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Funding social change since 1967

RESIST

Celebrating 30 Years

A Call to Resist Illegitimate Authority

February/March 1997

Funding Renewed Resistance

The 1996 Grant-Giving Year in Review

ROBIN CARTON

In 1976, RESIST gave out approximately \$17,400 in grants and loans. In 1986, that figure rose to about \$36,000. In 1996, RESIST awarded over \$121,000 in grants and loans to 150 activist groups.

In total, RESIST has given out more than one million dollars over the last 30 years to activist groups working for radical social change. During this time, RESIST has been a leader in the movement to fund grassroots groups who are organizing for social change. We have funded hundreds of small-budget groups who struggle towards a broad vision of social justice, while continuing to oppose political and institutional oppression.

Based upon its unique role as one of the first progressive funders in the country, RESIST has also served as the inspiration and model for a number of other foundations who now are engaged in supporting radical activist calls for change. As Susan Ostrander notes in *Money for Change* (Temple University Press, 1995), progressive funders like Haymarket People's Fund "called upon . . . RESIST for assistance in setting up a constituency-based grant making practice" (p. 186). Haymarket then went on to become a founding member of the Funding Exchange, which is a network of 15 social change foundations located across the country.



Activists from Common Threads picket against the Robinson-May Company in Santa Monica, California. The demonstration was organized by Sweat Shop Watch. Photo by Judy Branfman

Links to the Grass Roots

Unlike other foundations, however, RESIST relies on small contributions from a lot of people all over the country, and not solely on the large donations of a few individuals. As a result, most of RESIST's donors are activists in their own communities who feel strongly about the work we do and see the results of our grants firsthand. In this way, RESIST remains inextricably linked, and accountable, to the grassroots organizing community from

which we came.

A broad social vision is an important part of both RESIST's beliefs and a basic criteria for receiving funding. In order to evaluate proposals, RESIST seeks an understanding of how each grant applicant approaches a range of issues, including their positions on race, class, gender, reproductive and abortion rights, gay and lesbian liberation, age and disability.

Our position is centered around the concept that building a movement for social change requires groups to discuss issues and take a stand on matters that may not be intrinsic to their organization or work. For those organizations who have not had the

opportunity to address these issues, we hope that our grant process will help to facilitate such discussions. We do not intend this to be patronizing, but we see this as part of our role as a social change organization, as well as a foundation.

Trends and Patterns in Funding

Looking back over the last 30 years, there have been several significant trends that have developed in RESIST's funding

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Renewing the Call to RESIST

The history of RESIST parallels the history of radical and progressive movements in the United States for the past 30 years. Founded primarily to fund anti-war activism and draft resistance, RESIST quickly included anti-racism groups among its grantees. Each successive movement—feminist organizing, opposition to the U.S.-sponsored war in Central America, environmental activism, movement for gay and lesbian liberation, labor activism, to name a few—challenged RESIST to expand its funding.

In this issue of the Newsletter, we will begin a series of reflections, taking a look back at the original “call to resist illegitimate authority,” and seeing how RESIST still matters today. This month, we will look at what has always been a cornerstone of RESIST’s ability to fund grassroots organizing: committed donors. George Salzman has given money to RESIST since 1968, and continues to contribute to numerous organizations. He offers his reflections below.

GEORGE SALZMAN

In August we wrote to many of you that “the time has come to resist the war in Vietnam.” So began a letter of December 27, 1967, from Noam Chomsky, William S. Coffin, Jr., Dwight McDonald and Benjamin Spock. Many of us, myself included, answered that call.

Where are we now, nearly 30 years later? Major political changes gave cause for hope—including the end of the Cold War and the end of the apartheid regime in South Africa. But the horrors of genocide and torture, the brutality of nation-states acting against “their own people”—as though people are owned by the state—makes the struggle for human rights a burning necessity which, tragically, will have to be fought into the next millenium.

Further, the accelerating destruction of the biosphere, driven by the ideology of so-called Western civilization with its addiction to endless “development” and obscene profits, shows no sign of abating. Violations of human rights and of ecological integrity are often closely linked. For example, the greed of Shell Oil and of the military thugs who run Nigeria were served by hanging the writer Ken Saro-Wiwa for protesting the ecological/cultural destruction caused by Shell’s operations.

So, if we care about the world and about our fellow human beings, and generations yet unborn, we must try to stop the onslaught. The forms of resistance we can use depend on our individual life circumstances. I will focus on only one form of resistance: providing money for grassroots efforts aimed not only at opposing injustices, but at seeking to expose and counter the ideology which supports the repressive institutions that exploit and victimize us.

I see money as a key focus, along with the commodification of almost every essential for life. My personal response has

evolved over time, beginning during the Vietnam War. My wife and I decided to separate our interests from those of the corporations whose stocks we then owned. Immediately the problem came up: what to do with the money? And it’s taken me about 30 years to resolve that question.

Only a small percentage of the world’s people have the luxury of living far enough from the brink that every bit of money need not go for day-to-day survival. Those of us so privileged face the tension of what to do with the money, and that means dealing with our insecurity about our future.

Our fears are constantly fed by our knowledge of what happens to the very poor without food or homes, to those with major health afflictions lacking medical care, to the infirm aged warehoused unto death. We are urged to protect our individual selves by saving, by insurance, by investing. Banking conglomerates, giant insurance companies, mammoth brokerage empires and the legal sharks who advise them feast on our insecurities.

In truth, there is no escaping our fears *within the existing institutional framework*. Without real community there is no real social security. One of capitalism’s outstanding achievements in its relentless drive to maximize profits has been destroying real communities. Even extended families are disappearing as young people are forced to leave in search of jobs.

As long as the fear of insecurity has us in its grip, it seems impossible to contribute significant money to grassroots efforts. For me, it is more important to make the world better for my children and grandchildren—for all children—than to secure with money my own longevity and comfort. So I have decided not to try to save, not to try to prepare for prolonged medical care, and to come to terms with my own mortality. This has enabled me to contribute large (for me) amounts of money each

year, last year to 132 different groups. And I try to concentrate on non-mainstream groups, including, of course, RESIST.

On a personal basis it’s risky: with no real social security, only accumulated wealth remains as a buffer against possible misery at the end of one’s life. But if enough of us take the risk, we might gain real security for *all the world’s people*. Only a society without greed and with real security can solve all the social problems that beset modern capitalism.

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Mitchell Goodman Dies at 73

An Organizer of the Movement and a RESIST Board Member

GRACE PALEY

I knew Mitch probably from the mid-1960s when our Greenwich Village Peace Center office was a New York center—along with the War Resisters League—of resistance work. Or, more accurately, since most of us were too old to be drafted, we supported resistance to the Vietnam War and formed an organization which became known as Support in Action. We had our own New York conspiratorial statement which we hoped for honor's sake would help get us in as much trouble as the young resisters.

Karl Bissinger, Paul Goodman (no relation to Mitch) and I wrote a five-line statement carefully quoting the law and then breaking it. We had several thousand signatures, many of them acquired at a wide-open meeting at Town Hall in New York City, where our statement stood high on a large easel. When I remember the discussions by eminent men at the back of the hall about whether to sign it or not, I feel a certain old delight. This statement in support of the resisters did not come to people only by mail. It had a public life; their visible signing or not established a public commitment.

This was happening in New York. In Boston, an organization called RESIST—with a more academic disposition, but with great power and a brilliant, long-lasting statement of principle—was more useful for movement-building. We New Yorkers were invited by Bob Zevin to sign on to the “call to resist illegitimate authority.” Paul Goodman and I became part of the RESIST Board. Karl Bissinger already had a large number of meetings to attend and specific actions to attend to. In his 80s now, he works daily at the War Resisters League.

Mitch was part of that time, but I remember him best working on the Angry Arts Against the War. He organized a one-week demonstration in which theaters, concerts, art exhibits, and readings in fancy halls and on neighborhood street corners off the backs of trucks, were dedicated solely to opposition to the war.

Once Mitch had committed himself to

all this work it became his major, for all I know only, determined concern. His commitment to RESIST and its meaning—to resist illegitimate authority—was certainly whole-hearted.

For my part, I will go on fighting the political system that created this war with everything I have.
(Mitch Goodman, 1969)

In 1967, Mitch helped organize an anti-draft protest in Washington, DC, where activists gathered up and turned in draft cards to the Justice Department. For this, Mitch along with William Sloan Coffin, Michael Ferber, Marc Raskin, and Benjamin Spock were indicted for conspiracy to “hinder and interfere with the administration of the Universal Military Training and Service Act.” Their trial, known as the Boston Five or the Spock Trial, helped mobilize resistance to the war. The document “A call to resist illegitimate authority” was a central piece of evidence used against them.

Four of the men were convicted, including Mitch, but later the courts reversed the decision. After being released, Mitch had this to say:

We don't need a court to tell us we are not criminals. . . . The real criminals are walking on the streets of Washington and Texas. When the Government begins to listen to its people, we will begin to recover from the terrible sickness of the Vietnam War. For my part, I will go on fighting the political system that created this war with everything I have. (RESIST Newsletter #31, August 7, 1969)

Mitch's Political Work

Despite all of this, Mitch's obituary in *The New York Times* called him “apolitical”—strange to me because of his passion and commitment to justice.

These are the outstanding political facts of Mitch's life as I knew them. First, he wrote the important and fine novel *The End of It* (Second Chance Publisher, 1961, reprinted in 1984) about the horrors of war

in Italy. As a writer, I know well the kind of intense, inspiring, drudge work that writing involves—I'd call it political commitment.

Second, his role in the trial as the spokesperson for

resistance. Third, his 780-page compendium of the actions, manifestos and news articles of the Civil Rights, anti-war and feminist movements. And fourth, he never abandoned our movement and, therefore, never abandoned us to slide into the easy evening of liberal agreeableness.

Mitch worked as long as he could with the Independent Political Action Committee, lived far out in the country, believed in that life. In fact, Mitch was kind of opinionated about it in an annoying way, but developed a community of rural urbanist activism—and what must have been a community of poets too, since at his memorial in Farmington, Maine, many poems were

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Help us Save Trees and Postage

Are you receiving duplicate mailings? RESIST wants to be environmentally responsible, and we need your help to do it.

We do our best to maintain our records accurately, but sometimes we goof. If you are receiving duplicate mailings, or if you are planning to move, please let us know. Send us your mailing label(s), indicating your correct address. We will do our best to fix it as soon as possible. Thanks for your help!

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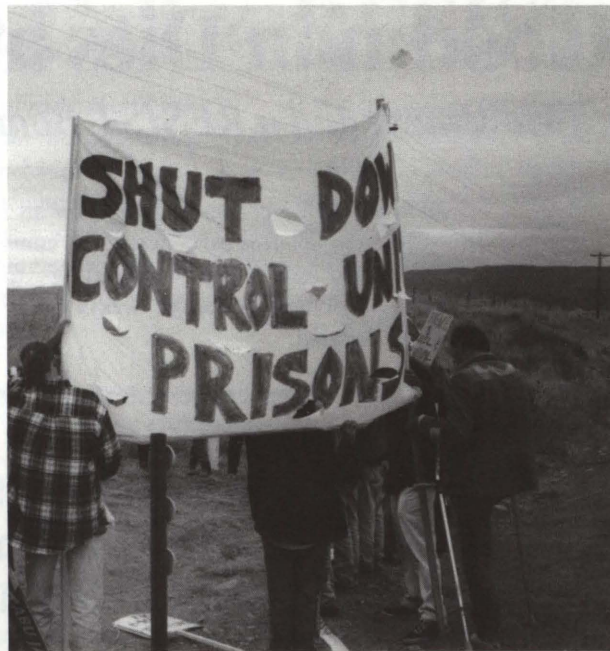
patterns. In 1967, RESIST grants went to groups engaged in the anti-war, draft resistance and student organizing movements. Groups like: American Exile Counseling Center (Montreal, Quebec), Black Draft Resistance Union (New Haven, CT), Jackson Human Rights Project (Jackson, MS), the Student Organizing Committee (Chicago, IL), and the War Resisters League (Newark, NJ).

Within two years of formation, RESIST's funding broadened to match the political recognition that the war in Vietnam did not exist in a vacuum—separate and apart from other governmental policies. As a result, RESIST began providing money for prison support work, community organizing, black power, and a range of projects in high schools.

By 1971, women in RESIST began to challenge the sexism inherent in the left's political organizing and its concomitant presence in RESIST's funding decisions. As a result of these important struggles over the organization's vision and goals, RESIST pledged to increase its support for a much broader range of groups struggling against a redefined "illegitimate authority."

During that decade, groups focusing on women's rights, reproductive rights, and the labor movement joined the ranks of RESIST's funding priorities. RESIST funded such diverse groups as: Reproductive Rights National Network (Chicago, IL), Miners Support Committee (Beckly, WV), City Workers Committee for Pension Fund Divestment from South Africa (Detroit, MI), Wounded Knee Defense Fund (Rapid City, SD), Military and Draft Law Resource Center (Cambridge, MA), and National Anti-Draft Teach-In Project (Washington, DC).

By the mid-1980s, RESIST was deeply involved in two new major areas of conflict. RESIST has been and continues to be an ardent supporter of the struggles for peace and social justice in Central America, Latin America and the Caribbean. In addition, RESIST was an early funder of the movement for gay and lesbian liberation. During these years, RESIST began to fund groups like: the Central American Resource Center (Austin, TX), the Center for Third World Organizing (Oakland, CA), Honduras Information Center (Somerville, MA) and chapters of Pledge of Resistance; as well as *Gay Com-*



People gather in front of the federal prison complex in Florence, CO, to protest human rights abuses, racism in the justice system, and isolation in U.S. prisons. *Photo courtesy of the Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center*

munity News (Boston, MA), and the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays (Washington, DC).

By the 1990s, RESIST found itself looking more closely at economic justice and environmental issues as they became major struggles nationwide. As the government viciously cuts back its support for many vulnerable members of society through welfare "reform" and attacks on social security, RESIST has seen a significant increase in proposals from groups working toward economic justice, groups like: Kensington Welfare Rights Union (Philadelphia, PA), Tri-County Advocacy Coalition (Havre, MT), Welfare Education and Training Access Coalition (Medford, MA), and the Welfare Rights Union of

Washtenau County (Ann Arbor, MI).

RESIST has also supported environmental organizing from groups like: Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (Albuquerque, NM), Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (Merrimac, WI), Political Ecology Group (San Francisco, CA), and Women's Voices for the Earth (Missoula, MT).

This year, the majority of grants awarded went toward groups involved in direct actions around many of today's most pressing issues: labor struggles, economic justice, the environment, prisoners' rights, and issues in Central and Latin America. These groups are located across 28 states and

the District of Columbia.

In addition, RESIST charted new territory this year by giving out six training grants which helped current and former grantees attend organizational development workshops designed to strengthen skills in areas including fundraising, strategic thinking and planning, and working with a board of directors. Based on this success, RESIST hopes to continue to provide training grants in the future.

Special Grants

RESIST awards two special grants annually in tribute to the life and work of Freda Friedman Salzman and Walter Raymond Cohen. A grant from the Arthur Raymond Cohen Memorial Endowment

Each year RESIST receives a number of contributions designed to honor or remember a special person or event. In 1996 we were pleased to receive the following donations as a tribute to the activism and commitment of these special people:

In Memory of
 Rudolph von Abele
 Bernice Augen Braun
 Arthur Raymond Cohen
 Donna Jean Cremans
 William A. Fullagar
 Freda Friedman Salzman
 Jeannette Wittman

In Honor of
 Jonathon Aubrey
 Eileen Bolinsky
 Robert Grott
 Melody James
 Todd Kaplan
 Reena King &
 Miriam Brownstein
 Laurie Pincus &
 Phil Brimble
 Bob Simpson
 James Witters

**We received the \$1,000 RESIST grant with joy and gratitude! It gives us both financial support and great encouragement for the work. Thank you.
(S.O.A. Watch, Columbus, GA)**

“is designed to support the causes to which Arthur Cohen (1918-1986) was committed: opposition to the arms race, the cold war, and American intervention abroad; and support for civil liberties, the fight against racism, and the struggle of workers and unions at home.”

In 1996, the grant from the Cohen Memorial Endowment Fund was given to the Women’s Institute for Leadership Development (WILD) in Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. Organized in 1987 by women labor activists and educators, WILD works to empower women to become leaders in the labor movement. The group also seeks to promote a democratic, inclusive and anti-racist labor movement. A grant of \$1,000 from the Cohen Fund covered the costs of translators who helped create a fully bilingual training program for WILD this past summer.

The Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Endowment Fund “is dedicated to the purpose of supporting organized resistance to the institutions and practices that rob people of their dignity as full human beings. . . [giving] a high priority to the efforts of Native American peoples to resist cultural as well as actual genocide.” The grant from the Salzman Memorial Endowment was awarded to Californians for Justice in Oakland, California. Their primary objectives are to respond to right-wing attacks on human rights and to create a lasting, progressive infrastructure that will enable young people, low-income communities and communities of color to set proactive agendas. A grant of \$1,000 supported the distribution of press manuals which were used to organize against attacks on affirmative action and immigrants in California.

Staying Left, Moving Ahead

The Right believes that by spreading a climate of fear, they will be able to rend what remains of the Left by pitting us

against each other for the scraps thrown from the big table. Although admittedly the Left is in disarray, and we find no “movement” to carry us forward, there are still vibrant strains of resistance that regularly counter the well-financed push to smother social justice.

The dynamic groups who “remember to resist” range from the long-term activists that face down the militias in Montana and right-wing think tanks in Wisconsin; to youth organizers from high schools and college campuses in Washington, DC, who are engaged in anti-racist work; from farm workers struggling for union representation and healthy work environments in California and North Carolina, to the underappreciated efforts of those seeking to expose the cruel and unequal punishment of prisoners in Georgia.

Surprisingly, today there are more groups working for social change in this country than at any time in RESIST’s history. As a result, RESIST receives more funding requests and larger donations, which means we can give out more money. Even more remarkably, in this time of overreaching layoffs and wage cutbacks, people continue to send us their hard-earned dollars. Our donors tell us they do so because they believe in RESIST’s long-term vision and commitment.

In 1967, when our “call to resist illegitimate authority” was signed by over 20,000 people, we demonstrated our belief that a radical grassroots movement could bring about an end to the Vietnam War and work for peace. In 1997, we still believe that such a radical grassroots movement can bring about social justice, and we work for renewed resistance to the varied forms of illegitimate authority that exist today. Remember, *now* is still the time to RESIST.

Robin Carton manages the grant giving program at RESIST.

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said and sung. And he was a poet too, which was one of the things that gave him pleasure to live and strength to die.

On the wall at the foot of his bed, during his last illness he had pinned this poem by Stanley Kunitz:

Day of Foreboding

Great events are about to happen
I have seen migratory birds
in unprecedented numbers
descend on the coastal plain
picking the margins clean
my bones are a family in their tent
huddled over a small fire
waiting for the uncertain signal
to resume the long march

Mitch was married to Denise Levertov for many years, one of our great activist poets, who was a major organizer of artists’ resistance activities. Their son Nicolai, who I knew as a child in my daughter’s fourth grade class, is an artist and has written some wonderful short stories.

Sandy Gregor, Mitch’s wife, is a journalist—a writer too—a strong, courageous woman. Their son Mattie who is 16-and-a-half years old is a violinist, a true musician since small boyhood, and a sun which shone on Mitch’s last years and helped him in hard times to live in light.

Mitchell Goodman died at his home on February 1, 1997, of pancreatic cancer.

Grace Paley is a writer, activist, and RESIST Board member.

ONE SIZE FITS ALL!

IF YOU AREN’T SURE WHAT TO GIVE SOMEONE FOR A SPECIAL OCCASION, WE SUGGEST RESIST SHOPPING.

CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT TO RESIST AS A WAY TO CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS, BIRTHDAYS, GRADUATIONS, OR OTHER SPECIAL OCCASIONS. RESIST CAN SEND A CARD IN YOUR NAME TO THE HONOREE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, WRITE OR CALL THE RESIST OFFICE, 617/623-5110.

1996 RESIST Grantees

Africa/Asia/International

GABRIELA-Chicago (Northlake, IL) \$974 for a conference entitled "Isang Daang Taon Pakikibaka: 100 Years of Struggle" regarding the struggles and concerns of Filipina women and linking Filipina women with other women of color.

Central/Latin America and the Caribbean

Boston CISPES (Jamaica Plain, MA) \$1,000 to fund printing and mailing costs of a mock fashion mail order catalog from "Sweatgear International" about abuses in the garment industry in El Salvador.

Cambridge/El Salvador Sister City Project (Cambridge, MA) \$700 to cover printing and postage costs for brochures for Sister City Work-A-Thon '96.

Colombia Support Network (Madison, WI) \$974 to update office equipment enabling CSN to continue outreach and educational work around human rights abuses in Colombia and to publish an English-language magazine.

Committee in Solidarity with the Central American People (Eugene, OR) \$1,000 for three events, two editions of the newsletter *El Aviso* and an insert of the satirical "Sweatgear" catalog.

Cuba Information Project (New York, NY) \$200 emergency grant to defray the expenses of educational materials involved in the U.S. tour of two HIV-positive Cubans discussing HIV/AIDS activism in Cuba.

Ecumenical Program on Central America & the Caribbean (EPICA) (Washington, DC) \$300 to purchase a laser printer and to print a publications catalog for solidarity organizations.

Frente Indigena Oaxaqueno BiNacional (Livingston, CA) \$960 for a day-long conference on domestic violence, AIDS and alcoholism for members of the Oaxacan Mixteco community living in California.

Grassroots Interconnect, Inc. (Pittsford, NY) \$100 for a quarterly newsletter which shares resources and grassroots movement-building ideas among the U.S./Latin America solidarity community.

Guatemala Partners/Manos Mutuas Por Guatemala (Washington, DC) \$1,000 for non-travel expenses of a speaking tour concerning the October 1995 massacre of members of the Xaman community in Ixcan region of Guatemala.

New York CISPES (New York, NY) \$1,000 for the "Educate and Advocate for Working People's Rights" campaign.

PeaceWorks (Morristown, NJ) \$960 to inform the public about issues in Central America via the Internet.

Pittsburgh Labor Action Network for the Americas (PLANTA) (Pittsburgh, PA) \$1,000 to highlight labor rights violations and foster cross-border organizing efforts in Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee (Portland, OR) \$1,000 to purchase a computer, printer, modem and Internet access.

Tonantzin: The Boston Committee in Support of Native Peoples of Mexico (Jamaica Plain, MA) \$785 to publicize a series of events including appearances by members of the Frente Autentico del Trabajo (F.A.T.), Cecilia Rodriguez, and Pastors for Peace.

Voices for Haiti (Washington, DC) \$770 to purchase a computer to produce *Voices for Haiti Speaking Out*.

Wisconsin Coordinating Council on Nicaragua (Madison, WI) \$300 to support the visit of the "Ocho de Marzo" Women's Theater Project.

Community Organizing/Anti-Racism

Arlington Citizens and Clergy Embracing Pluralism and Trust (ACCEPT) (Arlington, MA) \$300 for a public forum to examine and confront inroads made by the religious right in surrounding towns.

Asian and Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center (Seattle, WA) \$974 to hire a community organizer to do education, outreach and advocacy in the Filipino, Korean and Pacific Islander communities around issues of domestic violence.

Bay Area Police Watch (San Francisco, CA) \$1,000 for general support for activists and community groups confronting the root causes of police violence.



A CISPES activist plays U.R. Conned, a CEO, during the SweatGear Fashion Show at the Cambridge (MA) River Festival. Photo courtesy of Boston CISPES

Californians for Justice (Oakland, CA) \$1,000 to develop multilingual publicity and press manuals opposing the attacks on affirmative action and immigration in California.

Catholic Peace Ministry (Des Moines, IA) \$300 to support a quarterly newsletter regarding CPM and other peace and justice organizations.

Chinatown CA/T Task Force (Boston, MA) \$1,000 to organize local residents to combat highway construction that would disrupt and displace residents in Chinatown and other low-income communities of color.

Coalition for Olympic Justice (Atlanta, GA) \$100 toward an alternative press center at the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Copwatch Police Accountability Project (Berkeley, CA) \$1,000 to purchase a laser printer, fax machine and camera to assist in the quarterly publication of *Copwatch Report*.

Empty the Shelters-Atlanta (Atlanta, GA) \$1,000 for a *SpoilSport's Guidebook to Atlanta* regarding the effect of the Olympics on low-income people.

Empty the Shelters-Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA) \$1,000 for the Summer of So-

cial Action campaign.
 Eviction Free Zone (Cambridge, MA) \$200 for an emergency grant to research and educate around the issue of expiring-use buildings in Cambridge.
 Immigration Workers' Human Rights Project (Boston, MA) \$800 for a day-long conference bringing together national and local immigrant rights workers and organizers to plan Boston-based organizing around human rights abuses.
 Thomas Merton Center (Pittsburgh, PA) \$1,000 to purchase a computer for a monthly newsletter, Internet access, and general office use.
 Missouri Progressive Vote (St. Louis, MO) \$860 to purchase a computer to track information related to right-wing groups in Missouri.
 North Carolina Farmworkers' Project (Benson, NC) \$1,000 to purchase a laser printer and copier to support group organizing and training of farmworkers.
 Parents Committee of the New London County Multicultural Coalition (New London, CT) \$250 to print an informational handbook on steps parents can take if their child encounters racial or ethnic discrimination at school.
 Political Asylum Project of Austin (Austin, TX) \$750 for the production and publication of two brochures for outreach to low-income refugees in central Texas.
 Recovery Initiative (Cincinnati, OH) \$200 emergency grant for t-shirts which say "I am a consumer" worn at a meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Board.
 Somerville Tenants for Responsive & Open Government (STRONG) (Somerville, MA) \$420 for an organizing campaign on issues related to affordable housing which will bring together public and non-public housing tenants.
 Washington Peace Center (Washington, DC) \$974 to purchase a laser printer to publish the *Washington Peace Letter*.

Economic Justice

Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (Raleigh, NC) \$630 for the Pilgrimage for Peace and Justice, a march focusing on economic justice in Haiti, Central America and North Carolina.
 Community Currency Project of Central Vermont (Montpelier, VT) \$710 to develop and print a community currency.
 Community Coalition for Economic Con-

version (Uncasville, CT) \$500 toward costs for a brochure and staff time for a project examining economic conversion in southeastern Connecticut.

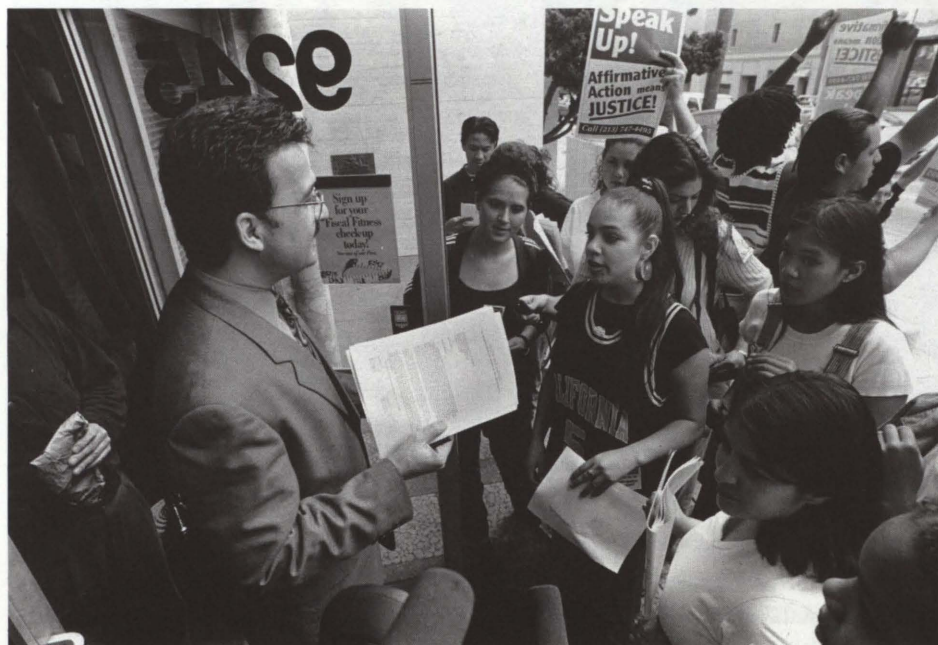
Dorchester Women's Committee (Dorchester, MA) \$1,000 for printing and distribution costs of "Truth Sheets" and a newsletter for the Economic Literacy and Political Education Campaign.

Fight Back! (Burlington, VT) \$1,000 to purchase a computer for use in welfare reform organizing and skill-building for low-income people.

\$1,000 to help produce a newsletter and to purchase a fax machine to aid in organizing around issues of reclaiming control from corporations.

Survivor's, Inc. (West Roxbury, MA) \$300 to organize low-income students on college campuses around issues of welfare reform and to make higher education accessible to low-income students.

Thread City Currency Committee (Willimantic, CT) \$500 toward start up funding for an alternative currency project entitled "Thread City Bread."



Activists from Californians for Justice demand that the manager of Beverly Hills Home Savings and Loan oppose the anti-affirmative action California Civil Rights Initiative. Photo by Scott Braley

Just Economics (Albany, CA) \$974 to purchase Internet access and a laser printer to improve outreach and internal communications focusing on grassroots economic literacy projects.

Justice for All (Ithaca, NY) \$650 to bring together local youth and veterans of earlier movements around economic justice issues during Justice Summer.

Kensington Welfare Rights Union (Philadelphia, PA) \$1,000 for a Tent City to be erected in north Philadelphia, including outreach and organizing projects around the issues of housing and poverty.

Minnesota Jobs with Peace (Minneapolis, MN) \$1,000 to support efforts at economic conversion and environmental cleanup of military facilities.

Program on Corporations, Law and Democracy-Maine Chapter (North Berwick, ME)

Welfare Education and Training Access Coalition (Medford, MA) \$1,000 for a campaign to maintain and increase access of AFDC recipients to higher education.

Women's Statewide Legislative Network (Boston, MA) \$960 for an oral history project documenting the human impact of changes in the state's welfare laws.

Environmental

Citizens Awareness Network (Shelburne Falls, MA) \$1,000 to purchase a computer to support organizing efforts around health hazards affiliated with nuclear waste.

Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (Albuquerque, NM) \$1,000 to fund a conference on the use of civil

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resistance tactics in response to increased health and safety threats from the nuclear industry in New Mexico.

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (Merrimac, WI) \$960 for outreach mate-

cling plant which poses a health threat to the residential neighborhood.

Political Ecology Group (San Francisco, CA) \$1,000 for the Immigration and Environment Campaign to build coalitions to ban acute toxic methyl bromide.



Members of the Colorado River Indian Tribe take time to celebrate on their way to meet with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in California. *Photo courtesy of Save Ward Valley*

rials highlighting public health and environmental problems caused by the pollution at the Badger Army Ammunition Plant.

Citizens' Resistance at Fermi 2 (CRAFT) (Monroe, MI) \$300 to organize around issues related to the 30-year anniversary of the meltdown of the Enrico Fermi breeder reactor and the need to abolish the use of nuclear reactors.

Cove Mallard Coalition (Moscow, ID) \$974 to support a permanent encampment of activists near the timber sales in Idaho, including demonstrations and non-violent civil disobedience.

Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice (Gainesville, FL) \$1,000 to produce and mail a leaflet for "Walk for the Earth," exposing environmental racism in Florida.

Native Forest Network Eastern North American (Burlington, VT) \$1,000 for a campaign to ban aerial herbicide spraying of Vermont's forests.

People Organizing in Defense of Earth and her Resources (PODER) (Austin, TX) \$800 for a campaign to relocate a recy-

Save Ward Valley (Needles, CA) \$1,000 to enable local tribal members and townspeople to meet with the U.S. Bureau of Land Management concerning the proposed Ward Valley Low Level Nuclear Waste Dump.

Student Environmental Action Coalition (Chapel Hill, NC) \$200 emergency grant for the costs of a consultant to do a mediation around issues of race and class.

Women's Voices for the Earth (Missoula, MT) \$1,000 to educate workers and their families about health dangers from dioxins and to counteract the "jobs versus the environment" myths.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual

Clergy and Laity Concerned (Eugene, OR) \$1,000 for printing and postage costs affiliated with the Youth for Justice anti-homophobia campaign targeted towards public schools.

Ground Zero (Colorado Springs, CO) \$1,000 to purchase MAC TRAC software to enhance its fundraising ability. Lesbian Community Project (Portland,

OR) \$974 for The Education/Media Project which publishes a newsletter, holds forums, has a Speaker's Bureau and distributes civil rights and social justice information.

PFLAG-Toledo (Toledo, OH) \$300 for Project Free Your Mind, an anti-homophobia outreach campaign in Ohio high schools and middle schools.

PREP Education Fund, Inc. (St. Louis, MO) \$900 to upgrade computer equipment for a campaign to combat homophobia and protect privacy rights around issues such as reproductive choice, shared housing, drug testing and HIV testing.

Health/AIDS/Disability

ADAPT of Texas (Austin, TX) \$960 for literature and sign language interpreters for national ADAPT demonstration in Houston in support of home/community-based attendant services.

Boston Mobilization for Survival (Cambridge, MA) \$974 for a "T-Card" project on the local public transportation trains in order to generate support for a single-payer health care system.

Champaign County Health Care Consumers (Champaign, IL) \$912 for a voter education campaign involving consumers in a referendum to implement a county-wide public health department. Coalition of Montanans Concerned with Disabilities (Missoula, MT) \$1,000 to support a training and strategy session to empower disabled activists and their allies to organize around disability and access issues.

National Organization for Women-Massachusetts (Boston, MA) \$1,000 to print

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leaflets for a rally commemorating victims of shootings at local abortion clinics and a call to action to end clinic violence. Texas Alliance for Human Needs (Austin, TX) \$960 to provide a stipend for interns in the Minority Health Internship Program.

Women's Cancer Resource Center (Minneapolis, MN) \$1,000 for a sign language interpreter and promotional materials for a conference entitled *Turning Tides, Creating a Cancer Free Environment NOW*.

Labor

Coalition on New Office Technology (Somerville, MA) \$1,000 for a membership drive and fund raising campaign to help stabilize the organization.

Committee for Labor Access (Chicago, IL) \$1,000 to purchase a video camera to aid in producing the weekly cable television access show *Labor Beat*.

Common Threads (Venice, CA) \$1,000 for start-up costs for an educational newsletter about abuses in the garment industry, a slide projector and a second copy of the slide show "A Look at the Los Angeles Garment Industry."

East Bay Taxi Drivers' Association (Berkeley, CA) \$300 for a labor organizing project designed to break the monopoly of the Friendly Cab Company in Oakland and start a taxi drivers' union.

Immigrant Workers Resource Center (Boston, MA) \$1,000 to support an International Labor Day rally and celebration linking union and immigrant groups.

Labor Art and Mural Project (New Brunswick, NJ) \$960 to produce a brochure publicizing the Cross Border Mural Project—a collaboration focusing on labor and working class struggles in Mexico and the U.S.

Massachusetts Jobs with Justice (Cambridge, MA) \$300 toward start-up costs for a Rapid Action Network and "I'll Be There" pledge cards to enable activists to respond to labor struggles.

Montana Community-Labor Alliance (Missoula, MT) \$1,000 to support expansion of staff to enable effective organization between labor and grassroots community groups.

Urban Justice Center Organizing Project (New York, NY) \$1,000 to print buttons as part of an organizing campaign entitled "WEP Workers Together."

U.S./Guatemala Labor Education Project (US/GLEP) (Chicago, IL) \$1,000 for continued assistance to STITCH which develops relationships between women workers and women's rights advocates in North America and Guatemala.

Middle East

Boston Committee on the Middle East (Cambridge, MA) \$960 for setting up a Web page to disseminate ideas about the current peace process that are unavailable in mainstream media.

The four-day action was a huge success. . . .
RESIST funds were invaluable. Your support enabled us to do things we would have been too strapped to do.
(ADAPT of Texas, Austin, TX)

Media/Culture

Arroyo Arts Collective (Highland Park, CA) \$480 to produce a special issue of the Arroyo Arts Collective newsletter in conjunction with the exhibit *Without Alarm: Issues of Public and Private Security*.

Borderviews 2000/Southwest Research and Information Center (Albuquerque, NM) \$650 to distribute a five-part radio series on human rights violations in the Mexican state of Guerrero.

Civic Media Center and Library (Gainesville FL) \$895 to purchase a used copier to promote CMC events and for library users to copy information not available in the mainstream press.

National Radio Project (Portola Valley, CA) \$1,000 for computer equipment and a stipend for an outreach coordinator to increase their progressive media distribution for radio show "Making Contact."

Northwest Alliance for Alternative Media and Education (Portland, OR) \$1,000 for general support for the monthly publication *Portland Alliance*.

Pine Tree Folk School (Carmel, ME) \$100 toward five performances of the People's Theater Project.

Seattle Public Theater (Seattle, WA) \$1,000 to help create a 45-minute play about people, power and participation entitled *The Jane Show*.

Sinister Wisdom, Inc. (Berkeley, CA) \$960 to purchase a laser printer which will ensure materials are camera-ready for the publication *Sinister Wisdom*, a lesbian literary and activist journal.

Middle East Coalition (Northampton, MA) \$960 for publicity, phone and mailing costs in conjunction with a week-long series of events entitled *Palestinian & Israeli Women's Activism: struggle for health and human rights*.

U.S. Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu (Madison, WI) \$880 for printing and postage costs for a special report from an international delegation to Israel seeking the release of political prisoner Mordechai Vanunu.

Native American

ANPO, Native American Cultural Organization and Encampment (Portland, OR) \$1,000 for campaign costs to renew and preserve the culture of Indigenous peoples and to oppose the development of logging roads which destroy ceremonial grounds.

American Indian Movement (AIM)-Cleveland (Cleveland, OH) \$1,000 to rent a billboard near Jacob's Field to raise consciousness about the rampant use of indigenous people as marketable objects, particularly by the Cleveland Indians and their mascot Chief Wahoo.

Florida Indian Alliance, Inc. (St. Petersburg, FL) \$300 to help purchase a computer, printer and fax machine which were destroyed in an electrical storm.

Friends of Nitassinan (Burlington, VT) \$1,000 for the "Nitassinan News" which informs the international community about the struggles of the Innu people.

Honor Our Neighbors' Origins and Rights, Inc. (HONOR) (Milwaukee, WI) \$974 to

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organize opposition to county efforts to abolish treaties giving Indian tribes sovereignty and jurisdiction over land. Indigenous Resistance Against Tribal Extinction (IRATE) (Old Town, ME) \$974 to purchase computer equipment to enable an Indian resistance movement organization to recruit new members and generate income by producing brochures, t-shirts and buttons.

Mattaponi Heritage Foundation (West Point, VA) \$500 toward general expenses of a campaign to stop the King County reservoir project which would flood over 2,000 acres that contain more than 140 significant Native American archeological sites.

Micmac Release, Inc. (Presque Isle, ME) \$1,000 to fund four issues of *Micmac Release*.

Peace/Anti-Militarism

Brandywine Peace Community (Swarthmore, PA) \$300 to fund a series focusing on nonviolent direct actions at war-making industries in the Delaware Valley.

Citizen Soldier (New York, NY) \$300 toward production and printing costs for a Q and A brochure for active-duty GIs and Reservists explaining their rights under the Pentagon's mandatory DNA sample conscription program.

Healing Global Wounds (Boulder Creek, CA) \$960 for the annual Spring Gathering at the nuclear test site in Nevada.

Nevada Desert Experience (Las Vegas, NV) \$950 to purchase a printer and software to support organizing efforts to ban nuclear testing and support negotiations for global disarmament.

Nukewatch (Madison, WI) \$1,000 for *Shadows on the Rock Peace Camp*, a resistance encampment at the Navy's Project ELF in northern Wisconsin.

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (Spokane, WA) \$300 for printing a newsletter *Handful of Salt*, which con-

tains articles about social justice issues, action alerts and a calendar of events.

Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission (Colorado Springs, CO) \$1,000 to purchase a computer to aid publication of "Active for Justice" which looks at anti-military organizing and other related peace/social justice issues.

S.O.A. Watch (Columbus, GA) \$1,000 for a two-day strategy meeting in Washington, DC, and a nonviolent action to mobilize grassroots supporters nation-wide



Inexport workers, supported by STITCH and U.S./GLEP, closed their factory in Guatemala City after a successful union drive. Photo by Jennifer Hill

to oppose the School of the Americas. Women Against Military Madness (Minneapolis, MN) \$1,000 to print two issues of their newsletter.

Prisoners

#10 Collective (Plainfield, VT) \$300 for a campaign to organize and educate people about the status of Mumia Abu Jamal, and issues involved in the criminal justice system.

Activists for Mumia Abu-Jamal (San Francisco, CA) \$1,000 to fund a Volunteer Mobilization Campaign which will get new members involved with the group and a House Meeting Campaign.

Alabama Committee to Abolish the Death Penalty (Birmingham, AL) \$850 to fund a newsletter on developments in death penalty cases which includes action alerts on pending cases, legislation and executions.

American Friends Service Committee-Criminal Justice Program (Ann Arbor, MI) \$974 to organize demonstrations and a

boycott to bring attention to prisoners' families who are overcharged by the Michigan Department of Corrections for collect telephone calls.

Books Through Bars (Philadelphia, PA) \$300 for anti-death penalty organizing.

California Prison Focus (San Francisco, CA) \$921 to print and mail their first newsletter *California Prison Express* concentrating on Security Housing Units in California's prisons.

Let's Start (St. Louis, MO) \$300 for printing and copying costs to support advocacy efforts around issues of alternative sentencing for women. Nebraska's Against the Death Penalty (Lincoln, NE) \$1,000 to purchase a computer, set up a home page on death penalty abolition in Nebraska, and produce a newsletter and other materials.

Oregon Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (Portland, OR) \$300 for a 4-day, 60 mile "March Against the Myth" against capital punishment.

Prison Law Project/National Lawyers Guild (San Francisco, CA) \$960 for one issue of the *Legal Journal* which will focus primarily on women jailhouse lawyers.

Prisoners with AIDS - Rights Advocacy Group (PWA-RAG) (Jonesboro, GA) \$1,000 for postage, copying and printing to support a quarterly newslines about care, treatment and prison reform issues to prisoners who are HIV-positive or have AIDS.

Rocky Mountain Peace Center (Boulder, CO) \$600 for printing and postage for handouts regarding prisoners rights on issues related to control unit prisons.

TX CURE (Austin, TX) \$1,000 to expand outreach efforts in west and south Texas against future prison building expansion and economic justice issues.

Western Massachusetts Prison Issues Group (North Amherst, MA) \$974 for printing and mailing costs of *Prison*

Connections: A Newsletter of Prison Activism in New England which looks at criminal "justice" issues and anti-death penalty projects.

Women

Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts (Hadley, MA) \$900 for registration fees for three representatives to attend the National Network of Abortion Funds conference to learn media, fundraising and organizing skills.

Network for Battered Lesbians (Boston, MA) \$300 to purchase computer software to effectively publish their semiannual newsletter *Network News/Noticias de la Red*.

Women United for Justice, Community and Family (Boulder, CO) \$500 for an art installation entitled "The Faces of Poverty:

Poor Women and Their Families in Boulder County" to be displayed at the Boulder Public Library.

Women's Alliance (Framingham, MA) \$1,000 to purchase used computers to support a Leadership Development Program and newsletter for an organizing project to empower low-income women.

Women's Committee of One Hundred (Washington, DC) \$1,000 for printing, postage and telephone costs affiliated with the National Teach-In Support Project on Women, Welfare, and Work.

Women's Institute for Leadership Development (WILD) (Jamaica Plain, MA) \$1,000 for translators to create a fully bilingual Summer Institute which develops leadership and organizing skills for women in the labor movement.

Youth

Bill of Rights Education Project/Project HIP-HOP (Boston, MA) \$1,000 for a "rolling classroom" which takes high school students to visit memorial sites of the Civil Rights Movement and to meet with movement members and local students involved in social change activities.

Campus Action (Albany, NY) \$1,000 to help build and strengthen a Students of Color

Network and for the costs of a *Rally Against Racism* in October.

Community Action International Alliance (Washington DC) \$960 to purchase a copier to increase the effectiveness of the Youth Catalyst Project in local high schools.



Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger protest nuclear arms at an army munitions plant. Photo by Laura Olah

DC Student Coalition Against Racism (DC SCAR) (Washington, DC) \$1,000 for the Organizing Internship Program which organizes college and high school students to struggle against racism on a local and international level.

Houston Committee for Youth and Non-military Opportunities (Bellaire, TX) \$1,000 to support the continuation of a counter-recruitment project in the Houston Independent School District including display racks of literature, posters, and tabling.

Justice Education and Action Project (Oakland, CA) \$1,000 for research staff salaries to develop Action Education Curriculum to organize around juvenile justice issues.

Long Island Gay and Lesbian Youth, Inc. (Bay Shore, NY) \$960 to train 5 youth organizers to conduct educational workshops and outreach on creating social change and a better/safer environment for Long Island's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender youth and young adults.

New York Committees of Correspondence (New York, NY) \$1,000 to support a series of youth organizing workshops and the Carry On Cafe, a coffee house for

radical youth.

People Organizing to Demand Environmental Rights (PODER) (San Francisco, CA) \$1,000 to train teens in planning, organizing and implementing campaigns to advocate for positive solutions to problems facing inner city youth of color.

Technical Assistance/ Training Grants

The following groups received grants to attend the Organizational Development Workshop sponsored by the Peace Development Fund:

Boston Mobilization for Survival (Cambridge, MA) \$88.

Concord Feminist Health Center (Concord, NH) \$176.

Dyke March (Jamaica Plain, MA) \$176.

Eviction Free Zone (Cambridge, MA) \$176.

Massachusetts Jobs With Justice (Cambridge, MA) \$176.

Survivor's, Inc. (West Roxbury, MA) \$176.

Loans

dollars & Sense (Somerville, MA) \$1,000 to cover a shortfall from publishing four books during the spring of 1996.

Underground Railway Theater (Arlington, MA) \$1,000 to enable URT to pay staff salaries while waiting for payment of previous performances.

Donor-Directed Grants

National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (Monroe, ME) \$3,348.75 for general expenses.

RESIST 1996 Totals	
Number of Grants and Loans	150
RESIST Grants: ...	\$115,659.00
Donor-Directed Grants (NWTRCC)	\$3,348.75
Total Grants	\$119,007.75
Loans:	\$2,000.00
Grants & Loans: ..	\$121,007.75

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How to Apply for a RESIST Grant

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For more information, proposal deadlines, or to request grant guidelines and an application, contact RESIST, One Summer Street, Somerville, MA 02143, or e-mail to resistinc@igc.apc.org.

Grant Distribution in 1996

by Issue Area*

	#	(%)
Community Organizing/20	16	(13.3)
Anti-Racism		
Central/Latin America & the Caribbean	16	(10.7)
Economic Justice	15	(10.0)
Prisoners	14	(9.3)
Environment	12	(8.0)
Labor	10	(6.7)
Media/Culture	9	(6.0)
Peace/Anti-militarism	9	(6.0)
Youth	9	(6.0)
Native American	8	(5.3)
Health/AIDS/Disability	7	(4.7)
Training Grants ^a	6	(4.0)
Women	6	(4.0)
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual	5	(3.3)
Middle East	3	(2.0)
Africa/Asia/International	1	(0.7)

* NOTE: These arbitrary divisions do not accurately portray the interconnectedness of many issues. Generally speaking, grants are organized according to the project or campaign rather than the sponsoring group itself. For example, an environmental project sponsored by a labor group would be listed as "Environment" rather than "Labor."

^a NOTE: Groups of various categories received grants to attend organizational planning workshops.

by Geographic Region

Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, VT)	46	(30.7)
Mid-Atlantic (DC, DE, NY, PA)	24	(16.0)
Midwest (IA, IL, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, WI)	23	(15.3)
West (CA)	18	(12.0)
Northwest (CO, ID, MT, OR, WA)	18	(12.0)
Southwest (NM, NV, TX)	9	(6.0)
South (AL, FL, GA, NC, VA)	12	(8.0)
TOTAL	150	(100)

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