Taking Resistance to the Streets

RESIST Grantees Mobilize for Civil Liberties, Social Justice

KAY MATHEW & CAROL SCHACHET

The old adage “if you aren’t outraged you aren’t paying attention” applies to last year’s political events. Particularly toward the end of 2002, the massive US build-up toward military aggression against Iraq allowed numerous other outrageous offenses to slip under the radar screen. These include (and this is just the short list) the dismissal of many basic civil rights, forced registration of immigrants of Middle Eastern descent, disregard for previous nuclear arms treaties in lieu of massive expenditures on “defense systems” and weaponry, appointment of right-wing conservative judges, and the wholesale amputation of major social service programs. With the threat of war looming over our heads, it seems that the Bush Administration is bringing back elements of both the Reagan and McCarthy eras.

Outraged activists have sounded alarms, attempting to awaken the media-induced numbed. Hundreds of thousands of people have taken their protest to the streets, to the airwaves, and to public forums. Many of these activists and organizers have received funding from RESIST.

RESIST’s supporters have continued to contribute from their hearts and wallets to keep the grant-making program vigorous. Even so, like many nonprofit organizations, RESIST suffered a deficit in 2002. However, whereas many other foundations chose to cut back on their giving, RESIST intentionally increased its grant spending to enable radical activists to do the work that is so necessary at this dire political time. RESIST Board member Marc Miller explained it this way: “We’re not in business to save money but to fund a movement for social change. And this is a time when we need to be funding radical activists. Our donors voted with their feet by continuing to contribute money, so we responded by awarding more grants.”

Trends in Funding

In 2002 RESIST awarded $332,455 to 139 groups (see p. 6 for a categorical breakdown). This marks a record-high year. In looking at the year through the lens of grants-making, we see several trends. Please note that, while the work grantees do might easily fit into more than one of our 10 issue-oriented categories (and RESIST encourages cross-issue organizing), sorting groups can help us track our organizing.

Community Organizing/Anti-racism received the highest number and greatest amount of grant money ($55,600 to 26 groups). Campaigns within this category focus on a range of issues—from opposing threats to civil liberties, to countering systemic racism, to forging local progressive coalitions. For example, the Coalition for the Human Rights of Immigrants in New York City received a grant to challenge US laws and policies that marginalize immigrant...
communities, including INS detention center policies. The Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression in Louisville, KY received a grant to bring racially diverse communities together to take actions against racist policies and practices.

The large number of grants going to this category reflects increased mobilizations occurring around the country against US totalitarian and interventionist policies.

The second largest number of grants was awarded to Youth Organizing ($38,000 to 16 groups). As illustrated in the September 2001 Newsletter, this is currently one of the most dynamic areas of political activism. Grantees in this category demonstrate the power of organizing youth around numerous issues to make meaningful connections between the conditions of their personal lives and larger systems of oppression. Youth Organizing Communities in Los Angeles received funding primarily to mobilize teen activists to work for educational justice and an end to the Prison Industrial Complex. On the other side of the country, Providence Youth-Student Movement (PrYSM) in Rhode Island, an organization of Southeast Asian youth, received a grant to support their campaign to stop the deportation of Cambodian Americans.

Peace and Anti-Militarism organizing also saw a large percentage of RESIST grants ($36,600 to 16 groups). RESIST formed as an anti-war and anti-draft organization and remains committed to opposing US imperialism and aggression that benefits wealthy ruling elites at the expense of poor people around the world. The Bush Administration’s saber-rattling has consistently and vehemently been countered by urgent demands for peace and justice, and RESIST grantees are right in the thick of things.

The Institute for Multi-Racial Justice in San Francisco, CA has been working to increase African-American and Latino participation in current anti-war efforts, combat racism and help build solidarity between people of color.

Additionally, we see that grantees who traditionally work in other categories have shifted their organizing efforts towards incorporating opposition to war into their current analyses. The Utah Progressive Network (UPNET) in Salt Lake City, an organization that builds collective power for progressive social change in Utah, sored a “terrorism teach-in” to raise awareness of anti-Islamic biases and the buildup toward war.

Other areas of concern to our grantees were: Labor Organizing ($32,800 to 14 groups), Environmental Justice Organizing ($36,500 to 13 groups) and Economic Justice Organizing ($21,500 to 11 groups).

Making Links to Strengthen Power

RESIST is committed to funding groups across the United States—in large cities like Chicago and New York, and in small towns like Hamilton, MT and Floyd, VA.

In 2002, RESIST awarded grants in 35 states and in Puerto Rico (see Geographic Distribution chart on p. 8 for a listing.). Of the 15 states not represented, six each were in the Midwest and South. Please help RESIST outreach to these underserved areas of the country—let us know where organizing is happening, and where grassroots groups need RESIST’s support.

Special Grants

In addition to our regular grants, RESIST awards several memorial grants. 2002 was the first year for the Ken Hale grant “given in memory of the life and work of Ken Hale, one of the world’s foremost linguists and a passionate activist for justice.” Ken was a beloved, long-time friend and member of the Board of RESIST. We miss him dearly. This grant in his name is given to support organizations which ensure that “the voices of those most affected are given primacy in the struggle to protect and expand civil, cultural and political rights, with a high priority given to the efforts of indigenous peoples.”

RESIST awarded the Ken Hale grant to the Multi-Ethnic Immigrant Worker Organizing Network for their work providing leadership development training and coalition building assistance for low-wage immigrant workers to challenge the exploitation within the Los Angeles immigrant job market.

RESIST also awards Freda Friedman-Salzman grants for organizations “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 Institute for Multi-Racial Justice in San Francisco received this award for their resource center that works to combat racism and helps build solidarity.
анныес between people of color, including efforts to increase African-American and Latino participation in current anti-war efforts. In addition, SOA Watch/Northeast in Philadelphia received a Salzman grant to distribute “Solidarity in Action: A Grassroots Guide to Organizing to Close the SOA.”

RESIST Briefs

The RESIST Newsletter continues to make an important impact on donors, activists, and educators. In January 2002, the Nation listed the RESIST Newsletter as a favorite media source. In June, Susan Sarandon named the RESIST Newsletter as a member of the short list of sources where she gets her news. And in January 2003, Nation columnist Katha Pollit advised activists to consider a donation to RESIST as a holiday gesture of generosity.

In 2002, RESIST welcomed three new Board members: Nikhil Aziz, Leila Farsakh and Becca Howes-Mischel. Nikhil is a research analyst at Political Research Associates in Somerville, MA, and regularly conducts workshops on the Right’s history, makeup, agenda, and policies for groups such as the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force and the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network. Leila is a Palestinian political economist, and presently a research affiliate at the Center for International Studies at MIT, Cambridge and a research fellow at the Trans-Arab Research Institute. Becca, who is also a staff member at RESIST, is an activist for Women’s Health, Reproductive Rights access, and for exploring positive models for teaching sexual education.

In Memory Of

Bernice Augenbrown
Mitchell Goodman
Stuzy Gordon
Milton Gross
Ken Hale
Theodore H. Harley
Leslie D’Cora Holmes
Clara and Sam Horowitz
Christopher Jenkins
Murray Lewis
Freda Friedman Salzman
Tim Sampson
Fredrick Webster
Paul Wellstone

Clearly the work is far from over. Threats of war, increased concentrations of wealth and poverty, environmental deterioration, and unchecked imperialism demand that justice-seeking people take action. At RESIST, we are taking the time to evaluate how we—as a small, progressive, movement-based organization—can do our work most effectively. As part of this process, we asked the members of our community to tell us what they think (see Survey results on page four).

The year ahead promises many challenges. As our original Call states, “We believe that ... resistance against illegitimate authority is courageous and justified’’ and RESIST will continue to support groups who undertake that resistance.

Kay Mathew is a RESIST Board member and the Community Policy and Planning Coordinator at Boston Greenspace Alliance. Carol Schachet is the Newsletter Editor and Fund Raiser at RESIST.

L ook ing Ahead

For 35 years RESIST has been engaged in an active struggle to support radical social change. Over the decades, thousands of grassroots groups have been supported by grants made possible by thousands of committed contributors. During those years, RESIST has faced enormous challenges—political, economic and organizational. We are fortunate and honored to be among the oldest and most vibrant progressive funders in the country.

In Honor Of

Laura Clark & Mark Sirota
Lee Cranberg
Vilunya Diskin
Emanuel Fried
Katherine Hinchcliffe
Simone Hoffman
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Carol Schachet
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Because You Asked . . .

What happened to that survey I took the time to fill out?

BECCA HOWES-MISCHEL & KAY MATHEW

In 2002, RESIST began a long-range planning process to evaluate the accomplishments of its recent past and to craft a strong, responsive, and relevant agenda for its future work. We wanted to hear from all of the members who make RESIST’s work possible, so we sent out a survey to our community of activists, grantees, donors and colleagues.

Nearly 600 people (or 11% of those surveyed) responded. Below is a brief outline of what you—the larger RESIST community—had to say. Most of the information is based on numerical responses with some of the anecdotal and written responses summarized as well.

A Word from our Sponsors

“I can’t begin to evaluate the many groups crying out for funding. Thanks for doing some of this for me.”

Those of you responding to the survey spoke of RESIST as a link to the broader community of progressive social activists. Overall, you discussed the positive impact that RESIST programs make on your ability to organize your communities and to stay informed about effective grassroots organizing all around the US.

Because RESIST is not a wealthy, endowment-based foundation, we rely on contributions from individuals who are committed to funding social change. Donors who answered the survey told us that they give to Resist because they believe in RESIST’s political vision and support RESIST’s mission to fund small grassroots organizations (96% and 89% respectively). Further, our donors depend on and trust RESIST to find and fund quality grassroots organizing (89%).

Newsletter—Read All About It!

“It offers much needed inspiration that there are others like me out there because other media sources aren’t letting me know.”

We also asked readers to tell us what they liked and didn’t like about the Newsletter. Overwhelmingly, you appreciate the quality of the RESIST Newsletter; with 78% of you replying that you find the articles excellent. A majority of survey respondents read the Newsletter for its political analysis (66%) while another large percentage told us that you read it to learn more about grassroots organizing in your area (49%).

Readers were evenly distributed about whether the Newsletter should come out more often, less often or stay the same, with a slight plurality preferring the current publication schedule.

Show Us the Money

“The award amount seems to fit well with the grant cycle frequency. It’s great to be able to complete the process quickly, particularly as grassroots groups often experience funding gaps—of course we could always use additional support.”

Many of our applicants do not have a lot of grant writing experience nor staff members who raise money. In the survey, we asked how we could make the process of asking for and receiving funding as straight-forward and efficient as possible.

A very high number of grantees remarked on the helpfulness of the RESIST staff (93%). Further, a high number of RESIST grantees told us they found the RESIST application user-friendly and accessible (90%), and a majority approved the frequency of the RESIST grants cycle.

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The Web
For more than two years, RESIST has existed in cyber space. Last year the RESIST web site received more than 50,000 visitors. However, according to the survey results, very few RESIST donors have visited the web site. This is not too surprising, since the information on the web site is geared more toward activist organizations that are looking for funding. In fact, of those survey respondents who have used the RESIST web page, 62% were grantees.
The survey showed us that most donors were unfamiliar with our web site (www.resistinc.org). Does this have anything to do with the Left catching up with technology in the 21st Century? Or are folks ending up on another “Resist” web site? Or do we neglect to effectively inform you about the web site as a powerful resource at one’s fingertips? Although the RESIST web site primarily serves our grantee community by providing grants information and downloadable applications, it also includes the RESIST Newsletter, archived back to 1997, hotlinks to many grassroots groups across the country, an easily accessible publication of other funding sources, and a search engine to help you find exactly what you’re looking for.

Running for Justice for a Long Time
“Our society is in desperate trouble! In fighting terrorism, we encourage it; to protect human lives, we must protect the environment, encourage equality, and protect civil rights and liberties.”
As we look down that road at the challenges ahead, we asked you to tell us what you consider to be the most urgent political needs which are impacting the work of progressive activists. There was a cascade of responses. Some of you described one overarching issue, while others offered a long list of urgent issues that affect us all at this moment in time.
Many of you wrote about the paramount need to seek peace and oppose war mobilization. Many of you spoke eloquently about the powerful threats to civil liberties in this country. And many of you under-scored the struggles in the Middle East. At the same time, you talked about the need to address the insidious social tools that create lasting systems of oppression – racism, classism, sexism, homophobia.
Your responses are exceptionally valuable because, clearly, as RESIST continues to fund progressive organizing across a wide spectrum of issues, we need to know that what we do is relevant, highly effective and on the mark.

RESIST’s Role in the Movement
Finally, the survey asked you how RESIST could take a more active role in the progressive movement. Both grantees and donors saw a strong role for RESIST in organizing and advocating within the philanthropic community to expand and sustain the level of giving to progressive grassroots groups whose work focuses on organizing. Some of you talked about a future role for RESIST as a convener of grassroots groups to dialogue and discuss commonalities in their work and lives. Generally, you felt it would be helpful for RESIST to provide grantees with additional technical assistance around such issues as organizational development.
There can be no long-range plan without the participation of those for whom RESIST exists. Thank you all for taking the time to help us understand what the RESIST community is thinking. The Board of RESIST has undertaken a series of discussions in response to the survey results. As RESIST moves forward, we will continue to use the information obtained from the survey to guide our future direction.
All in all, it appears we are fulfilling a dynamic and necessary role among this amazing and diverse community of progressive activists who seek to change the world.

Becca Howes-Mischel is the Grant Associate and Office Manager at RESIST. Kay Mathew is a member of RESIST’s Board of Directors and serves on the Long-Range Planning and Grants Committees.

Emergency Grant Guidelines
RESIST stands ready to support groups engaged in organizing a progressive response to the military build up in Iraq and elsewhere and curbs on civil/human rights.
RESIST provides Emergency Grants of up to $300 on an “as-needed” basis. These grants are designed to help groups respond quickly to unexpected organizing needs. While it is impossible to precisely define an emergency, these grants generally provide support for demonstrations or other events arising from a political crisis. These grants are not intended to provide a safety net for groups who have failed to adequately plan for their financial needs, or who have missed the regular funding deadline.
Previous grant examples include: 1) the Emergency Committee Against the War in Iraq received a grant to organize a rally in opposition to the proposed bombing raids in Iraq; 2) STITCH was burglarized and received an emergency grant to purchase basic supplies; 3) the Merrimack New Hampshire School Board passed a regulation stating that teachers could not hold any discussions related to gay or lesbian issues and a coalition received an emergency grant to organize an immediate protest.

The Emergency Grant Application and Guidelines are available on Resist’s web site at www.resistinc.org. Unlike the regular application process, applicants may e-mail these requests for consideration. A decision will be made within 48 hours (or less) of receipt of the request.

Because You Asked . . .

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(93%). Several groups wrote comments that expressed their appreciation for multi-year and general support grants, and not surprisingly, many groups argued for increased award amounts.
2002 RESIST Grantees by Category

Groups Respond to Political and Economic Crises with Action

Africa/ Asia/ International
Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines (San Francisco, CA) $3,000 to uphold and promote human rights in the Philippines, including an analysis of the local effects of US military action.
Filipino American Coalition for Environmental Solutions (New York, NY) $3,000 for an organization that focuses on anti-militarism and environmental justice efforts in the Philippines.
Network in Solidarity with the People of the Philippines (New York, NY) $2,000 for the Justice Not War campaign, working to remove the newly re-deployed US troops in the Philippines.
PINTIG Cultural Group (Chicago, IL) $3,000 for Dreamweavers, a play that stimulates discussions about immigration and its global impact on human lives.

Central America
Carolina Interfaith Task Force on Central America (CITCA) (Asheville, NC) $2,000 to expand organizing capability, increase organizational stability, and provide initiatives for interfaith organization.
Committee in Solidarity with Central American People (Eugene, OR) $2,000 for solidarity organizing around issues such as the US Plan Colombia, fair trade coalitions, and immigrant rights.
Committee on US/Latin American Relations (CUSLAR) (Ithaca, NY) $3,000 for an organization that examines US military and economic policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.
Portland Central American Solidarity Committee (PCASC) (Portland, OR) $3,000 to increase understanding of and resistance to the effects of corporate globalization on workers within the US and Latin America.
SOA Watch/Northeast (Philadelphia, PA) $3,000 to distribute "Solidarity in Action: A Grassroots Guide to Organizing to Close the SOA." (Salzman Grant)

Community Organizing/Anti-Racism
Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice (Albuquerque, NM) $1,000 for coalition-building through "Project Peace and Justice Organizations Linking Arms."
Appalachian Peace and Justice Network (Athens, OH) $2,000 to empower and challenge groups in Appalachia to work for peace and justice.
Autonomous Zone (Chicago, IL) $1,000 for general support of a radical community activist resource center.

Plan to RESIST
There are many ways to extend your support of RESIST, including:
1. Make a tax-deductible contribution today.
2. Join the pledge program (see p. 12)
3. Donate stocks or other securities.
4. Include a bequest to RESIST in your will or life insurance policy.
5. Designate RESIST as a beneficiary of an IRA or pension plan.

For more information, contact RESIST • 259 Elm Street • Somerville, MA 02144 • 617-623-5110 • resistinc@igc.org.

Bitterroot Human Rights Alliance (Hamilton, MT) $3,000 to counter the bigotry and anti-democratic activities of white supremacists through visibility and collaboration of progressive organizations.
Campaign to Protect Chinatown (Boston, MA) $300 for emergency and $2,500 general support to organize residents to oppose new luxury development projects which threaten their working class residential community.
Cincinnati Copwatch (Cincinnati, OH) $3,000 for the "Promotion and Publicity Project."
Citizen's Alert (Chicago, IL) $1,000 for a police watchdog group that works to make law enforcement accountable to the communities in which they work.
Citizens for Police Review (Knoxville, TN) $3,000 for a group which seeks to hold police accountable for misconduct.
Coalition Against Poverty (Fall River, MA) $300 to hire additional staff to expand voter outreach campaign among low-income residents.
Coalition for the Human Rights of Immigrants (New York, NY) $3,000 for organizing to change US laws and policies that marginalize immigrant communities, including INS detention center policies.
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United Students of Roosevelt High School, part of Youth Organizing Communities, met with Los Angeles Unified School District School Board member Jose Huizar to present problems and proposed solutions identified by students. Huizar agreed to support implementation of YOC solutions for improving education at RHS. Photo courtesy of YOC.

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(Caguas, PR) $3,000 to strengthen the leadership capabilities of Latino/a community organizers who struggle against oppression, and to foster grassroots organizing for community development and self-determination.

Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (Louisville, KY) $3,000 and documentation of human rights violations for immigrant, ethnic and religious minority communities.

Organize! Ohio (Cleveland, OH) $3,000 for statewide gatherings of progressive organizers to share information and strategies, build organizing skills, and set up a foundation for collaborative work.

Policy Institute (Helena, MT) $2,500 for a United Students of Roosevelt High School, part of Youth Organizing Communities, met with Los Angeles Unified School District School Board member Jose Huizar to present problems and proposed solutions identified by students. Huizar agreed to support implementation of YOC solutions for improving education at RHS. Photo courtesy of YOC.

to bring racially diverse communities together to take actions against racist policies and practices.

Maine Rural Network (Standish, ME) $3,000 for coalition building and community organizing on social justice issues in rural Maine.

Making Change (Santa Monica, CA) $1,000 to purchase a computer for the Empowerment Center, which serves as a space for the homeless population to organize for positive social change.

Multi-Ethnic Immigrant Worker Organizing Network (MIWON) (Los Angeles, CA) $2,500 to challenge the exploitation within the Los Angeles immigrant job market by providing leadership development and coalition building for immigrant workers. (Ken Hale Tribute Grant)

National Lawyers Guild-MA Chapter (Boston, MA) $3,000 for the “9-11 Project” which provides organizing assistance and documentation of human rights violations for immigrant, ethnic and religious minority communities.

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* NOTE: These divisions do not accurately portray the inter-connectedness of many issues. Generally speaking, grants are organized according to the project or campaign rather than the sponsoring group itself. For example, an youth-driven program sponsored by a GLBT organization would be listed under “Youth” rather than “GLBT.”

Whatcom Human Rights Task Force (Bellingham, WA) $1,500 for an outreach project to other progressive groups in order to better collaborate and build networks.

WILPF- New York Metro Chapter (New York, NY) $1,500 for the campaign “Challenging Corporate Power/Asserting the Peoples’ Rights.”

Economic Justice

Contact Center (Cincinnati, OH) $3,000 to provide leadership training, skills development and power analysis to low-and moderate-income people.

Flint Hills Living Wage Coalition (Manhattan, KS) $1,500 for organization working to focus public attention on workplaces where wage inequalities and poor working conditions prevail.
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Jobs with Justice - Kentucky (Louisville, KY) $3,000 to launch the Economic Education Initiative that seeks to strengthen the local Living Wage Campaign.
Jobs with Justice - Utah (Salt Lake City, UT) $1,000 for a Living Wage Campaign.
Kaw Valley Living Wage Alliance (Lawrence, KS) $2,000 to develop a broad-based living wage coalition.
Oregon Human Rights Coalition (Portland, OR) $1,500 for community based organization which advocates for the rights of low-income people.
Santa Barbara Coalition for a Living Wage (Santa Barbara, CA) $2,000 for the second phase of a living wage campaign.
Southeast Regional Welfare Rights Network (Knoxville, TN) $2,000 to host the first welfare rights conference in the South organized by grassroots organizations.
Tampa Bay Action Group (St. Petersburg, FL) $1,000 for umbrella organization that builds coalitions to challenge corporate globalization and to work proactively for social justice.
Texas Globalization Education Fund (Austin, TX) $1,500 to implement an outreach and education campaign on the basics of economic globalization, international trade, and global debt for community groups across Texas.
Vermont Workers Center (Montpelier, VT)

RESIST funded the Kandid Coalition’s efforts to force Kodak to reduce its cancer-causing toxic emissions. Photo courtesy of the Citizens’ Environmental Coalition

$3,000 for the Justice for Health Care Workers Campaign, which builds community support for organizing in nursing homes, hospitals and other facilities.

Environmental
Action for Social and Ecological Justice (Burlington, VT) $3,000 to support indigenous and working-class communities within northeastern North America to organize in response to global trade pacts.
Alaska Women’s Environmental Network (Anchorage, AK) $3,000 to promote rural, Native, and urban women’s leadership in Alaskan conservation efforts.
Cascadia Wildlands Project (Eugene, OR) $3,000 for the Legacy Forests Campaign which organizes communities to take action against destructive land management.
Center for Environmental Politics (Missoula, MT) $3,000 to hold public officials accountable for their stands on environmental and social justice issues.
Center for Environmental Equity (Portland, OR) $3,000 to investigate and publicize the effects of abandoned and inactive mineral mines (AIMS) on health, water quality and community viability.
Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping (CARD) (Albuquerque, NM) $3,000 to monitor and organize around the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant, an underground repository for weapons-generated, plutonium-contaminated waste.
Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger M (Merrimac, WI) $3,000 for an organization working on clean up of toxic waste at Badger Army Ammunition Plant and creation of healthy re-use plans.
Environmental Justice Action Group (Portland, OR) $3,000 to address environmental and public health hazards faced by low-income residents of Portland’s multi-racial North/Northeast community.
Gateway Green Alliance M (St. Louis, MO) $3,000 to bring attention to the effects of economic globalization on the environment.
Kandid Coalition (Rochester, NY) $2,500 for a community-based corporate accountability campaign that seeks to force Eastman Kodak to reduce its cancer-causing toxic emissions.
Kingsport Citizens for a Cleaner Environment (Kingsport, TN) $2,500 for the “Clean and Active Neighborhoods” project which empowers low income and minority communities to oppose industrial pollution and counter resulting environmental health hazards.
Silver Valley People’s Action Coalition

Geographic Grant Distribution in 2002

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(Kellogg, ID) $1,500 to educate local residents about the toxic waste found at the Bunker Hill Superfund site and counter the misinformation and harassment generated by local corporations and media.

Water Information Network (Albuquerque, NM) $3,000 for an organizing campaign to stop coal strip mines and uranium mining, oppose radioactive waste sites and work on border environmental issues.

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender

Lambda Community Center (Fort Collins, CO) $1,200 to educate and empower lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities in northern Colorado and southern Wyoming.

PRIDE (Helena, MT) $3,000 for "West of the Divide 2002," a project to challenge the anti-gay climate on the west side of Montana's Rocky Mountain spine.

Safe Community and Schools Coalition (Athens, OH) $3,000 for organization opposing homophobia in local schools and providing support for g/l/b/t youth.

Washtenaw Rainbow Action Project (Ann Arbor, MI) $2,000 for an educational campaign against a ballot initiative threatening to repeal a local non-discrimination ordinance.

Health/ AIDS/ Disability

Institute for Social Ecology- Biotechnology Project (Plainfield, VT) $3,000 to educate about the relationship between biotechnology and social oppressions.

North Carolina Committee to Defend Health Care (Durham, NC) $1,500 for a summer internship program to promote state Universal Health Care coverage.

Migrant Farmworkers

Fuerza Unida (San Antonio, TX) $300 to organize Levis' workers in response to plant closings in El Paso and San Antonio.

Jobs with Justice- Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA) $3,000 to develop a broadly based coalition of social justice activists in the Philadelphia region.

Jobs with Justice - Portland (Portland, OR) $3,000 for a technology upgrade for an organization that encourages collaboration between various constituencies.

Jobs with Justice - Rhode Island (Providence, RI) $3,000 for a workers' rights organization that connects its struggles to those of local community and neighborhood groups.

Media/ Culture

Between the Lines (Weston, CT) $1,500 to expand syndication of weekly radio news magazine program for progressive organizations.

Cascadia Media Collective (Eugene, OR) $1,500 for the distribution costs of the "Guerrilla Media Primer."

Independent Media Center of Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA) $3,000 for the Radio Volta Webcast Station, which collaborates with a local radio station.

Media Tank (Philadelphia, PA) $2,000 for an organization focused on empowering communities through media literacy and public policy education.

Organizers Collaborative (Cambridge, MA) $2,000 to develop an online social change database to facilitate collaboration and movement building.

Prometheus Radio Project (Philadelphia, PA) $2,200 to increase citizen access to the low-powered FM radio band.

Sol & Soul (Washington, DC) $2,000 for the El Barrio Street Theater project, which raises awareness about local and global social justice issues.

Middle East

Brit Tzedek v' Shalom: Jewish Alliance for Justice and Peace (Cambridge, MA) $2,000 for a new organization of American Jewish activists working for peace and justice in Israel and Palestine.

Colorado Campaign for Middle East Peace (Denver, CO) $2,500 for a group working to end US military aggression and embargo against Iraq, and toward peace between Israel and Palestine.

Direct Action for a Free Palestine (New York, NY) $3,000 for an organization supporting the human rights in Palestine through speaking tours and public education.

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Jews Against the Occupation (New York, NY) $2,380 for group protesting the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories.

National Network to End the War on Iraq (Takoma Park) $1,000 for a national coalition opposing the Bush Administration’s plans to invade Iraq.

Native American Honor Our Neighbors Origins and Rights (HONOR) (Omro, WI) $1,500 for organization which seeks to make changes in federal, state and local policies regarding American Indian/Alaskan Native human and cultural rights.

Peace/Anti-Militarism Downwinders, Inc. (Lava Hot Springs, ID) $1,500 for a public campaign against the resumption of nuclear weapons development and testing.

Florida Coalition for Peace & Justice (Graham, FL) $3,000 to hire a staff person to help build capacity and coordinate a statewide constituency devoted to peace and nonviolence.

Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space (Gainesville, FL) $2,000 to organize anti-militarization conferences and protests opposing missile defense funding and the “Star Wars” weapons system.

Institute for MultiRacial Justice (San Francisco, CA) $3,000 for resource center that combats racism and helps build solidarity between people of color, including efforts to increase African-American and Latino participation in current anti-war efforts. *(Salzman Grant)*

Jamaica Plain Action Network (Jamaica Plain, MA) $3,000 for a start-up peace and justice group that is organizing their community against US military actions and governmental repression.

National Lawyers Guild Military Law Task Force (San Diego, CA) $2,000 to aid GI resistance to military oppression and demand that the military adhere to democratic values.

National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (Ithaca, NY) $1,500 to update the “War Tax Resisters and the IRS” booklet.

New Jersey Peace Action Education Fund (Montclair, NJ) $1,600 to hire a part-time organizer for the “Justice Not War” campaign.

Nuclear Resister (Tucson, AZ) $1,000 to publish the Nuclear Resister which chronicles anti-nuclear/anti-war arrests and provides support for imprisoned activists.

Peace Action New Mexico (Santa Fe, NM) $3,000 for an ongoing campaign against the Los Alamos National Laboratory, and for post-September 11 “learn-ins.”

Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine (Bangor, ME) $3,000 for organization linking individuals and groups concerned with peace, social justice and environmental issues in Eastern Maine.

Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission (Colorado Springs, CO) $2,000 for peace and justice organizing in the greater Colorado Springs community.

Syracuse Peace Council (Syracuse, NY) $3,000 to expand the donor base for peace and justice organization currently revitalizing its anti-militarism agenda.

US Campaign to Free Mordechai Vanunu (Tucson, AZ) $3,000 to challenge the proliferation of nuclear weapons within the US and its favored allies, and to secure the release of Mordechai Vanunu.

Vietnam Veterans Against War (Chicago, IL) $3,000 for a media outreach project which seeks to publicize the anti-war positions of military veterans.

Worcester Peace Works (Worcester, MA) $1,000 to develop a regional network of peace groups in central New England.

Prisoners

Coalition for Prisoners’ Rights (Santa Fe, NM) $3,000 to pay for the April issue of the Coalition’s newsletter.

Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition (Colorado Springs, CO) $1,500 for a statewide coalition addressing prison policy reform through campaigns about criminal justice policy reform, prison expansion, and the larger impact of criminal justice policies on communities across the state.

Comité Exijimos Justicia (Chicago, IL) $1,500 for organization opposing police misconduct and brutality in Chicago.

Criminal Justice Ministries (Des Moines, IA) $2,500 for the “Iowa CURE” project which empowers low- and moderate-income people to organize for criminal justice reform.

Task Force on Money, Education and Prisoners, Inc. (Madison, WI) $3,000 to print and distribute the group’s newsletter about state prison reform.

Women

Appalachian Women’s Alliance (Floyd, VA) $3,000 for a multi-ethnic women’s organization that organizes communities across Appalachia for social justice.

Arise for Social Justice (Springfield, MA) $3,000 for organization which uses an analysis of social factors such as poverty, sexism, and labor discrimination build political power for poor and oppressed people.

Association for Union Democracy - Women’s Project (Brooklyn, NY) $3,000 to raise public awareness and put pressure on unions, contractors, and government agencies for the enforcement...
ment of equal access and opportunity for women in blue collar skilled jobs. Immigrant Workers’ Resource Center (Jamaica Plain, MA) $3,000 to assist and enable women immigrant workers to become leaders and organizers in their workplaces and communities.

Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice (Brookline, MA) $2,800 for a faith-based organization supporting women’s reproductive choice.

Sistas on the Rise (Bronx, NY) $3,000 for organization working to empower low-income young mothers of color to organize around social justice issues impacting their lives.

Survivors, Inc. (Mattapan, MA) $3,000 for a group that works to mobilize a welfare rights constituency to work toward more humane social policies.

Young Women United (Albuquerque, NM) $3,000 for a community organizing and leadership development project that brings together teenage women of color.

Youth

180 Movement for Democracy and Education (Little Rock, AR) $1,500 for the development and distribution of a Democracy Teach-In organizing packet.

Action for Social Change and Youth Empowerment (West Hollywood, CA) $3,000 to support a network of young activists of color in Los Angeles working to build a political voice for youth.

Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (Anchorage, AK) $2,000 for the Civics and Conservation Summit, through which students will learn about environmental legislation and policy.

Asians and Pacific Islanders for Community Empowerment (API- FORCE) (San Francisco, CA) $3,000 for a Vietnamese Girls Leadership Program which trains young Asian women to combat institutionalized racism and sexism.

Calpulli Tlapalcalli/Casa de Colores (Brownsville, TX) $2,000 for program to provide youth with political education and community organizing opportunities.

Campus Action (Albany, NY) $2,000 to build a stronger progressive movement on college campuses.

Coalition for Asian Pacific American Youth (Boston, MA) $1,500 for “Empowering Us,” a political education program for APA youth that raises awareness of social justice issues.

FIERCE (San Francisco, CA) $2,500 for a youth-driven organization challenging institutionalized homophobia and transphobia by empowering youth activists to make connections between different issue-movements.

Military and Draft Counseling Project of WRL- Portland Chapter (Portland, OR) $1,000 for a student outreach and organizing project opposing the revocation of the local ban on military recruitment in high schools that will engage students in exploring alternatives to militarism.

Nevada Young Activist Project (Reno, NV) $3,000 for a youth-led project focused on empowering activists to build a meaningful movement to address critical social justice issues in their lives.

Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO) (Encinitas, CA) $3,000 for an organization engaged in counter-recruitment campaigns highlighting non-military alternatives for job training, education and community service.

Providence Youth-Student Movement (PrYSM) (Providence, RI) $3,000 for organization of Southeast Asian youth working for racial and economic justice, including a campaign to stop the deportation of Cambodian Americans.

Quilombo Collective (New York, NY) $3,000 for a summer program focusing on popular education and social justice organizing for working class youth of color.

Seattle Young People’s Project (Seattle, WA) $3,000 for the Youth Undoing Racism project which seeks to create a youth-led anti-racism movement in Seattle.

Youth Leadership Support Network (Takoma Park, MD) $1,500 for a project that will create a communications infrastructure among youth and youth groups in several neighborhoods.

Youth Organizing Communities (Los Angeles, CA) $3,000 for youth-driven organization fighting for educational justice and an end to the Prison Industrial Complex.

Prison Moratorium Project’s “No More Youth Jails” on city hall’s steps. Stop New York City’s $64.6 Million Allocation to build 200 additional secure juvenile detention beds!

2002 Grant Totals

Grant Awards: $317,880
Multi-Year Grants: $51,000
Emergency Grants: $1,200
Loans: $3,000
NWTRCC: $11,575.75
Donor-Directed grant to the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee
Total Amount of Grants and Loans: $332,455.75
Total Number: 139
GRANTS

Resist awards grants six times a year to groups throughout the United States engaged in activism for social and economic justice. In this issue of the Newsletter we list a few grant recipients from our February 2003 allocation cycle. For information, contact the groups at the addresses below.

Community Alliance of Lane County (CALC)
PO Box 10837, Eugene, OR 97440

Community Alliance of Lane County began in 1966 as a chapter of Clergy and Laity Concerned, mobilizing opposition to the Vietnam War. Today, CALC still has an anti-war focus but has expanded its vision to include issues such as immigrant rights and anti-bigotry activism.

In Oregon, most new immigrants are Latino farm workers who are frequently denied their legal rights. These workers labor in poor conditions—often called "sweatshops in the field"—where they lack basic health care, nutrition and an adequate standard of living.

A RESIST grant of $3,000 will fund the Network for Immigrant Justice Project that seeks to build a strong movement for immigrant rights through work that highlights INS abuses, investigates the misuse of funds for English Language Learners, and counters xenophobic stereotyping.

Georgians for Choice
PO Box 8551, Atlanta, GA 31106
www.georgiansforchoice.org

Georgians for Choice, formed in 1986, is a coalition of statewide progressive social change organizations. Members work collaboratively on issues including: sexuality education, family planning options, education and access, abortion policies, services for low-income women and support for women seeking fertility services. GfC creates programming framed by the social, racial and economic justice issues inherent in women's health.

When policies are created that limit the right to choose, women who are young, low-income, refugees, immigrants and women of color see their access to services diminish disproportionally. A RESIST grant of $3,000 will fund The Access Project to increase women's ability to access reproductive health services.

Stepstone Center
PO Box 2044, Carbondale, CO 81623
www.stepstonecenter.org

Stepstone Center was founded in 1997 and has been an incubator for a number of effective citizen activist groups in the Roaring Fork Valley of Western Colorado. It works to bring together individuals from across the Valley who share common issues in order to assist them to collectively develop solutions for their communities. Working extensively to bridge the gap between the local Latino and Anglo communities has been a priority for the organization. The Center also functions as a meeting space for activist organizations to gather and strategize around progressive issues.

A RESIST grant of $3,000 will provide general support to Stepstone Center as it seeks to educate and empower members of its community to mobilize against the war in Iraq and US militarism.

Water Information Network
PO Box 44524, Albuquerque, NM 87106

The Water Information Network was established in 1988 by grassroots activists at the first New Mexico Citizens' Water Quality Conference. The conference was hosted by the Southwest Organizing Project and the Southwest Research and Information Center. It was attended primarily by Native American and Mexican American citizens from throughout the Southwest who were directly affected by environmental contamination. Since 1988, WIN has focused on community education and fighting environmental pollution caused by corporate development.

A RESIST multi-year grant of $3,000 will provide general support for WIN's rural organizing campaign to stop coal strip mines and uranium mining, oppose radioactive waste sites and work on border environmental issues in New Mexico and West Texas.