A few weeks ago, I had a chat with a baby boomer and lifelong progressive activist who relayed his disappointment and befuddlement regarding today’s youth. He wondered, did they care about the social and political issues facing the world? In the 1960s, there were folk music, rioting in the streets and palpable outrage about the state of the world. Didn’t a lack of such these days indicate apathy?

Having worked in the mid-‘00s in college organizing to address the role of money in politics, I felt that young adults weren’t so much apathetic as they were disempowered. And who could blame them? In the face of the denial of rights at every turn coupled with unbridled avarice, even ardent activists felt powerless under the Bush Administration. Eight years of a president who didn’t understand the meaning of the word “democracy” — one who once likened an anti-war protest of hundreds of thousands of people to a “focus group” — can make you feel like any organizing efforts are futile.

But 2009 heralded a new day with the inauguration of a community organizer and civil rights lawyer who promised something with his presidency that we hadn’t had in years: hope. Certainly, he’s to be commended for trying to undo the damage done by the most recent presidency. In the first quarter, Obama signed Executive Orders to close the military prison at Guantanamo, prohibit torture and lift the ban on stem cell research, in addition to ordering the review of Ali al-Marri’s detention, the only non-citizen known to have been held as an enemy combatant in the continental United States since September 11.

Now a year into Obama’s presidency, the general consensus among activists leans less toward hope and more toward disappointment. Guantanamo prisoners are simply going to be moved to Illinois. Days before accepting the Nobel Peace Prize — an honor that even his supporters don’t think he has earned — Obama ordered 30,000 more troops into Afghanistan. He defended the Defense of Marriage Act in the epic battle that was California’s Proposition 8 and has done nothing about ending Don’t Ask Don’t Tell. The Copenhagen Climate Change Conference yielded only a non-binding accord noted for its crafters’ deep disagreement, and health care reform of any sort is in jeopardy.

A return to feeling our power

One supposes that our honeymoon with Obama had to end sometime. And yet, just because the bloom is off the
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rose doesn’t mean that we haven’t made extraordinary gains in the activist environment in the last year. People are empowered again; we’re feeling that it’s actually possible to effect change and achieve social justice. This is paramount in RESIST’s fight against illegitimate authority, as we the people are the legitimate authority.

Since, as they say, all politics is local, perhaps the best gauge of the past year’s effect on organizing would be with state and local political happenings. The last year of the decade saw New Mexico repeal the death penalty, North Carolina pass the Racial Justice Act and state legislatures pass death penalty abolition bills in Connecticut and Montana. Measures like these are paving the way for RESIST grantees Texas Moratorium Network and Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty to make similar gains in Texas and Alabama.

Elsewhere, a report released in the summer by the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty focused on city measures that criminalize the homeless and included a list of the ten worst offenders. It’s good to know that Springfield, Massachusetts and Helena, Montana are not on the list, where RESIST grantees Arise for Social Justice and Working for Equality and Economic Liberation are working hard to fight such policies.

Many of us heard about the Army threatening Specialist Alexis Hutchinson with a court-martial if she did not agree to deploy to Afghanistan despite the fact that she could not find anyone to care for her baby. Stories like this highlight the desparate need for the work of RESIST grantees Courage to Resist and GI Voice, which support active duty military personnel who have chosen to oppose military policies. RESIST also funded five groups working to fight the efforts of military recruiters who are targeting high school students.

On the LGBTQ front, the passage of laws allowing same-sex marriage in Connecticut, Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire, the District of Columbia and even Mexico City gives visibility and credence to all of our grantees working on that issue, from the National Queer Asian/Pacific Islander Alliance in New York to the OUTreach Resource Center in Ogden, Utah. Similarly, the debate over inclusion of the Stupak Amendment to restrict federal funds for paying for abortion access under the national health care reform bill affects the reproductive justice programs of the NARAL chapters that RESIST funds in South Dakota, Texas and Wisconsin.

Technology for social change

Much of the empowerment we’re enjoying these days has benefited from the advances in communication technology in the last decade. Whereas the internet taught us that anyone can be famous, its new lesson is that anyone can make a difference. New media is such that one person’s message can be heard not only instantly but also throughout the world.

Case in point: with his story zooming around the internet and social networking websites, a fifth grader in Arkansas who took a stand for LGBTQ rights became a national sensation and an inspiration to countless would-be social justice seekers. When a child in a staunchly conservative area takes issue with the Pledge of Allegiance’s assertion of liberty and justice for all when “gays and lesbians can’t marry [and] there’s still a lot of racism and sexism in the world,” people with internet access now know about it immediately.

With the benefit of such knowledge, so many of us realize that if such a vulnerable person can insist on social justice, the rest of us can do so as well. Such people are the ones who act at the grassroots level and inspire the kind of progressive change-makers supported by RESIST.

During this time, it’s been a bit frightening to witness the slow death of print journalism. What new media lacks in syntax, however, it may make up for in accountability, even serving as a watchdog of sorts on traditional media.

Consider, also, the clip of Neda Soltani’s death during the 2009 Iranian election

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protests that made its way around the internet over the summer. It raised the issue of rigged elections in Iran and, more importantly, of the violence that Iranians face in trying to address injustice. The mere existence and propagation of the clip made a statement on Iranians’ ability to resist oppression. Despite the Iranian government’s efforts to censor information about their cruelty toward dissenters, the individual-driven new media prevents them from plugging every leak.

New media does more than shed light on challenges in far-flung areas. More sophisticated communications tools aid our organizing work. Many RESIST grantees are using YouTube and social networking sites like Facebook, MySpace and Twitter to raise their visibility, recruit new members and fundraise. Reflect and Strengthen in Dorchester, Massachusetts and Catalyst Project in Oakland, California both have hundreds of members in their Facebook Causes, and Catalyst has raised over $800 there. Boston’s Deported Diaspora created a short video about their work challenging immigration raids that was widely passed around the internet.

RESIST has made use of new media tools in our efforts to make training resources available to grantees. Partnering with the Development Resource Center, we began offering free online technical assistance and fundraising seminars to grassroots organizations around the country. The sessions have been hugely successful since their inception in 2008. Last year, in collaboration with Appalachian Community Fund, Fund for Southern Communities and Fund for Idaho, RESIST provided trainings during which activists from around the country were able to share resources with one another without being in the same room. In 2010, we look forward to collaborating again with our allies and will offer at least one session specifically designed for rural organizers.

Although many alternative media channels have existed since the beginning of the decade, they have only now reached a popularity that encourages optimum participation. As more people engage in this interactive media, more ideas are exchanged, connections are built, resources are shared and influence is leveraged, resulting in the empowerment of vulnerable communities. These exchanges have the potential to burst into sophisticated movements through on-the-ground organizing work and the guidance and funding of groups like RESIST.

Year in funding

Because of the economic recession, we’re unfortunately seeing many foundations that fund grassroots organizing reduce their support and in extreme cases close up shop. Because of the incredible support that we get from you, RESIST is proud to say that we’re still here and committed to funding at the same level as last year – even if we have to dip into our savings to do so. In fact, RESIST has set a long term goal of increasing its grant allocation limit and is strategizing to achieve this great objective.

In 2009, RESIST awarded over $277,000 to 134 organizations around the country. These grants can be broken down into 14 categories, which are somewhat arbitrary since RESIST generally funds groups that work across issues. Categorizing the grants can be helpful, though, for tracking trends in funding across years.

The largest share of grants fell into the Community Organizing and Anti-Racism category, which included 33 grantees. These grantees are working to challenge institutional racism, resist immigration raids and address root causes of injustice from rural communities like Clinchco, Virginia to Los Angeles, California and nearly everywhere in between.

The next largest category was Peace and Anti-Militarism, which included 20 grants awarded around the country.
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Grantees are working for justice and against war in ways that include working with youth to demilitarize schools, supporting GI resisters and organizing to move public money from military spending to meeting community needs.

Organizations working to challenge the expansion of prisons and support those behind bars follow as the next largest category of RESIST grants. Prisoners' Rights had 11 recipients, from groups working to abolish the death penalty to those challenging conditions at prisons relying on extreme solitary confinement.

See pages 5-12 for the breakdown of all 2009 grants by category.

Special awards

RESIST awards several Tribute and Memorial Grants each year. Named for organizers and social change workers, these awards keep the spirits of their namesakes alive and encourage us all to carry on their work for a more just world.

The Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Fund is dedicated to supporting organized resistance to the institutions and practices that rob people of their dignity as full human beings. Last year's recipient of this grant was GI Voice of Lakewood, Washington, which works to create a safe space for service members, military families and veterans to discuss GI rights and the hardships of military life, including PTSD.

The Leslie D'Cora Holmes Memorial Fund supports organizations that embody the values that reflect the spirit-filled mission of Leslie D'Cora Holmes, a social justice worker and lawyer who fought for tenants' rights. RESIST awarded this grant to the Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression in Louisville, which brought together racially diverse communities to attend the 2009 Kentucky Social Forum.

Last year's recipient of the Mike Riegle Tribute Grant, given in memory of a longtime Boston organizer for LGBTQ and prisoners' rights, was Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty in Lanett, Alabama. Project Hope works with prisoners, advocates and allies to abolish the death penalty in their state.

The Ken Hale Tribute Grant is given in memory of the life and work of a founder of RESIST, a world-renowned linguist and a committed activist. RESIST awarded last year's grant to Shades of Yellow in St. Paul, Minnesota. This community-based organization provides support and a safe space for Hmong LGBTQ people and advocates for LGBTQ rights with Hmong elders and community members.

In 2008, the friends and family of Sharon Kurtz chose RESIST as the home of a new fund in her name. The Sharon Kurtz Memorial Fund commemorates the life of Sharon Kurtz, a community organizer who dedicated her life to making the world a more just place. The first recipient of this special award is 9to5 Atlanta in Georgia. They will use the grant to begin a strategic planning process to enhance their work for economic justice for women.

To honor the moral clarity, courage and political commitment of its founders, RESIST created a new tribute grant two years ago: the Hell Yes! Award. This grant recognizes inspiring, radical activism that cuts to the heart of RESIST's mission to challenge illegitimate authority.

In 2009, seven organizations doing powerful and effective work for social change were awarded Hell Yes! Grants: Fuerza Laboral-Power of Workers in Rhode Island; Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees and Nodudol for Korean Community Development in New York; National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth in Maryland; Parents United for Responsible Education and Tamms Year 10 in Illinois; and Working for Equality and Economic Liberation in Montana. Read more about these organizations on the following pages.

Organizational growth

RESIST's grantees list grew over the last two years and so did our Board of Directors. Eleven new members have joined the RESIST Board since 2008. We have nearly doubled our numbers and increased our diversity geographically, ethnically and culturally. Joining us were: Melissa Cariño, Miabi Chatterji, Warren Goldstein-Gelb, Kohei Ishihara, Ravi Khanna, Guillermo Quinteros, Dimple Rana, Ragini Shah, Sarath Suong, Jen Willsea and me. Stepping down in 2009 were longtime Board members Nikhil Aziz and Carmen Rau. We thank them deeply for their years of service.

Staff member Yafreisy Mejia also helped RESIST grow this year, as she and her family welcomed new daughter Samantha Mejia in September. RESIST was lucky to have the incredible contributions of Catherine Joseph during Yafreisy's leave.

Everyone counts

The exciting thing about new media is that it's individual-driven. It embodies the idea that every person can make a difference, every person can participate in radical grassroots movements. We encourage supporters like you to access RESIST's soon-to-be new and improved website as well as our grantees' websites to see how you can get involved. To take from Margaret Mead's famous quote, individuals are what make up the movements led by our venerable grantees. Now that each and every one of us is empowered to take action against illegitimate authority, let's make 2010 the year we become unstoppable.

Jen Bonardi joined RESIST's Board in 2008. Christy Pardew works as the Communications Director at RESIST.
RESIST’s 2009 Grant Recipients
Funding organizing work for social, economic, racial and environmental justice

Below is a list of organizations which received funding from RESIST in 2009, along with a brief description of their work. These grants, divided below by grant category, are made possible by the generosity and commitment of RESIST’s thousands of donors. For information about types of grants and grant guidelines, see page 11.

CENTRAL and LATIN AMERICA and THE CARIBBEAN

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee. Portland, Oregon. $1,800 to mobilize workers and students in the fight for human rights and social justice in Latin America and in Oregon.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZING and ANTI-RACISM ORGANIZING

Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice. Albuquerque, New Mexico. $2,800 to link individuals and groups concerned with peace, social justice and economic issues.

Amigos Multicultural Services Center. Eugene, Oregon. $3,000 to promote respect for the human rights of immigrants through activities that inform, organize and mobilize the immigrant Latino community and its allies.

Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition. Austin, Texas. $1,000 for a coalition to organize for immigrant rights.

Center for Immigrant Families. New York, New York. $1,500 for an organization of low-income immigrant women that work on addressing root causes of injustice and its impact on their lives.

Center for Justice, Peace, and Environment. Fort Collins, Colorado. $3,000 to create social justice, peace and environmental integrity through direct action, public education and community empowerment. Multi-year grant.

Clinchco Center. Clinchco, Virginia. $3,000 to bridge the divide between Black Appalachians in a defunct mining town and their low-income white neighbors to end the extreme racism and poverty in their community.

Coalition for Educational Justice. Los Angeles, California. $2,800 to struggle against institutional racism and inequities based on class and race that exist within Los Angeles public schools.

Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace. Sewanee, Tennessee. $1,400 to educate and empower the Cumberland Plateau regional community to take action for social, cultural and environmental change.

Deported Diaspora. Boston, Massachusetts. $3,000 for a group of multi-racial young organizers and youth workers collaborating to prevent deportations and change the US deportation system.

Desiree Alliance. Henderson, Nevada. $2,000 to organize sex workers and their allies to seek civil, labor and human rights.

DREAM in Action. Boise, Idaho. $3,000 to use direct organizing campaigns to build power and win campaigns for immigrant justice. Multi-year Grant.

Education for Liberation Network. Brooklyn, New York. $1,700 for a national collaboration of educators, community activists and researchers exploring the link between education, social justice and activism.

Georgia Employee Association. Atlanta, Georgia. $1,500 to facilitate social and economic change by organizing minorities, working families, injured workers and people with disabilities.

Georgia Latino Alliance for Human Rights. Atlanta, Georgia. $2,800 to develop grassroots leaders in the Latino immigrant community who will challenge the state’s racist policies that exploit the immigrant community.

Housing Long Beach. Long Beach, California. $1,500 to preserve and increase continued on page six

Seeing their work as part of larger movements for economic and social justice, RESIST Grantee Student/Farmworker Alliance is a national network of students and youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields.
the supply of quality affordable housing for low-income residents of Long Beach. 

Kentucky Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. Louisville, Kentucky. $2,500 to bring together racially diverse communities to take specific and visible actions against racist policies and practices. 

Latin American and Caribbean Community Center. Atlanta, Georgia. $1,000 to address the complexities stemming from global migration as it relates to race, gender and economic disparities. 

Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice Education Fund. Manhattan, Kansas. $1,500 for a broad-based social justice organization that links peace and economic justice issues. 

Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates. St. Louis, Missouri. $3,000 to organize and advocate for the basic rights of all immigrants. 

National Alliance of HUD Tenants. Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. $2,000 to mobilize HUD tenants to protect affordable housing and to develop tenant leadership. 

Nodutdol for Korean Community Development. Woodside, New York. $3,000 to build a politically active Korean community in New York through campaigns for increased social, economic and educational justice. 

North Dakota Human Rights Coalition. Fargo, North Dakota. $2,300 to advocate and educate for change so that all people in North Dakota can enjoy full human rights. 

Operation Welcome Home. Madison, Wisconsin. $3,000 for a collaborative group of homeless and previously homeless people of color working for social justice and self-determination. 

Parent Voices. San Francisco, California. $2,000 to organize for access to high-quality, affordable childcare and health care for all children. 

Parents & Youth United for a Better Webster County. Eupora, Mississippi. $1,900 to empower the local African-American community to work against racial discrimination in public schools and the criminal legal system. 

Parents United for Responsible Education. Chicago, Illinois. $3,000 to improve educational opportunities for all children by empowering their parents to be strong advocates. 

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane. Spokane, Washington. $2,000 to involve individuals and local communities in building foundations for a just and nonviolent world. 

Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine. Bangor, Maine. $2,800 to link individuals and groups concerned with peace, social and environmental justice issues in Eastern Maine. 

South Carolina Progressive Network. Columbia, South Carolina. $3,000 for a statewide coalition that works to create a grassroots mechanism for affecting public policy. Multi-year Grant. 

South Dakota Peace and Justice Center. Sioux Falls, South Dakota. $1,900 to work for a more just and peaceful state through activism, education and organizing. 

Teach Our Children. New Haven, Connecticut. $2,000 to transform the local public school system so that it is responsive to children and families regardless of race, income or neighborhood. 

Tennessee Alliance for Progress. Nashville, Tennessee. $2,000 for a statewide organization working to build healthy families and communities in Tennessee. 

The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho. Boise, Idaho. $3,000 to work in faith-based communities examining the intersections between racism, classism, sexism and heterosexism. Multi-year Grant. 

The Quest for Social Justice. Mobile, Alabama. $1,500 to raise social justice issues in Mobile and to bridge diverse communities. 

Umatilla Morrow Alternatives. Irrigon, Oregon. $2,000 to advocate for equality, leadership, education and dignity among under-served minority populations. 

United Vision for Idaho. Boise, Idaho. $2,100 for a statewide progressive coalition that seeks to improve the infrastructure of grassroots groups and the skills of their leaders. 

ECONOMIC JUSTICE 


Economic Justice Coalition. Athens, Georgia. $3,000 to educate the com-
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Community about economic disparities and to work towards implementing living wage and health benefit policies. Multi-year Grant.

Haitian Women for Haitian Refugees. New York, New York. $3,000 to organize and educate working class Haitian immigrants around economic justice issues and immigrant rights.

Homeless Empowerment Project. Cambridge, Massachusetts. $1,250 to give voice to homeless and low-income people as a means of eliminating poverty and reducing stereotypes about low-income people.

Low-Income Self-Help Center. San Jose, California. $1,500 to empower, educate and organize the diverse low-income communities of Silicon Valley to fight for economic rights and justice.

Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending. Worcester, Massachusetts. $1,200 to address the sub-prime foreclosure crisis affecting homeowners and tenants in Massachusetts through legislation, organizing and education.

Mothers for Justice. New Haven, Connecticut. $1,000 to promote change in programs and policies that affect the lives of low-income families.

Nashville Homeless Power Project. Nashville, Tennessee. $1,500 to organize current and formerly homeless people and their allies to eradicate homelessness and poverty in Nashville.

Peace Through Interamerican Community Action. Bangor, Maine. $1,500 to engage in anti-sweatshop, labor rights and solidarity organizing.

Save Our Section 8 Colorado. Denver, Colorado. $1,500 for a coalition of low-income and Section 8 tenants working together to preserve and expand safe and accessible public housing.

VOICES. Spokane, Washington. $3,000 to empower low-income individuals and families to develop leadership on economic justice issues and fight for solutions to poverty.

Welfare Warriors. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. $1,900 to create a voice for mothers and children in poverty to work for social and economic justice.

People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources (PODER) organizes in many communities to redefine environmental issues as social and economic justice ones in East Austin, Texas.

Worcester Homeless Action Committee. Worcester, Massachusetts. $1,000 to increase city-wide awareness about, and a response to, the critical condition of homeless people in Worcester.

Working for Equality and Economic Liberation. Helena, Montana. $3,000 to ensure that those most affected by poverty are engaged in eradicating stereotypes and are involved in working for change in policies and practices that affect them.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Bring Urban Recycling to Nashville Today (BURNT). Nashville, Tennessee. $2,500 to work for environmental justice.

Grant Distribution by Category

While useful, the divisions below do not paint a complete picture of RESIST grantees. RESIST does not fund organizations by category and prefers to fund groups that organize across issue areas. Categorizing the grants, however, can be helpful for tracking trends in funding across years.

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site and counter the misinformation generated by those opposing cleanup.

GLBTQ RIGHTS
GLBT Youth in Iowa Schools Task Force. Des Moines, Iowa. $2,000 to educate Iowa’s education staff on issues affecting GLBT youth and to develop solutions to end discrimination, bullying and harassment.

Human Dignity Coalition. Bend, Oregon. $3,000 to build a progressive movement for social change in Central Oregon and to address issues of disability rights, sexism and homophobia.

Iowa Pride Network. Des Moines, Iowa. $1,900 to empower students to fight homophobia and transphobia in high schools and colleges by training leaders and organizing for social justice.

People Organized in Defense of Earth and Her Resources (POD ER). Austin, Texas. $2,500 to organize for environmental justice in East Austin.

Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens. Ider, Alabama. $2,700 to organize against the growth of the corporate swine industry in the densely populated areas of Alabama and the surrounding states.

Silver Valley Community Resource Center. Kellogg, Idaho. $1,900 to educate local residents about the toxic waste found at the Bunker Hill Superfund site and counter the misinformation generated by those opposing cleanup.

Technical Assistance Grants
Current and previous RESIST grantees are eligible to apply for technical assistance grants of up to $500 to enable them to increase their internal organizational skills and capacity. In 2008, these grants were awarded to:

9 to 5 Atlanta Atlanta, Georgia
Development Resource Center Arlington, Massachusetts
Human Dignity Coalition Bend, Oregon
Interfaith Alliance of Idaho Boise, Idaho
Kentucky Alliance against Racist and Political Repression Louisville, Kentucky (Leslie D’Cora Holmes Tribute Grant)
Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice Education Manhattan, Kansas
Second Chance Lexington, Mississippi
Tennessee Alliance for Progress Nashville, Tennessee

intersex and queer Asians, South Asians and Pacific Islanders to attend a national conference. Accessibility grant.

OUTreach Resource Center. Ogden, Utah. $1,500 to build community and empower LGBTQ youth in a very homophobic area.

Shades of Yellow. St. Paul, Minnesota. $2,800 to provide support and a safe space for Hmong LGBTQ people and to educate and advocate for LGBTQ rights with Hmong elders and community members. Ken Hale Tribute Grant.

HEALTH, AIDS and DISABILITY RIGHTS

ADAPT-Colorado. Denver, Colorado. $2,700 to enable people with disabilities to participate in organizing for full and equal access into all parts of society. Accessibility Grant.

Civilian Medical Resources Network. Taos, New Mexico. $2,000 to organize around the unmet medical and psychological needs of GIAs as a means of working towards peace and the reduction of militarism.

Freedom Center. Northampton, Massachusetts. $3,000 to unite people with severe mental illness to organize against psychiatric abuse and oppression and to promote alternatives to mainstream care.

NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota. Sioux Falls, South Dakota. $3,000 to improve access to reproductive services for all women in South Dakota.

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas. Austin, Texas. $3,000 to ensure that women have the right to a full range of reproductive choices, including preventing unintended pregnancy, bearing healthy children and choosing legal abortion.

NARAL Pro-Choice Wisconsin. Madison, Wisconsin. $2,000 to ensure that women have the right to a full range of reproductive choices in Wisconsin.

New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. Albuquerque, New Mexico. $2,300 to provide a faith-based approach to counter the religious right’s attack on reproductive justice.

LABOR RIGHTS

Cincinnati Interfaith Workers Center. Cincinnati, Ohio. $2,700 to organize low-continued on page nine
wage and immigrant workers to confront economic injustice in the workplace.

**Fuerza Laboral – Power of Workers.**
Central Falls, Rhode Island. $3,000 to empower immigrant and low-income workers to achieve fair, equal and dignified working conditions. *Multi-year Grant.*

**Interfaith Center for Worker Justice.**
Minneapolis, Minnesota. $1,000 to enable low-wage workers to organize for better wages and working conditions.

**Jobs with Justice – Kentucky.**
Louisville, Kentucky. $3,000 to campaign for economic justice and workers' rights. *Multi-year Grant.*

**Jobs with Justice – Middle Tennessee.**
Nashville, Tennessee. $1,500 to organize the labor, faith and student communities to achieve workplace justice.

**Restaurant Opportunities Center of Miami.**
Miami, Florida. $2,800 to organize restaurant workers for improved wages and working conditions.

**Student/Farmworker Alliance.** Immokalee, Florida. $3,000 for a national network of students and youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate modern-day slavery in the fields. *Multi-year Grant.*

**Vermont Workers' Center.** Montpelier, Vermont. $3,000 for a group organizing for economic justice, including livable wages, affordable health care and humane workplaces. *Multi-year Grant.*

**Worker Center for Economic Justice.** Lynn, Massachusetts. $2,700 to address the problems of low-wage, non-union immigrant worker exploitation and abuse.

**MEDIA JUSTICE and CULTURE**

**Arlington West Film and Speakers Program.** Los Angeles, California. $2,000 to bring people with personal experience in the Iraq War together with youth targeted by military recruiters.

**HONK! Cambridge, Massachusetts.** $1,000 to support activist street bands that utilize the potential of music to spread awareness of peace and justice issues and to protest violence and oppression.

Filled with street activist bands playing music that is by, for, and of "the people," Massachusetts' HONK! attracted thousands to their fourth-annual community celebration in 2009.

**Thin Air Community Radio.** Spokane, Washington. $3,000 to produce radio programming with a social justice focus that provides media access to un-served or under-served communities. *Multi-year Grant.*

**NATIVE AMERICAN / NATIVE PEOPLE'S RIGHTS**

**Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras.** Tucson, Arizona. $1,000 to promote respect for Indigenous human and civil rights and organize around sovereignty, border rights and environmental protection of Native lands and sacred sites.

**Seminole Sovereignty Protection Initiative.** Seminole, Oklahoma. $500 to cover the unexpected costs of providing the only human rights training focused on Indigenous Peoples in Oklahoma. *Emergency Grant.*

**PEACE and ANTI-MILITARISM**

**Appalachian Peace and Justice Network.** Athens, Ohio. $1,500 to engage in critical peace, justice and antiwar organizing in Appalachian Ohio.

**Brandywine Peace Community.** Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. $1,000 to organize resistance to war and militarism.

**Plan to RESIST**

There are many ways to extend your support of RESIST, including:

**Make a tax-deductible contribution today.** Send a check, make a credit card gift or sign up for the pledge program (see page 11).

**Donate stocks or other securities.** As a non-profit organization, RESIST does not have to pay taxes, and you can deduct your contribution.

**Include a bequest to RESIST in your will or life insurance policy.** That way, you can receive income tax deductions on your insurance premiums while you support social change.

**Designate RESIST as a beneficiary of an IRA or pension plan.**

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Central Oregon Peace Network. Bend, Oregon. $1,000 to work for peace and oppose militarism through educational and community organizing activities.

Coalition Against Militarism in Our Schools. South Pasadena, California. $3,000 to demilitarize schools and transform them into institutions where social justice and conflict resolution are at the center. Multi-year Grant.

Courage to Resist. Oakland, California. $3,000 to bring together community members, veterans and military families in support of GI resistance and counter-recruitment efforts.

GI Voice. Lakewood, Washington. $3,000 to create a safe space for service members, families and veterans to discuss hardships of military life, PTSD and GI rights. Freda Friedman Salzman Tribute Grant.

National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth. Bethesda, Maryland. $2,700 to unite national and local organizations to oppose the intrusion of the military in young people's lives.

Nebraskans for Peace. Lincoln, Nebraska. $2,000 to work nonviolently for peace with justice through community building, education and political action.

Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. Oak Ridge, Tennessee. $2,500 to work for the end of nuclear weapons production in Oak Ridge through education and direct action.

Peace Action – New Jersey. Bloomfield, New Jersey. $500 to work for the reduction and elimination of nuclear weapons, money for community needs and nonviolent resolution to conflict.

Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas. Wichita, Kansas. $2,000 to link diverse peace and justice groups in South Central Kansas.

Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission. Colorado Springs, Colorado. $1,400 to educate and raise awareness around issues of environmental, social and economic justice.

Project on Military Bases. Cambridge, Massachusetts. $1,500 to work for the closure, withdrawal and cleanup of US foreign military bases.

San Jose Peace and Justice Center. San Jose, California. $1,000 for a community-based organization that works on justice issues through education, advocacy and community organizing.

Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. Topeka, Kansas. $2,000 to promote peace and justice by addressing civil and human rights, restorative justice, economic justice, women's rights and international peace issues.

Washington Truth in Recruiting. Bellevue, Washington. $1,000 to address militarization of public schools and to educate youth about realities of military life.

Grant Distribution by Region

Northeast
Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Midwest
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, N. Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, S. Dakota, Wisconsin

South
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, N. Carolina, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia

Northwest
Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming

MidAtlantic
Delaware, District of Columbia, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland

West & Other
Alaska, California, Hawaii, Puerto Rico

Southwest
Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Nevada

Founded in 1970, Nebraskans for Peace has maintained their work on international issues while also prioritizing work on domestic human rights issues such as a living wage, civil rights for Mexican-Americans and more.


Western New York Peace Center. Buffalo, New York. $1,500 to promote peace through justice at home and abroad.

Whatcom Peace & Justice Center. Bellingham, Washington. $1,000 to oppose US military action in the Middle East and change foreign policy through protest, advocacy and education.

PRISONERS’ RIGHTS

Albany Political Prisoner Support Committee. Albany, New York. $2,000 to strengthen networking among state prison justice organizations to mount a more effective challenge to unjust criminal justice and prison policies.

Coalition for Prisoners’ Rights. Santa Fe, New Mexico. $3,000 to work for systemic change by challenging the social and economic injustice in the US punishment system. Multi-year Grant.

Fight for Lifers – West. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. $2,000 to advocate for more

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RESIST Grant Program

Since its founding in 1967, RESIST has awarded thousands of timely grants to radical and progressive organizations working for social justice. Throughout the decades, the grantmaking program has evolved in order to best respond to the needs and challenges of grassroots social change groups. Below are short descriptions of the grants RESIST provides.

General Support Grant Awards
In order to enable groups to build infrastructure and capacity while engaged in on-going social justice activism, RESIST grants provide general (rather than program-specific) support.

RESIST believes that general support grants allow groups to focus on strengthening their movement-building and cross-issue organizing capacity. Project funding sometimes causes organizations to jump through hoops to appeal to funders. General support, which is reliable and flexible, enables groups to effectively carry out their missions and respond to new challenges and opportunities.

Providing general support grants also helps to level the power imbalance between funders and grantees.

Technical Assistance Grants
Many groups that apply to RESIST for funding also need other forms of assistance. Groups often require technical assistance to help with the nuts and bolts of starting, maintaining and developing progressive organizations.

In keeping with RESIST's goal of building movement infrastructure and capacity, RESIST awards up to $500 to enable existing grantees to participate in technical assistance opportunities. Find it on our website at www.resistinc.org/resources.

Other RESIST Grantmaking Efforts
In addition to the general support and technical assistance grants described above, RESIST's grantmaking program includes:

- **Multi-Year Grants:** Grantees who have been funded by RESIST at least two times during the preceding five years may apply for three-year general support grants.
- **Accessibility Grants:** To support projects that enable all people to participate in movements for social justice, RESIST will fund the additional costs of projects or events which will make them accessible to people with disabilities (e.g. signers for events or wheelchair accessible venues) for amounts up to $3,000.
- **Emergency Grants:** Emergency Grants of up to $500 are designed to help groups respond quickly to unexpected organizing needs due to a political crisis.
- **Loans:** A revolving loan fund is available for groups that are planning projects that are intended to raise money. Groups can also apply for advance payments on bus rentals to transport members to marches or rallies.

Visit RESIST's website for further information about our grant program and to download grant applications: www.resistinc.org/grants

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WOMEN'S RIGHTS

9 to 5 Atlanta. Atlanta, Georgia. $3,000 to work for economic justice for women through advocacy, public education, leadership development and direct action campaigns. Multi-year Grant.

Brazilian Women's Group. Allston, Massachusetts. $2,000 to promote political and cultural awareness to develop leadership, empowerment and solidarity among Brazilian women.

Fuerza Unida. San Antonio, Texas. $3,000 to empower women workers and their families to achieve social, economic and environmental justice. Multi-year Grant.

Mujeres Unidas de Idaho. Boise, Idaho. $1,350 to bring Latinas together to examine and take action on social justice issues affecting their community.

U.S. Women and Cuba Collaboration. Seattle, Washington. $1,000 to build a strong women's movement dedicated to effecting change in US foreign policy towards Cuba.

BAY-Peace: Better Alternatives for Youth. Oakland, California. $3,000 to empower youth to resist aggressive military recruiting.

Peaceful Vocations. Fort Worth, Texas. $2,000 to provide a counter-balance to the military's significant presence in area public schools and the surrounding community.

Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts (PHENOM). Amherst, Massachusetts. $500 for a rally and demonstration in opposition to recent fee increases and budget cuts at public colleges that disproportionately affect lower income students and students of color. Emergency Grant.

Reflect and Strengthen. Dorchester, Massachusetts. $3,000 to develop the organizing skills, leadership capacity and political analysis of young low-income women in Boston. Multi-year Grant.

Seattle Young People's Project. Seattle, Washington. $2,000 to empower youth to organize for social justice by building their capacity as agents of change.

Student Immigrant Movement. Boston, Massachusetts. $2,700 to build the power of immigrant students by identifying, recruiting and developing leaders to address problems in their own communities.

humane and effective laws for state prisoners serving life sentences.

Justice Committee. New York, New York. $3,000 to build an effective movement against police violence and systemic racism through community education and direct action.

Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty. Lanett, Alabama. $3,000 to work with prisoners, advocates and allies to abolish the death penalty in Alabama. Mike Riegle Tribute Grant.

Tamms Year 10. Chicago, Illinois. $2,700 to publicize and protest the inhumane conditions at the Tamms SuperMax Maximum Security Prison.

Texas Moratorium Network. Austin, Texas. $2,000 to fight for a statewide moratorium on executions in Texas and for an end to the death penalty.

The Steering Committee for the Honor Program. Lancaster, California. $2,500 to organize prisoners and their allies to end reliance on life without parole and to work for effective rehabilitation strategies.

YOUTH

3rd Eye Youth Empowerment. New Bedford, Massachusetts. $2,700 to develop youth leadership through mentoring, skill building and social justice organizing campaigns.