and the Immigration Innovation Fund.

The following are the planned EOF grants for Docket III.

#### **EOF Intersectional**

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##### **Asian American Justice Center**

*\$900,000 over three years (general support; intersectional grant between immigrant rights and racial justice)*

To renew general support to the Asian American Justice Center (AAJC), a leading national organization focused on advancing civil and human rights for Asian Americans and fostering a fair and equitable society for all. Founded in 1991, AAJC is a national expert on issues of particular importance to the Asian American community including adult English language learning, affirmative action, anti-Asian violence prevention and race relations, census, health care, immigration and immigrant rights, media diversity and voting rights. AAJC president and executive director Karen Narasaki is a prominent civil rights leader and a frequent media commentator on immigrant rights, voting rights, affirmative action and civil rights. AAJC is a longtime grantee of EOF's Immigrant Rights portfolio.

##### **Center for New Community**

*\$300,000 over two years (general support; intersectional grant between immigrant rights and racial justice)*

To renew general support to the Center for New Community (CNC), a national organization committed to building community, justice, and equality. Since its inception in 1995 by a group of religious leaders and organizers, CNC has grown to become an organization that has had significant impact through its organizing and programmatic initiatives across the nation, and become recognized internationally for its work to counter organized bigotry. CNC has had a national role in exposing the racism of the anti-immigrant movement, helping shift the nature of the national debate about immigration, and building a strong and growing network of organizations committed to effectively countering the movement's activities. In particular, CNC has been recognized for its engagement with African American communities on issues related to immigration and immigrant rights.

**NAACP**

*\$150,000 over two years (general support; co-funded with Seize the Day, CJF and CBMA, total grant \$900,000)*

To provide general support to the NAACP. Founded in 1909 by W.E.B. DuBois and others, the NAACP is the nation's oldest civil rights organization. With its long history and deep roots – over 2000 local branches, and youth, college and prison chapters in 50 states and approximately 250,000 members – the NAACP has played a critical leadership role in working to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all persons. In the past decade, it has pushed for Voting Rights Act reauthorization, advocated to narrow racial health disparities, opposed local anti-immigrant efforts, and worked to eliminate racial disparities in federal sentences for crack versus powder cocaine.

**National Black Justice Coalition**

*\$50,000 over six months (project support; intersectional grant between racial justice and LGBTQ rights)*

To provide project support for transition and organizational development in collaboration with other core National Black Justice Coalition (NBJC) funders. NBJC is 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 Council of La Raza**

*\$200,000 over two years (general and project support; co-funded with Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative, total grant is \$450,000; intersectional grant between immigrant rights, racial justice and NSI)*

To provide general and project support to the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the largest national Hispanic civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. Through its network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations, NCLR reaches Hispanics each year in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia with the aim to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans. NCLR conducts applied research, policy analysis, and advocacy, providing a Latino perspective in five key areas: assets/investments, civil rights/immigration, education, employment and economic status, and health. In addition, it provides capacity-building assistance to its Affiliates who work at the state and local levels to advance opportunities for individuals and families. With NSI's contribution, this grant will provide project support for NCLR's Wealth-Building Policy Project, a key project which mitigates the impact of foreclosures on the Latino community through policy analysis and advocacy.

### **Rights Working Group**

*\$100,000 over one year (project support; co-funded with National Security and Human Rights Campaign, total grant is \$300,000; intersectional grant between immigrant rights, racial justice and NSHR)*

To support the launch of the Rights Working Group's Stop Racial Profiling Campaign, a collaborative campaign to end racial profiling that unites the traditional civil rights organizations that have been leading the fight against racial profiling for decades with more recently formed immigrants' rights organizations and Muslim, Arab, and South Asian organizations. Rights Working Group, founded in 2004, is a D.C.-based coalition of more than 250 civil liberties, national security, immigrants' rights, and human rights member organizations from across the nation. The NSHR Campaign supported the first phase of the Stop Racial Profiling Campaign with a planning grant earlier this year and plans to continue.

## **Racial Justice**

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### **Equal Justice Society**

*\$125,000 over one year (project support)*

To provide renewed project support to the Equal Justice Society (EJS) for its *Dismantling Intent* program. EJS is one of few organizations explicitly focused on overturning current barriers to implementing protections in the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Currently, U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence requires plaintiffs to prove a perpetrator's discriminatory intent in order to win an anti-discrimination claim. Because contemporary discrimination is frequently structural in nature, unconscious, and/or hidden beneath alternative excuses for a decision maker's behavior (despite the fact that a tangible harm has resulted from their actions), the showing of "intent" becomes a near impossible burden. EJS supports advocacy organizations that are litigating cases addressing structural racism and engaged in broader advocacy to overturn the intent doctrine.

Beginning in the fall of 2009, EJS will begin expanding its legal strategy, which will include trainings on litigation approaches, amicus support for litigators, and educational briefs. EJS will begin systematically monitoring discrimination cases and increase research analysis activities. It will also conduct lawyer, judicial and legislative education sessions on existing social science and persisting structural racism to seed content for legal arguments, opinions, and policies.

To coordinate EOF's support of EJS with the Transparency and Integrity Fund's support of EJS's work on judicial nominations, the two funds will co-fund a consolidated grant.

### **Regents of the University of Minnesota, Institute on Race and Poverty**

*\$100,000 over one year (general support; close-out grant)*

The Institute on Race and Poverty (IRP) investigates the systemic ways that policies and practices disproportionately affect people of color. Through research, communications, mapping and legal advocacy, the Institute provides resources to policy makers, civil rights advocates, and

the public to address structural inequality based on race and class. The former Racial Justice Initiative funded IRP to conduct research in the following areas:

- *School Choice Programs.* Following the U.S. Supreme Court's sharply divided decision in *Parents Involved v. Seattle School District* in 2007, which limited the ability of public school districts to take account of race to promote diversity and address racial isolation, IRP has chronicled school desegregation efforts in Minneapolis that seek to comply with the Court's holding.
- *Impact of School and Neighborhood Characteristics on Incarceration Rates.* IRP has also examined U.S. Sentencing Commission data as well as neighborhood-level census data to determine how school and residential segregation correlate with criminal justice outcomes.

EOF plans to provide IRP with general support to continue its research and collaboration with advocates working to address racial inequality. After this grant, EOF does not plan to renew general support funding for IRP. EOF recognizes, however, that there may be links between IRP's work and other funds and campaigns, such as CJF.

### **UCLA Civil Rights Project**

*\$80,000 over one year (general support; close-out grant)*

The Civil Rights Project (CRP) is a multi-disciplinary research and policy information clearinghouse that produces research to assist policy makers, civil rights advocates and journalists. Its primary focus is on education reform. The former Racial Justice Initiative funded CRP to conduct rapid response research for school districts whose voluntary integration plans were at risk under *Parents Involved*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision mentioned above. EOF plans to provide CRP with general support to continue its research and collaboration with advocates working to address racial inequality. After this grant, EOF does not plan to renew general support funding for CRP. EOF recognizes, however, that there may be links between CRP's work and other funds and campaigns, such as CBMA.

### **UNC Center for Civil Rights**

*\$100,000 over one year (project support; close-out grant)*

The UNC Center for Civil Rights (the Center), a project of the UNC School of Law, 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 structural inequality. The Center's work focuses on education, housing, community development, economic justice, and voting rights. The former Racial Justice Initiative funded the Center to conduct legal research and advocacy in three programmatic areas:

- *Strengthening Democracy.* The Center conducted research around Voting Rights Act reauthorization and redistricting, and to support the development of a training institute to encourage social scientists of color to engage in work around the 2010 Census.

- *Fostering Social Inclusion and Economic Development in Communities of Color.* The Center worked to expand supports for grassroots groups in two North Carolina counties challenging municipal underbounding.
- *Creating Equal Education Opportunity for Children of Color.* The Center convened advocates to explore model school assignment programs in light of the U.S. Supreme's decision striking down racially explicit voluntary integration programs.

EOF plans to provide the Center with general support to continue its research and collaboration with advocates working to address racial inequality. After this grant, EOF does not plan to renew general support funding for the Center. EOF recognizes, however, that there may be links between the Center's work and other funds and campaigns.

## **Immigrant Rights and Immigration Innovation**

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### **Border Action Network**

*\$50,000 over one year (general support)*

To provide general support to Border Action Network (BAN), a community-based organization working with immigrant communities along the Arizona-Mexico border. With a strong membership base, BAN has successfully organized at the local level to provide its members resources and trainings to defend human and constitutional rights; to hold government agencies accountable for violations of peoples' rights; and to insert their voices into national and international policy debates on immigration and the US-Mexico border. Since it began in 1999 as a volunteer-based organization, BAN has grown to become a full fledged member-based, nonprofit organization that is actively involved in policy discussions at the local, regional and national levels. It has been an instrumental player in working with congressional offices and Department of Homeland Security officials. While this will be the first grant to BAN, its work has been previously supported through its partnership with EOF's Immigrant Rights grantee Border Network for Human Rights.

### **Detention Watch Network**

*\$100,000 over one year (general support)*

To provide general support for Detention Watch Network's (DWN) work of ensuring that enforcement issues are a core part of the advocacy efforts for a just and humane immigration reform. Formed in 1997 in response to the rapid growth of the immigration detention system, DWN presently comprises more than 86 organizations and individuals from across the U.S. Members include formerly detained people and their families, community and faith-based groups, legal service providers, national and regional advocates, law school clinics, and concerned citizens. DWN has been actively advocating for an immigration enforcement system which emphasizes alternatives to detention and ensures that any detention system upholds safe and humane detention conditions. It also works on the continuum of ICE actions (including workplace raids, home invasions, 287g agreements with local law enforcement, and border militarization). Director Andrea Black is a former Soros Justice Fellow.

### **Faith in Public Life**

*\$150,000 over two years (general support; co-funded with Democracy and Power, total grant is \$450,000)*

To support Faith in Public Life, a Washington, DC-based strategy center advancing faith in the public square as a positive and unifying force for justice, compassion, and the common good. In order to maximize the faith community's unique ability to shape public debates, Faith in Public Life identifies and creates moments of opportunity, builds and supports broad coalitions, and designs and implements innovative campaigns, bold initiatives and capacity-building tools. Faith in Public Life's approach emphasizes results, rapid response, cutting-edge skills and media savvy. Since its official launch in 2006, Faith in Public Life has worked to build the faith community's media presence and capacity, provide strategic assistance to faith-based coalitions, broker new partnerships, develop online communities, sponsor opinion research, and amplify the voices of emerging religious leaders.

### **Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees**

*\$75,000 over one year (general support)*

To renew general support to Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR), an affinity group that aims to influence the philanthropic field to promote the contributions and address the needs of the growing and increasingly diverse immigrant and refugee populations. With a core focus on the United States, GCIR provides information resources, collaboration, networking, and learning opportunities to enhance philanthropy's awareness of issues affecting immigrants and refugees. Since its inception, GCIR has designed and sponsored national, statewide, and regional programs that have been timely and relevant to the field and also has co-sponsored two international programs. At its 2010 national convening, GCIS will commemorate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

## **LGBTQ Rights**

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### **Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE)**

*\$75,000 over one year (general support; \$25,000 from LGBTQ Rights, with possible co-funding by CBMA for \$50,000)*

To provide general support to Children of Lesbians and Gays Everywhere (COLAGE), the only national organization specifically supporting young people with LGBT parents – ensuring that children's voices are heard in debates over LGBT families. COLAGE provides resources and information to LGBT parents, teachers, and legislators about the unique challenges facing children of LGBT parents. Since it was founded almost two decades ago, COLAGE has grown to 59 local chapters in 30 states, plus three international chapters. COLAGE represents a unique and critical constituency in the fight for legal recognition of LGBT families. This year, COLAGE plans to build on their internal organizational development work, to deepen the integration of their commitment to racial, social, and economic justice throughout core programming, and undertake special projects that address racial justice.

### **Freedom to Marry**

*\$50,000 over one year (general support; close-out grant)*

To provide general support to Freedom to Marry (FTM). Based in New York, FTM leads efforts to end discrimination in marriage throughout the country. FTM works closely with over 30 national, state and local partner organizations, melding state and local marriage equality efforts into a cohesive national campaign. FTM plays a unique and important role – facilitating the work of partner organizations in the marriage equality movement, enhancing strategic focus within the field, helping to frame the marriage debate and expanding outreach to new allies. In working to secure equal access to civil marriage, FTM places LGBT issues squarely into both the legal and societal discourse about equality and justice in this country. Its fiscal agent is the Astraea Lesbian Justice Foundation, a public foundation also based in New York, whose grantmaking and philanthropic advocacy programs help lesbians and allied communities challenge oppression and claim their human rights.

### **Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund**

*\$60,000 over two years (project support; co-funded with Transparency and Integrity Fund, total grant \$260,000)*

This recommended grant would provide renewal support to Lambda Legal's *Fair Courts Project*. The project engages LGBTQ and judicial independence organizations to educate citizens about the importance of fair courts to democracy. Over the past two years the project has worked in Iowa to defend the Iowa courts from attack in anticipation of and following the state Supreme Court's recognition of same-sex marriage rights. Lambda Legal has been a valuable and active member of the Justice at Stake Judicial Diversity Working Group, bringing an often overlooked perspective and strategic savvy to developing efforts to advance judicial diversity around the country.

### **Proteus Fund/ Civil Marriage Collaborative**

*\$250,000 over one year (project support)*

To provide project support for the Civil Marriage Collaborative (CMC), a project of the Proteus Fund (Proteus). Proteus is a publicly supported 501(c)(3) organization that manages donor advised funds and serves as a vehicle to educate donors and increase progressive philanthropy. Established in 2004, the Civil Marriage Collaborative Fund (CMC) regrants funds to state organizations working to advance the legal recognition of same-sex relationships. These grants build capacity and support more effective advocacy to secure marriage equality. CMC also encourages partnerships between LGBT and allied groups, with a special emphasis on faith-based and people of color led organizations. The Collaborative was launched through the efforts of OSI and six funding partners. This grant renews OSI's annual membership.

### **National Center Transgender Equality**

*\$125,000 over one year (project support; co-funded with Transparency and Integrity Fund, total grant \$200,000)*

To provide project support for the Trans Health Collaborative, a joint project of the National Center for Transgender Equality, Transgender Law Center, and the National Center for Lesbian Rights (each grantees of the Equality and Opportunity Fund). The Trans Health Collaborative advocates for equality in health care policy for transgender individuals in this historic moment of national health care reform. The Collaborative will work to increase public data collection and reporting about the health needs of transgender individuals and to remove structural barriers to access to health services and benefits through a combination of grassroots education, regulatory advocacy, and policy research. NCTE will serve as the fiscal sponsor for the Collaborative.

### **Campaign for Black Male Achievement**

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The Campaign for Black Male Achievement (the Campaign) is considering the following 11 grants totaling \$1,474,000 for inclusion in Docket III. The recommended grants advance the Campaign's goals to: 1) ensure that black boys have the opportunity to excel academically to prepare for college and to learn skills essential to earning a living wage; 2) strengthen low-income black families through Responsible Fatherhood initiatives, policy advocacy and supporting efforts that lift barriers facing single mothers raising black boys; and 3) expand and ensure 21<sup>st</sup> century family supportive wage work opportunities for black males through policy advocacy, and investing in labor best practices.

### **Black Association for Educational Opportunities**

*\$200,000 over two years (project support)*

To provide project support the Black Association for Educational Opportunities (BAEO). BAEO's mission is to actively expand parental choice to empower families and increase quality educational options for black children. BAEO will lead educational parent advocacy organizing institutes in one city in each of the Campaign's three target regions (New Orleans, LA; Milwaukee, WI; Washington, DC) to empower low-income parents to become effective school-based and education policy advocates for black males in grades K – 12. The BAEO parent advocacy organizing institutes otherwise known as P3 Institutes (Parents, Purpose, and Power Institutes) will inform parents about their rights and role in the education process, about the purpose of education for their children, and how to use grassroots policy advocacy organizing tools to effectively influence educational reform.

### **Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)**

*\$350,000 over two years (project support; recommended for funding from the Seize the Day Fund)*

To provide project support for CLASP's efforts to conduct public education, community profiles, policy analysis and development, and advocacy at the federal and local levels around the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) to address social inequality tied to employment



discrimination. Over the next two years, the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) will be reauthorized by Congress. The reauthorization debate provides an opportunity for public education on improving education and labor market outcomes for disconnected youth, especially black males. With funding from Seize the Day, CLASP would work with local and regional advocates committed to making workforce systems more responsive to the needs of disconnected youth, including young black males in an effort to strengthen the social safety net.

**Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice**

*\$50,000 over one year (project support; co-funded with EOF and CJF, total grant is \$100,000)*

The provide project support for the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Race and Justice (the Institute). Launched in 2005 by Charles Ogletree, the Institute honors and continues the unfinished work of Charles Hamilton Houston, who engineered the legal strategy that led to the unanimous 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board*. With support from U.S. Programs, the Institute will continue its efforts to redirect the school-to-prison pipeline in Massachusetts and nationally. Its strategies include expanding and improving the quality of legal representation available to low-income students in the state facing suspension and expulsion from school, filing administrative compliance complaints against school districts for system-wide abuses, writing and widely releasing reports and policy papers that identify effective alternatives to the use of harsh discipline in schools, convening and organizing community forums, and developing web-based tools for use by advocates, educators, and others committed to reforming policies within specific schools and districts.

**Children’s Defense Fund (CDF)**

*\$175,000 over two years (project support; co-funded with CJF, total grant \$200,000)*

To provide project support to the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) to expand the reach of its youth leadership development and community organizing training of college-aged black males in Louisiana and Mississippi. CDF will engage and train nearly 400 black men and boys in community organizing and mobilization tactics and equip them with the necessary tools and skills to build power in their local communities to dismantle the Cradle to Prison Pipeline and advocate for education reform. Through their Young Advocates Leadership Training (YALT) CDF will provide young black males with the tools to prepare them to lead social justice change locally and nationally on issues directly related to their well-being and those of their peers, namely the Cradle to Prison Pipeline issues and the summer learning opportunities of their Freedom Schools.

**D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation**

*\$200,000 over two years (project support)*

To provide project support to the D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation (the Trust). The Trust is a resource for developing partnerships that expand and improve services and opportunities for children and youth in the District of Columbia, especially during their time out of school. The partnerships include public schools, city agencies, and employers, including non-profit providers. Since its inception in 1999, the Trust has provided grants, technical assistance,

youth worker training, capacity building, learning opportunities, convenings, and policy support in the District.

The recommended grant would support the Trust's Boys of Color Initiative to build the capacity and partnership of 10 to 12 organizations in Washington, D.C. dedicated to improving education and youth development outcomes of black boys. As a capacity and coalition building intermediary organization, the Trust will assist the organizations that are a part of their Boys of Color Initiative to develop measurable metrics of success of their work with black males, increase organizational collaboration and sharing of best practices, and lead the development of a black boys policy agenda for Washington, D.C.

### **The Gathering for Justice**

*\$75,000 over one year (project support; co-funded with D&P, total grant \$100,000)*

The provide project support to the Gathering for Justice (the Gathering). The Gathering is a civil rights organization dedicated to building a national movement to end youth incarceration and to address the underlying structural inequality that contributes to mass incarceration. The recommended grant would support the Gathering's regional Chicago and Milwaukee leadership development and organizing trainings that will equip black males with the advocacy and facilitation skills to address structural inequities in their communities through grassroots mobilization and organizing. The Gathering will leverage their advocacy training to foster collaborative relationships between organizations in Chicago and Milwaukee to develop shared strategies for multi-issue policy advocacy and community change.

### **Hip Hop Caucus**

*\$100,000 over two years (project support; co-funded with D&P, total grant \$150,000)*

To provide project support to the Hip Hop Caucus (HHC), a Washington D.C.-based national organization that utilizes cutting edge and old fashioned outreach strategies – from new media, large scale text messaging campaigns to street teams and barbershop outreach – to inspire non-partisan voter participation and community engagement from the hip hop generation. Since its founding in 2004, HHC's dynamic leadership and effective use of high profile celebrities with street credibility – including the rapper T.I. and singer Keyshia Cole – HHC has grown from 900 people at its founding conference to nearly 700,000 members, an advisory board of 25 Members of Congress, and 48 local chapters nationwide. In 2008, HHC registered 49,000 new voters and inspired hundreds of thousands of young people, primarily young people of color who are not college campus based, to vote. HHC is now is leading – with Green for All – a new campaign, "Green the Block," to link climate change, urban workforce development, and anti-poverty work with an emphasis on young black men.

### **Men Can Stop Rape (MCSR)**

*\$125,000 over one year (project support)*

To provide project support to increase the engagement of Men Can Stop Rape (MCSR) with young men of color, specifically black males, in reversing gender-based violence trends and challenge confining definitions of masculinity through their school and community based

organizing trainings. MCSR's mission is to build young men's capacity to challenge harmful aspects of traditional masculinity, to value alternative visions of male strength, and to embrace their vital role as allies with women and girls in fostering healthy relationships and gender equity. Funding will be used to support MCSR's comprehensive twenty-two-week MOST Club Curriculum and Community Strength Projects in the District of Columbia and in Baltimore.

### **Men II Boys**

*\$75,000 over one year (project support)*

To provide project support for Men II Boys' grassroots cinematic ministerial social advocacy, using arts and culture advocacy to change public perceptions and representations of black males. Funding from the Campaign will allow Men II Boys to partner with organizations in Chicago, IL, Jackson, MS, and Washington, D.C. to raise awareness and develop policy advocacy strategies to expand mentoring and responsible fatherhood opportunities designed to improve the life outcomes of black men and boys in the respective cities. Each city will develop a specialized campaign that leverages the film Men II Boys into a tool for community mobilization and organizing.

### **NAACP**

*\$150,000 over one year (project support; co-funded with Seize the Day, EOF and CJF, total grant \$900,000)*

The recommended grant would provide project support to the NAACP to advance its civic engagement and education advocacy work around issues that impact black men and boys. The NAACP will work specifically with local chapters where the Campaign has focused its place-based regional grantmaking strategy to advance their work on black male achievement through with a focus on their education advocacy and programs such as their Back to School/Stay in School (BTS/SIS) Program that prepares, inspires and instructs youth of all ages with the "tools" necessary to graduate high school.

### **Youthline America**

*\$175,000 over two years (project support)*

To provide project support for Youthline America's strategy to build safe and a sustainable communication system for and by young people in Jackson, Mississippi through a youth-led asset mapping initiative. Youthline America uses technology as a tool to harness the collective intelligence of young people; adapts emerging technologies and practices to ensure safe, quality connections between youth and resources; and creates a workforce of young staff who expand the pipeline of civically-engaged young people ready for work and life. Youthline America also will partner the Campaign's grantee, The Young People's Project with the Strategic Opportunity Fund's grantee, The AfterSchool Partnership of Greater New Orleans. New Orleans youth will train Jackson youth in community asset mapping and development of the web platform. The website and the network of collaborators and partners created by this project will help support Jackson's city-wide advocacy efforts for improved services and policy change from inside and outside city local government.

### **The Black Star Project**

*\$125,000 over two years (project support)*

To renew project support for The Black Star Project's implementation of a national social marketing campaign, the Million Father March, to increase fathers' engagement in the educational outcomes of their children and their participation in school-based leadership opportunities. The Campaign's renewed support of Black Star also supports the organization's local school-based organizing and training of black men to serve as school-board leaders, mentors and tutors throughout the Chicago public schools system.

## **Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative**

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### **Center for American Progress**

*\$250,000 over two years (project support; co-funded with Democracy and Power Fund and Climate Policy Initiative, total grant \$1,400,000)*

To provide project support to the Center for American Progress (CAP) for research and advocacy to advance equitable principles in housing finance reform. CAP is a think tank dedicated to improving the lives of Americans through ideas and action. CAP combines bold policy ideas with a modern communications platform to help shape the national debate, expose the hollowness of conservative governing philosophy, and challenge the media to cover the issues that truly matter.

### **Center for New York City Neighborhoods**

*\$2,000,000 over two years (general support)*

To provide general support to the Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN). Founded in 2008 to coordinate the response to the foreclosure crisis in New York City, CNYCN funds a major expansion and coordination of legal services, housing counseling, education and outreach to households at risk of losing their homes to foreclosure. In its first year of operation, CNYCN and its partners provided housing counseling and legal services to over 3,000 families. It launched the city's first comprehensive foreclosure hotline and helped establish a pilot in New York courts to divert foreclosure cases into settlement conferences help borrowers effectively negotiate with their lenders for affordable loan modifications.

### **National Community Reinvestment Coalition**

*\$400,000 over two years (project support)*

To provide project support to the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) for research to identify root causes of the servicer bottleneck and best practices in loan modifications; to reduce racial inequities in valuation of foreclosed properties; and to promote modernization of the Community Reinvestment Act. NCRC is an association of more than 600 community-based organizations that promote access to basic banking services, including credit and savings, to create and sustain affordable housing, job development and vibrant communities for America's working families.

**National Housing Law Project**

*\$150,000 over two years (project support; add-on grant)*

To provide project support to the National Housing Law Project (NHLP) for advocacy to protect the rights of tenants in foreclosed properties and to promote transparency in the implementation of the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. NHLP advances housing justice for poor people by increasing and preserving the supply of decent, affordable housing; by improving existing housing conditions; by expanding and enforcing low-income tenants' and homeowners' rights; and by increasing housing opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities. This grant supplements an earlier grant of \$300,000 to NHLP made in NSI Docket II, and responds to increased need placed on the organization due to recent changes in federal foreclosure law and housing recovery policies.

**Neighborhood Funders Group**

*\$50,000 over one year (project support)*

To provide project support to Neighborhood Funders Group (NFG) for the development of a foreclosure prevention module on website and a philanthropic education campaign around effective foreclosure prevention and neighborhood stabilization strategies. NFG aims to strengthen the capacity of organized philanthropy to understand and support community-based efforts to organize and improve the economic and social fabric of low-income urban neighborhoods and rural communities. NFG provides encourages the support of policies and practices that advance economic and social justice.

**United for a Fair Economy**

*\$50,000 over one year (project support; co-funded with Democracy and Power Fund and Climate Policy Initiative, total grant \$200,000)*

To provide project support to United for a Fair Economy (UFE) for the development and dissemination of its 2010 "State of the Dream" report, which focuses on racial disparities in foreclosure responses and economic recovery. UFE raises awareness that concentrated wealth and power undermine the economy, corrupt democracy, deepen the racial divide, and tear communities apart. Their work helps to build social movements for greater equality, and aspires to build communities that are socially and environmentally sustainable.

**Vera Institute**

*\$300,000 over one year (project support)*

To provide project support to the Vera Institute to evaluate the Neighborhood Improvement Project of Wildcat Service Corporation in NYC and similar supported work pilot programs four cities being implemented by the Local Initiative Support Corporation, each NSI grantees or sub-grantees. These pilots provide supported work opportunities for harder-to-employ populations while mitigating the neighborhood blight and property abandonment associated with foreclosures. The Vera Institute of Justice combines expertise in research, demonstration

projects, and technical assistance to help leaders in government and civil society improve the systems people rely on for justice and safety.