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RESIST's 2012 Year in Review
Forty-five years of moving and resisting

By Saif Rahman

In 1968 the first edition of the Newsletter was published. Originally called The Resistance, it cost 10 cents, used two colors (red and black), and had a large fold-out poster in the middle that advertised an antiwar demonstration on the Boston Common with Noam Chomsky and Howard Zinn speaking.

It contained various stories about antiwar organizing and draft resisters across the country, the trial of the “Boston 5,” and had an update from Howard Zinn and Daniel Berrigan’s trip to Southeast Asia.

It was not just a paper, but a reflection of how those who helped start RESIST saw the world. It not only outlined why antiwar activists fought to end the Vietnam War, but more importantly, illustrated in detail how the country was changing through the lens of organizers and activists on the ground doing the work.

Forty-five years later, the Newsletter still aims to do just that. Amplifying the stories of our grantees is a critical part of our work. They are the heart and soul of today’s movement for peace, justice and democracy.

This edition of the Newsletter shares each and every grantee that we funded in 2012. In it you will find how much we have grown in 45 years while still adhering to the original spirit, mission, and philosophy that built RESIST. From supporting Vietnam draft resisters in those early days to those working on fracking, foreclosures, foreign policy, military recruitment, HIV/AIDS, reproductive justice, economic justice, immigrant rights, LGBTQ rights, disability rights, indigenous rights, prisoner rights, youth rights and everything in between today – RESIST grantees are going deeper and deeper into the grassroots anytime and everywhere there is a struggle for justice in the United States.

In 2011, Occupy Wall Street and all of the subsequent encampments and activism dominated the headlines. That explosion of energy and interest led RESIST to be able to raise and give out more money than ever before. And in 2012, despite the election year (when donations and giving tend to take a dip) and the continuing economic crises, RESIST donors and grantees maintained that momentum and our fundraising and amount awarded was remarkably on par with 2011 (our best year ever).

The 115 groups we supported in 2012 marched, occupied, blockaded, staged sit-ins, got naked, hit the airwaves, and most of all – organized. They were spread out across the country in 39 different states, strengthened roots in the largest cities to the smallest rural towns, and are building connections across issues and geographical areas.

Just as in the early days of RESIST, we know that social change happens by investing in the most creative change makers that are engaged in the most effective organizing out there. The first article in that first Newsletter was entitled “Resistance Moves Again” – and here we still are, moving stronger than ever into 2013.

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RESIST's 2012 Grant Recipients

In 2012, RESIST awarded 115 grants to the most effective grassroots organizations across the United States. Together, these groups comprise the heart and soul of RESIST. They join a historic community of grassroots organizations that RESIST has had the privilege to support since 1967. We thank them for all that they do.

AFRICA/ASIA/INTERNATIONAL

Friends of the Congo. Washington, DC. $1,500 to advocate for change in US foreign policy towards the Congo.

CENTRAL and LATIN AMERICA and THE CARIBBEAN

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee. Portland, Oregon. $2,000 to mobilize workers and students in the fight for human rights and social justice in Latin America and in Oregon.


COMMUNITY and ANTI-RACISM ORGANIZING

Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice. Albuquerque, New Mexico. $4,000 to link individuals and organizations concerned with peace, social justice and economic issues.

Chattanooga Organized for Action. Chattanooga, Tennessee. $2,700 to give people the tools they need to wage successful campaigns through direct action.

Countywide Family Development Center. Laurel, Mississippi. $2,000 to address zero tolerance and similar policies in the local schools that push kids into the juvenile justice system.

Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace. Searcy, Tennessee. $1,800 to educate, empower and take action for social, cultural and environmental change locally, nationally and globally.

Fort Collins Community Action Network. Fort Collins, Colorado. $4,000 to create social justice, peace, and environmental integrity through direct action, public education and community empowerment.

Greater Spokane Progress. Spokane, Washington. $2,000 for a network of socially

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Grantee Springfield No One Leaves/Nadie Se Mude has been organizing, protesting, and blockading to stop evictions of tenants and homeowners in recently or about to be foreclosed homes in Springfield, Massachusetts.
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responsible organizations and leaders working to create systemic change in the community.

Ho'opae Pono Peace Project. Kane'ohe, Hawaii. $1,000 for indigenous-led peace efforts that work at the intersections of economic justice, Hawaiian sovereignty, youth activism and environmental justice.

Manhattan Alliance or Peace and Justice. Manhattan, Kansas. $2,500 for a broad based social justice organization that links peace and economic justice issues.

MataHari: Eye of the Day. Boston, Massachusetts. $3,500 to mobilize, advocate and create safe spaces for survivors of labor exploitation, trafficking, racism, heterosexism and sexual, societal and familial oppression.

Mekong. Bronx, New York. $1,000 to empower the Southeast Asian Community in the Bronx to advocate for themselves.

Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates. St. Louis, Missouri. $4,000 to organize and advocate for the basic rights of all immigrants.

Neighbor to Neighbor — Lynn. Lynn, Massachusetts. $4,000 to build the political and economic power of working class, multi-racial, and multi-ethnic people and improve the quality of life in their communities.

Olneyville Neighborhood Association. Providence, Rhode Island. $4,000 to build power among immigrant and low-income Latinos by focusing on human rights and justice through organizing, creating networks, and developing programs.

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane. Spokane, Washington. $3,000 to involve individuals and local communities in building foundations for a just and non-violent world.

Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine. Bangor, Maine. $4,000 to link individuals and groups concerned with peace, social and environmental justice issues in Eastern Maine.

Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission. Colorado Springs, Colorado. $2,000 to educate and raise awareness around issues of environmental, social and economic justice

Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts (PHENOM). Amherst, Massachusetts. $3,000 to unite students, staff, faculty, alumni and parents to advocate for an accessible, affordable and well funded public higher education system.

South Carolina Progressive Network. Columbia, South Carolina. $4,000 to create a grassroots mechanism for affecting public policy.

The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho. Boise, Idaho. $4,000 to work on the interrelations between racism, classism, sexism, and heterosexism in Idaho.

The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa. Des Moines, Iowa. $4,000 to promote the collective voices of faith to create progressive social change by encouraging civic participation, and facilitating community activism.

The Policy Institute. Helena, Montana. $2,700 for a progressive policy think-tank that provides support and expertise for activist agendas organizing against corporate economics.

The Seed House / La Casa de la Semilla. Wichita, Kansas. $3,000 to create an arena for established and emerging community leaders to grow and develop in their capacity to bring justice, equality and sustainability through direct action.

Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. Topeka, Kansas. $1,500 to address civil/human rights, restorative justice, economic justice, women's rights, and international peace.

United Campus Ministry. Athens, Ohio. $4,000 to organize for social justice among faith-based communities and allies in Appalachian Southeast Ohio.

Urban EpiCenter. Nashville, Tennessee. $4,000 to organize for racial and economic justice with a radical vision of democracy with indigenous, poor and working-class activists at the center of grassroots initiatives.


Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice. Madison, Wisconsin. $2,000 to bring together organizations and individuals working toward a sustainable world, free from violence and injustice.

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Arise for Social Justice. Springfield, Massachusetts. $4,000 to organize poor, continued on page four
2012 Memorial Funds and Tribute Grants

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.

Arthur Raymond Cohen Memorial Fund
• Civilian Soldier Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland

Ed Baker Memorial Fund
• Arizona Community Media Foundation, Tempe, Arizona

Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Fund
• Urban Epicenter, Nashville, Tennessee

Ken Hale Tribute Grant
• Ka Lei Maile Hawaiian Civic Club, Kailua, Hawaii

Leslie D'ora Holmes Memorial Fund
• The Seed House / La Casa De La Semilla, Wichita, Kansas

Mike Riegle Tribute Grant
• Black And Pink, Dorchester, Massachusetts

Sharon Kurtz Memorial Fund
• Border Agricultural Workers Project, El Paso, Texas

local organizers and tenant leaders have the tools they need for effective organizing.

Occupy Homes - Minnesota. Minneapolis, Minnesota. $4,000 to organize homeowners and local activists to build grassroots resistance to foreclosures and evictions and to pressure banks to renegotiate loans with homeowners.

Operation Welcome Home. Madison, Wisconsin. $4,000 for a collaborative of homeless and previously homeless people of color working for social justice and self-determination.

Springfield No One Leaves/Nadie Se Muda. Springfield, Massachusetts. $4,000 for a group organizing around foreclosure resistance and making the connections to housing as a human right.

Survivors, Inc. Mattapan, Massachusetts. $2,000 to empower low-income women to advocate for humane welfare policies with a goal of attaining economic and social justice.

Women in Transition. Louisville, Kentucky. $4,000 to organize for economic justice and rights for poor and working class people.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Beyond Toxics. Eugene, Oregon. $4,000 to expose the root causes of toxic pollution and to help Oregon communities find solutions that protect human and environmental health.

Citizens for Alternatives to Radioactive Dumping. Albuquerque, New Mexico. $2,000 to educate and organize around issues of nuclear contamination and the impact of the nuclear industry in New Mexico.

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger. Merrimac, Wisconsin. $4,000 to clean up toxic waste at Badger Army Ammunition Plant and create a healthy and sustainable future.

Erie Rising. Lafayette, Colorado. $1,500 to organize around the health and environmental issues that have arisen from local oil and gas operations and to work towards a statewide ban of mining using hydraulic fracking.

Renewable Communities Alliance. Tucson, Arizona. $3,500 to to create a secure, resilient and equitable clean energy future that empowers people while protecting cultures and the environment.

Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens. Ider, Alabama. $4,000 to organize against the growth of the corporate swine industry in densely populated rural areas of Alabama and the surrounding.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER and QUEER (LGBTQ) RIGHTS

BreakOUT. New Orleans, Louisiana. $4,000 to develop the leadership of LGBT youth to fight discriminatory

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homeless, at-risk, working, unemployed people for voting rights, housing, health care and criminal justice.

Low-Income Self-Help Center. San Jose, California. $2,000 to empower, educate and organize the diverse low-income communities of Silicon Valley to fight for economic rights and justice.

National Alliance of HUD Tenants. Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts. $3,000 to provide a national training and field support system to ensure that

Workers, students, faculty, alumni, and people of faith and conscience have all come together to form OUR Vanderbilt, a new RESIST grantee. This unique organization has created a model aimed to “create a sustained worker-led community movement for economic justice at Vanderbilt University.”
2012 Multi-year Grants

Multi-year grants enable groups to develop longer term strategies while knowing they have a consistent funding partner in RESIST. For more information see page twelve.

- Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Fort Collins CAN!, Fort Collins, Colorado
- Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates, St. Louis, Missouri
- Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, Bangor, Maine
- South Carolina Progressive Network, Columbia, South Carolina
- The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho, Boise, Idaho
- Arise for Social Justice, Springfield, Massachusetts
- Jobs with Justice – Kentucky, Louisville, Kentucky
- Operation Welcome Home, Madison, Wisconsin
- Women in Transition, Louisville, Kentucky
- Beyond Toxics, Eugene, Oregon
- Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger, Merrimac, Wisconsin
- Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens, Ider, Alabama
- NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota, Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, Austin, Texas
- Jobs with Justice - Rhode Island, Providence, Rhode Island
- Vermont Workers' Center, Burlington, Vermont
- Civilian Soldier Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland
- Fort Hood Support Network, Austin, Texas
- Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EPOCA), Worcester, Massachusetts
- Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, Lanett, Alabama
- Fuerza Unida, San Antonio, Texas
- 3rd Eye Youth Empowerment, New Bedford, Massachusetts
- BAY-Peace, Oakland, California

New grantee Renewable Communities Alliance has been on the cutting edge of the renewable energy movement. Their mission is “to create a renewable energy future that empowers people and communities while protecting our valued cultural and natural heritage” and that it “is about much more than energy. It’s about ushering in a new energy paradigm founded in the ideas and principles of Energy Democracy.”

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policing practices by the New Orleans Police.

Center for Artistic Revolution, North Little Rock, Arkansas. $4,000 to dismantle oppression and build community through organizing initiatives that address the issues and root causes that undermine access to equality.

GLBT Youth in Iowa Schools Task Force, Des Moines, Iowa. $2,000 to educate Iowa's education staff on the issues that affect local GLBT youth and to develop solutions to end discrimination, bullying and harassment by these students on a daily basis.

OUTreach Resource Center, Ogden, Utah. $3,000 to build community and empower LGBTQ youth in a very homophobic area.

Pride at Work - San Francisco, San Francisco, California. $4,000 to build alliances between organized labor and the LGBT community to organize around issues of social and economic justice.

Queerocracy, Brooklyn, New York. $2,500 to build a queer movement that is open to all people and that advocates for social and economic justice.

Trans Youth Support Network, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 4,000 to promote racial, social and economic justice for trans youth, with the freedom to self-define gender identity and expression.

Wyoming Equality. Cheyenne, Wyoming. $3,000 to educate and empower lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered communities in Wyoming.

HEALTH, AIDS & DISABILITY RIGHTS

NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri. St. Louis, Missouri. $3,000 to ensure every woman has the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices.

NARAL Pro-Choice Montana. Helena, Montana. $2,000 to support and protect, as a fundamental right and value, a woman's freedom to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices.

NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota. Sioux Falls, South Dakota. $4,000 to improve access to reproductive services for all South Dakota women.

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas. Austin, Texas. $4,000 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. $4,000 to promote...
2012 Hell Yes! Grants

The “Hell Yes!” Grant honors the spirit of resistance to illegitimate authority and is awarded to groups that embody the moral clarity, courage and political commitment to challenge the forces that drive toward war and place profits above people.

This year, RESIST’s board designated three groups as “Hell Yes!” recipients:

- BreakOUT!, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Occupy Homes - Minneapolis, Minnesota
- United Campus Ministry, Athens, Ohio

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...son, Wisconsin. $3,000 to ensure that women have the right to a full range of reproductive choices.

LABOR and EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

Arizona Interfaith Alliance for Worker Justice. Phoenix, Arizona. $3,500 to build a union of underrepresented workers in Arizona to end anti-worker policies and injustice in the workplace.

Border Agricultural Workers Project. El Paso, Texas. $4,000 to empower the farmworker community to develop and implement long-term solutions to the economic and social problems from the agricultural system which places profits before people.

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha. Minneapolis, Minnesota. $3,000 to enable low-wage immigrant workers to organize for better wages and working conditions.

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Worker’s Project. Chicago, Illinois. $4,000 for an immigrant worker center that educates workers on their rights, develops leadership and organizes workers to fight for rights in the workplace.

Fuerza Laboral—Power of Workers. Central Falls, Rhode Island. $4,000 to empower immigrant and low-income workers to achieve fair, equal, and dignified working conditions.

Jobs with Justice - Central Florida. Orlando, Florida. $3,000 to build alliances among labor, community, faith-based, and student groups to link workers rights with a larger campaign for social justice.

Jobs with Justice - Kentucky. Louisville, Kentucky. $4,000 to organize for economic justice, workers’ rights, and immigrant rights.

Jobs with Justice - Rhode Island. Providence, Rhode Island. $4,000 for a coalition of labor, community, faith-based, and student groups working for economic justice.

Lynn Worker Center for Economic Justice. Lynn, Massachusetts. $2,000 to address the problems of low-wage, non-union immigrant worker exploitation and abuse in Lynn and throughout the North Shore of Massachusetts.

Migrant Justice. Burlington, Vermont. $4,000 to organize migrant farm workers and their allies to build a movement for economic and social justice.

Organized and United for Respect at Vanderbilt (OUR Vanderbilt). Nashville, Tennessee. $4,000 to support workers at the second largest private employer in the state of Tennessee, Vanderbilt University and Medical Center.

Vermont Workers’ Center. Burlington, Vermont. $4,000 to organize for economic justice, including livable wages, affordable health care and humane workplaces.

MEDIA and CULTURE

Arizona Community Media Foundation. Tempe, Arizona. $3,000 to provide training to progressive communities, organizations, musicians and artists who have traditionally been excluded from the mass and public media.

The People’s Press Project. S. Moorhead, Minnesota. $2,000 to address media justice issues of access and equity in rural North Dakota and Minnesota.

NATIVE AMERICAN and NATIVE PEOPLES’ RIGHTS

Ka Lei Maile Hawaiian Civic Club. Kailua, Hawaii. $1,500 to promote Hawaiian rights and culture, Hawaiian sovereignty and to educate about the true history of the Hawaiian nation.

Sacred Sites Protection & Rights of Indigenous Tribes (SSP&RIT). Vallejo, California. $1,000 to advocate for Indigenous cultural rights and the protection of sacred sites.

PEACE and ANTI-MILITARISM

Civilian Soldier Alliance. Baltimore, Maryland. $4,000 to work with veterans and active-duty service members

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2012 Technical Assistance Grants

Organizations that received grants to enable them to increase their internal organizational skills and capacity. For more information see page twelve.

- **Beyond Toxics. Eugene, Oregon.** To train staff in donor and membership database management.
- **Chattanooga Organized for Action. Chattanooga, Tennessee.** To help defray the cost of holding a series of trainings entitled "Organize the Hood".
- **Fort Collins CAN!. Fort Collins, Colorado.** To work with Training for Change on organizational development issues and an anti-racist training.
- **Jobs with Justice - Kentucky. Louisville, Kentucky.** To host a steering committee retreat and fundraising training on moving from reliance on grants to individual donors.
- **Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice. Manhattan, Kansas.** To send counselors from the Flint Hills GI Rights Hotline to the annual GI Rights Network conference.
- **Olneyville Neighborhood Association. Providence, Rhode Island.** To work with Boston Interpreters Collective on a language justice framework and on building multi-lingual spaces.
- **The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho. Boise, Idaho.** To enable three members to attend the annual organizer's boot camp run by Western States Center.

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to build a GI resistance movement towards a just foreign policy.

**Civilian Soldier Alliance - Bay Area. San Francisco, California.** $1,500 for an all-volunteer organization of civilians working with veterans and active-duty service members in the Bay Area to build a GI resistance movement towards a just foreign policy.

**Grantee QUEEROCRACY worked in coalition with ACT UP New York, ACT UP Philadelphia, Health GAP, Housing Works and VOCAL-NY and stripped naked to represent "the naked truth" of what devastating budget cuts would mean for people living with HIV/AIDS.**

**Civilian Soldier Alliance - Chicago. Chicago, Illinois.** $1,800 to work with veterans and active-duty service members in Chicagoto build a GI resistance movement towards a just foreign policy.

**Civilian-Soldier Alliance - Colorado. Denver, Colorado.** $2,000 to work with veterans and active-duty service members in Colorado to build a GI resistance movement towards a just foreign policy.

**Fort Hood Support Network. Austin, Texas.** $4,000 to create a safe space for service members, military families and veterans to discuss the hardships of military life, including command abuse, PTSD, sexual trauma, deployment and GI rights.

**G.I. Coffeehouse Support Network. New York, New York.** $2,000 to provide support and resources to coffeehouses that work with members of the armed forces who are questioning their service in the US military.

**National Lawyers Guild - Military Law Task Force. San Jose, California.** $2,000 to aid GI resistance to military oppression and demand that the military adhere to democratic values.

**Nebraskans for Peace. Lincoln, Nebraska.** $3,500 to work nonviolently for peace with justice through community building, education and political action.

**Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance. Oak Ridge, Tennessee.** $3,000 to work for the end nuclear weapons production in Oak Ridge through public education and nonviolent direct action.

**Peace Action - New Hampshire. Concord, New Hampshire.** $1,500 for outreach efforts to increase public awareness of US military spending and the economy at home.

**Peace Action - Wisconsin. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.** $2,500 to educate the public on issues of nuclear weapons, militarism, current interventions and conflicts and non-violence.

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

**Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO). Encinitas, California.** $4,000 to engage in counter-recruitment campaigns highlighting non-military alternatives for job training, education and community service.

**Veterans for Peace – Madison. Madison, Wisconsin.** $1,000 to eliminate war as an acceptable component of foreign policy, resist military recruitment and actively oppose the US war in Iraq and potential for conflict in Iran.

**Voices for Creative Nonviolence. Chicago, Illinois.** $1,500 to help people in the US hear the voices of the people who bear the brunt of US warfare.

**PRISONERS’ RIGHTS**

**All of Us or None-- Riverside. Corona, California.** $1,800 to enable incarcerated, formerly incarcerated people, continued on page eight
2012 Emergency Grants

Organizations that received grants to react quickly to unexpected organizing needs stemming from a political crisis. For more information see page twelve.

- **Beyond Toxics, Eugene, Oregon.** To stop plans to transport coal by open rail car from Montana and Wyoming through Oregon communities for sale in overseas markets.
- **Citizens for Huerfano County, La Veta, Colorado.** To extend the time allowed for public comment on four Shell Oil drilling permit applications and bring media attention to potentially massive oil and gas drilling.
- **Fort Collins CAN!, Fort Collins, Colorado.** To support Fuerza Latina, a component of the Fort Collins CAN, to organize in response to the intimidation of Latino/a immigrants who are residents of the Cloverleaf Mobile Home Park.

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their loved ones and allies to organize for change in the criminal justice system and the perception of incarcerated or formerly incarcerated in the community.

**Black and Pink. Dorchester, Massachusetts.** $3,500 to work towards the abolition of the prison industrial complex and specifically within prisons with inmates that identity as LGBTQ.

**Critical Resistance - Los Angeles. Inglewood, California.** $2,500 to challenge the Prison Industrial Complex and work to build communities that believe in securing basic needs, promoting self-determination, and reducing harm.

**Critical Resistance - Oakland. Oakland, California.** $1,000 to challenge the Prison Industrial Complex and work to build communities that believe in securing basic needs, promoting self-determination, and reducing harm.

**CURE - Nevada. Las Vegas, Nevada.** $1,200 to advocate for reformation of the criminal justice system.

**Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement (EP-OCA). Worcester, Massachusetts.** $4,000 for an organization of ex-prisoners, felons, allies and family working for reform of the criminal justice system.

**Fight for Lifers - West. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** $1,500 to advocate for more humane and effective laws for state prisoners serving life sentences.

**Human Rights Coalition. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** $2,500 for an organization run predominantly by prisoners, former prisoners and their families who work to transform the prison system.

**New York State Prisoner Justice Network. Albany, New York.** $4,000 for a statewide network seeking to change the culture and practice of criminal justice and incarceration in New York.

**Prison Activist Resource Center. Oakland, California.** $2,700 to expose and organize against the institutionalized oppressions in the prison industrial complex.

**Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty. Lanett, Alabama.** $4,000 to work with prisoners, advocates and allies to abolish the death penalty in Alabama.

**San Quentin News. Oakland, California.** $2,000 for an inmate-produced monthly newspaper that provides original, in-depth reporting on the criminal justice system for prisoners and the public.

**The Other Death Penalty Project. Lancaster, California.** $1,800 to organize prisoners and their allies to end life without parole as alternative to the death penalty and to work for meaningful rehabilitation strategies.

**The Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.** $4,000 to empower young people incarcerated in adult jails.

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

**9to5 Bay Area. San Jose, California.** $2,000 to organize and engage the women most affected by workplace inequality and injustice in the struggle to win economic justice and eliminate workplace discrimination.

**9to5 Los Angeles. Los Angeles, California.** $4,000 to work for economic justice for women through advocacy, public education, leadership development and direct action campaigns.

**Fuerza Unida. San Antonio, Texas.** $3,000 to organize and empower women workers and their families to achieve social, economic and environmental justice.

**New Voices Pittsburgh: Women of Color for Reproductive Justice. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.** $2,700 for a grassroots organization led by and for women of color working to build leadership and educate communities about human rights within a reproductive rights framework.

**The Prison Birth Project. Northampton, Massachusetts.** $4,000 for a reproductive justice organization providing support, education, advocacy, and activism to women affected by the criminal justice system.

**YOUTH**

**3rd Eye Unlimited New Bedford, Massachusetts.** $4,000 to develop youth leadership through mentoring, skill building and social justice organizing campaigns.

**BAY-Peace: Better Alternatives for Youth. Oakland, California.** $4,000 to empower youth to resist aggressive military recruiting.

**Providence Student Union. Providence, Rhode Island.** $3,000 to expand the student organizing model started at the Hope High School to other schools citywide.

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

**Sudden Movement. Montgomery, Alabama.** $1,000 for a student-led group organizing students, faculty, and alumni at private colleges to demand fair policies regarding undocumented immigrant youth (DREAMers).

*To keep up to date on RESIST grantees, check us out at www.resistinc.org/grantees or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/calltoresist or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/calltoresist.*
The Geography of RESIST
From east to west, north to south, RESIST grantees are making their mark across the United States.

RESIST Grantees By Region

- West • 35%
- Northeast • 26%
- Midwest • 20%
- South • 19%

RESIST's 2012 By the Numbers
Money raised: $951,358 / Number of donors: 5,316 / Number of grassroots organizations funded: 115
Number of states grants went to: 39 / Number of protests, sit-ins, strategy sessions, blockades, teach-ins, banner drops, and other activities organized: countless.
Donors, Diversity, and Direction
Grassroots donors supporting grassroots activists

By Ravi Khanna

As the director of development, I am fascinated by where RESIST’s money comes from.

We are able to do what we do, fund the amazing groups we fund, because of who supports us. Most public foundations like us (ones which raise their funds from individual donors as opposed to endowed or corporate foundations) rely heavily on a few major donors to support their work. Last year at RESIST we received contributions from 5,316 individuals. As the chart below illustrates, over 85% of them contributed $100 or less.

It certainly takes more work and time to raise funds from thousands of donors than it would to raise that money from a handful of donors, but this broad base is what makes RESIST different. This support enables us to remain loyal to three important, yet increasingly rare in the world of philanthropy, values that have been at the core of RESIST since our founding.

First, it affords us the freedom to support simply the best groups in the country fighting for social, economic, and ecological justice. We are not beholden to any special interests or have to please a few wealthy folks. We are committed to those who are organizing to fundamentally change the status quo and the only way to do that is with equally committed donors who want to see the same systemic change.

Secondly, our broad support base ensures that we remain stable through difficult economic times like these—when we need grassroots activism more than ever. If a few donors are unable to give in a certain year, there are others who fill the gap. While some foundations have been pulling back their funding, we are able to do just the opposite.

Lastly, this diversity in our fundraising connects us to the diversity in our grantmaking. Many of our grantees also see the value in what RESIST does and are also donors. Since our donors live in all parts of the country, in large cities to small rural towns, they are concerned with and face the same challenges our grantees do—whether that be a nuclear power plant next door or military recruiters in their kid’s schools. From our founding, we always aimed to be an organization of activists supporting activists.

Fundraising is a tricky business these days, but we consider ourselves extremely lucky because of the thousands of donors who are committed to seeing grassroots activism flourish. Whether a donor, grantee, or both—we all share a vision of another world being possible. And the best way to make that happen is by supporting grassroots activists on the front lines who are day in and out fighting for that world. This is an investment in our future, in our planet, and in each other—and we thank each and every one of you for being part of the RESIST community.

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If you have any questions or are looking for ways to get more involved with RESIST, feel free to write him at ravi@resistinc.org or call 617-623-5110

For more information on RESIST’s financial information, please visit www.resistinc.org/financialinfo
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What We Do: RESIST Grant Program

Since its founding in 1967, RESIST has awarded thousands of timely grants to radical and progressive organizations working for social justice.

General Support Grants
To help organizations build infrastructure and capacity while engaged in ongoing social justice organizing, 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 enables groups to carry out their missions and respond to new opportunities and they also help to level the power imbalance between funders and grantees.

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. This allows groups to focus on longer term organizing while knowing that have a commitment to their work from RESIST.

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 such as board and staff development, fundraising, fiscal management, computer and software training, internet activism, travel to activist gatherings and strategic planning.

These funds are available for grantees who have been funded at least twice within the last five years. Funds are available quarterly and are dispersed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Emergency Grants
Emergency Grants of up to $500 are designed to help groups respond quickly to unexpected organizing needs stemming from a political crisis.

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.

Funding Resources
RESIST has compiled funding resources for grassroots organizers on our website: www.resistinc.org/resources