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Hope and Action
RESIST's 2013 Year in Review

The only recognizable feature of hope is action. - RESIST co-founder Grace Paley

If 2013 were to be boiled down to one word, it would be action.

We saw tens of thousands of prisoners go on hunger strike to protest the conditions of their imprisonment, a feat that took an unthinkable amount of courage, organizing, and support.

We witnessed intrepid environmental justice activists on the frontlines come together and step up to the industries and officials responsible for destroying our communities and the planet - from the Keystone Pipeline to fracking to nuclear power plants.

This past year saw immigrant rights activists truly live up to their rallying cry "undocumented and unafraid," by putting their bodies and futures on the line by blocking deportation buses and sitting in at detention facilities across the country.

The sheer amount of bravery exhibited by these activists across the country is simply beautiful. These actions only scratch the surface of what the grassroots were able to do this past year.

Because of our broad base of donors, we are extremely proud to have the freedom to support these efforts and many more. In total, we gave out more money than ever before - $406,290 through 146 grants to the most critical groups in the United States.

When we think about organizing on this level, with this amount of courage propelling it, multiplied by the thousands of grassroots activists in every corner of the country - it produces a renewed sense of hope.

This could not have happened without all of the supporters who believe like we do that peace and justice will be achieved through the collective efforts by those on the frontlines taking action.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make RESIST's 47th year possible. Your actions give us hope that a better world is possible.

Saif Rahman is the director of communications at RESIST.
RESIST’s 2013 Grant Recipients

In 2013, RESIST awarded 146 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.

350 Vermont (Burlington, VT) $3,000 to work with communities most affected by the climate crisis for a just transition to renewable energy with a race, class, and gender lens.

Action Communication and Education Reform (Duck Hill, MS) $2,500 to organize the local community around issues of education, civic participation, and general community empowerment.

Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice (Albuquerque, NM) $4,000 to link individuals and organizations concerned with peace, social justice, and economic issues. $2,290 for an accessibility grant to make the entryway and door accessible.

Alianza Indigena Sin Fronteras (Tucson, AZ) $3,000 for an intertribal advocacy and organizing project promoting indigenous human/civil rights along the US-Mexico border.

Alliance for a Green Economy (Syracuse, NY) $3,000 to educate the public and policy makers on the specific dangers of nuclear power plants and propose cleaner alternatives for a nuclear-free and carbon-free New York.

Arise for Social Justice (Springfield, MA) $4,000 to an economic justice organization run by and for poor, homeless, at-risk, working, and unemployed people.

Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera (Austin, TX) $2,000 for an experiential classroom at the US-Mexico border providing a window into the realities of “free” trade, migration, and militarization.

Blue Skies Campaign (Missoula, MT) $3,000 to work to protect communities in Montana from the negative environmental, health, and socioeconomic effects of coal mining, transportation, and exports.

Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs (Hammond, IN) $3,000 for a grassroots coalition to organize for economic, environmental, and social revitalization of their communities.

Cayce United (Nashville, TN) $4,000 to unite and organize residents of Cayce

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Grantee Puente Human Rights Movement in Arizona has been literally stopping deportation buses in their tracks. They have been leading the fight for human rights for immigrants in Arizona while connecting their struggle to the "global movement for migrant justice and human rights."

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Place Housing to protect their homes and fight for housing justice.

Centro de Trabajadores Unidos: Immigrant Workers Project (Chicago, IL) $4,000 for an immigrant worker center that serves to educate workers on their rights, develop leadership from within the community, and organize workers to fight for their rights in the workplace.

Chainbreaker Collective (Santa Fe, NM) $4,000 to expand access to affordable transportation and support economically and ecologically sustainable communities for low-income people in Northern New Mexico.

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (Merrimac, WI) $4,000 to clean up toxic waste at Badger Army Ammunition Plant and create healthy sustainable re-use plans.

Clean Air Muscatine (Muscatine, IA) $3,000 to educate, organize, and advocate for systemic changes that will improve air quality in Muscatine.

Coalition for Educational Justice (Los Angeles, CA) $3,000 to fight against institutional racism and the inequities based on class within the Los Angeles Unified School District.

Coalition for Prisoners' Rights (Santa Fe, NM) $4,000 to work for systemic change by challenging the social and economic injustices inherent in the US punishment system.

Collectiva Legal del Pueblo (Burien, WA) $2,000 to build the power of Latino and working-class communities to achieve dignity and justice through advocacy, organizing, education, and legal services.

Community Education Project of New Orleans (New Orleans, LA) $4,000 to nurture the movement for education justice regionally and nationally through grassroots organizing, participatory events, theatre, and critical dialogue.

Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC) (Irvine, CA) $4,000 for people in immigration detention centers and their allies to fight for visitation programs that provide civilian oversight to an unregulated system.

Community to Community Development (Bellingham, WA) $4,000 for a women-led grassroots organization of mostly farmworkers, working for a just society and a healthy community.

Crawford Stewardship Project (Gays Mills, WI) $4,000 to protect the environment of Crawford County, WI, and to promote local control of natural resources and environmental justice.

Cumberland Center for Justice and Peace (Sewanee, TN) $2,000 to educate and empower the community of Franklin county and the surrounding Cumberland Plateau region to take action for social, cultural and environmental change that promotes justice and peace locally, nationally and globally.

Decarcerate PA (Philadelphia, PA) $4,000 for a campaign to end mass incarceration in Pennsylvania by demanding the stoppage of prisons expansion, reducing the prison population, and advocating for reinvestment in communities.

Family Farm Defenders (Madison, WI) $4,000 to reconstruct the contemporary food system upon the principles of respect, local empowerment, environmental sustainability, and social justice.

Fender Bender Detroit (Detroit, MI) $2,000 to provide alternatives to the misogyny and male supremacy that permeates the visible Detroit bicycle culture; uphold the voices of women, queer and trans* people; and engage in critical conversation around the intersec-
2013 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
- Migrant Justice, Burlington, Vermont

Ed Baker Memorial Fund
- Texas United for Families, Austin, Texas

Freda Friedman Salzman Memorial Fund
- Operation Welcome Home, Madison, Wisconsin

Ken Hale Tribute Grant
- Indian People's Action, Butte, Montana

Leslie D'Cora Holmes Memorial Fund
- Community Education Project of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

Mike Riegle Tribute Grant
- Gender Justice League, Seattle, Washington

Sharon Kurtz Memorial Fund
- Community to Community Development, Bellingham, Washington

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Grantee Just Communities of Western Massachusetts started at the end of 2012 and is “dedicated to fighting for the rights of immigrants and refugees, including expanding and defending workers rights, with the vision of making the state of Massachusetts the antithesis of Arizona—the safest state in the country for immigrants.”

Fort Collins CAN! (Fort Collins, CO) $4,000 to create social justice, peace, and environmental integrity through direct action, public education, and community empowerment.

Fort Hood Support Network (Austin, TX) $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.

Gender Justice League (Seattle, WA) $4,000 to empower trans* activists and allies to fight oppression based upon gender and sexuality in Washington state.

George Wiley Center (Pawtucket, RI) $1,000 to work on issues of food and energy insecurity through community empowerment, leadership development, and changes in public policy.

Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (Atlanta, GA) $3,000 for a coalition to abolish the death penalty in Georgia and protect the rights of those on death row and their families.

GI Voice (Lakewood, WA) $4,000 to support a veteran-operated service member and veterans' rights center located next to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State.

Glynn Environmental Coalition (Brunswick, GA) $2,000 to work for a clean environment and healthy economy by forming partnerships to provide information, education, and technical assistance to citizens of coastal Georgia.

Healthcare for All Oregon Education Fund (Portland, OR) $2,000 for a grassroots campaign to organize, educate, and mobilize people in Oregon about truly universal access to healthcare.

Hispanic Black Gay Coalition (Boston, MA) $4,000 for a group focused on creating space for black and Latino LGBTQ communities in the larger movement for social justice and equality.

Human Rights Coalition (Philadelphia, PA) $3,000 for an organization run predominantly by prisoners, former prisoners, and their families who work to transform the prison system.

Indian People's Action (Butte, MT) $4,000 to advance the racial and social equality of indigenous people in urban areas and the border towns of the seven federally recognized tribes of Montana.

Iraq Veterans Against the War - Chicago (Chicago, IL) $2,000 to give a voice to the large number of active-duty service people and veterans who are against war, but are under various pressures to remain silent.

James and Grace Lee Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership (Detroit, MI) $2,000 to nurture community-based leadership, connecting local, national and international activists and...
2013 Multi-year Grants

Multi-year grants enable groups to develop longer term strategies while knowing they have a consistent funding partner in RESIST.

- Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Arise for Social Justice, Springfield, Massachusetts
- Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger, Merrimac, Wisconsin
- Civilian Soldier Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland
- Fort Collins CAN!, Fort Collins, Colorado
- Fort Hood Support Network, Austin, Texas
- Fuerza Unida, San Antonio, Texas
- Jobs with Justice – Kentucky, Louisville, Kentucky
- Migrant Justice, Burlington, Vermont
- Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates, St. Louis, Missouri
- NARAL Pro-Choice Texas, Austin, Texas
- New York State Prisoner Justice Network, Albany, New York
- Olneyville Neighborhood Association, Providence, Rhode Island
- Operation Welcome Home, Madison, Wisconsin
- Peace and Justice Center of Eastern Maine, Bangor, Maine
- Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty, Lanett, Alabama
- Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities, Encinitas, California
- Sand Mountain Concerned Citizens, Ider, Alabama
- South Carolina Progressive Network, Columbia, South Carolina
- Student/Farmworker Alliance, Immokalee, Florida
- The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho, Boise, Idaho
- Women in Transition, Louisville, Kentucky
- Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The housing justice movement has only grown and kept families across the country in their homes. Grantee Occupy Homes Atlanta has been leading the charge in Georgia.

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organizers who resonate with vision and practice that has emerged from the work of James and Grace Lee Boggs over the last 50 years in Detroit.

Jobs with Justice – Central Indiana (Indianapolis, IN) $3,000 for a grassroots, multi-issue coalition of labor, community, student, and faith-based organizations committed to support workers’ rights and social and economic justice.

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

Jobs with Justice – Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA) $2,500 to organize for economic justice on the principles of solidarity, reciprocity, and action.

Jobs with Justice – Atlanta (Atlanta, GA) $4,000 to lead and support strategic labor and community campaigns for economic and social justice throughout the city of Atlanta.

Just Communities of Western Massachusetts (Springfield, MA) $4,000 to fight for immigrant rights through leadership development, political action, and education.

Justice Committee (New York, NY) $4,000 to build a movement against police violence and systemic racism through community education and direct action.

Manhattan Alliance for Peace and Justice Education Fund (Manhattan, KS) $1,500 to educate and organize for peace and social justice at home and abroad.

Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition (Boston, MA) $2,000 to organize for an end to discrimination based on gender identity and gender expression.

Migrant Justice (Burlington, VT) $4,000 to organize migrant farmworkers and their allies to build a movement for economic and social justice.

Milk Not Jails (Brooklyn, NY) $3,000 for a group making linkages between urban mass incarcerations and rural dairy farms in order to stand against the prison industrial complex.

Minnesota Citizens Federation – Northeast (Duluth, MN) $2,000 to work towards economic justice with a particular focus on creating affordable healthcare for everyone.

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

Movement for Justice in el Barrio (New York, NY) $4,000 for a people of color-led social justice organization in East Harlem that organizes for housing justice and against gentrification.

Muslim Consultative Network (New York, NY) $4,000 to...
2013 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:

• Community to Community Development, Bellingham, Washington
• Movement for Justice in el Barrio, New York, New York
• Prison Hunger Strike Solidarity Coalition, Oakland, California
• Providence Student Union, Providence, Rhode Island
• Seattle Young People's Project, Seattle, Washington
• Youth Art & Self-Empowerment Project, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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York, NY) $2,000 to work across the Muslim faith to build community, empower individuals and fight against institutional and individual-based abuses.

NARAL Pro-Choice South Dakota (Sioux Falls, SD) $4,000 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 Missouri (St. Louis, MO) $1,000 to guarantee every woman the right to make personal reproductive-related decisions in Missouri.

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas (Austin, TX) $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, WI) $3,000 to ensure that women have the right to a full range of reproductive choices in Wisconsin.

National Alliance of HUD Tenants (Jamaica Plain, MA) $3,000 to preserve and improve affordable housing and protect tenants' rights.

Nebraskans for Peace (Lincoln, NE) $1,500 to work nonviolently for peace with justice through community-building, education, and political action

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

Olneyville Neighborhood Association (Providence, RI) $4,000 to build community power among immigrant and low-income people in the Olneyville neighborhood of Providence and beyond.

Operation Welcome Home (Madison, WI) $4,000 to organize to address the root causes of homelessness and to make housing a human right.

Organize! Ohio (Cleveland, OH) $1,000 to encourage community organizing as a strategy for progressive change and to give a voice to low-income people in Cleveland working towards the elimination of poverty.

Organized and United for Respect at Vanderbilt (Nashville, TN) $3,500 for a strategic partnership of workers, students, alumni, faculty, and people of faith to work for economic and social justice at Vanderbilt University.

Our Knowledge, Our Power (Troy, NY) $1,500 to work on welfare rights and economic justice using a human rights framework.

OUTeach Resource Center (Ogden, UT) $3,000 for transforming communities and saving lives by preventing suicide among LGBTQ youth in rural Utah.

Peace and Justice Action League of Spokane (Spokane, WA) $3,000 to bring communities together to build a foundation for a just and non-violent world.

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

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Activists from grantee Youth Organizing Institute are organizing for "solutions not suspensions" and the end to criminalizing LGBTQ youth and youth of color in North Carolina.
2013 Technical Assistance Grants

Organizations that received grants to enable them to increase their internal organizational skills and capacity.

- **BreakOUT!, New Orleans, Louisiana.** To attend the Allied Media Conference in Detroit, Michigan as a way to gain new skills, strengthen political analysis, and network with other progressive groups.
- **Civilian Soldier Alliance, Baltimore, Maryland.** To send two members to the Advanced Training of the Center for Story-Based Strategy.
- **Fuerza Unida, San Antonio, Texas.** To develop the infrastructure needed to implement a three-year plan for growth and development.
- **NARAL Pro-Choice Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.** To enable the Executive Director to attend the annual conference on Emergency Contraception in New York, New York.
- **Silver Valley Community Resource Center, Kellogg, Idaho.** To assemble a video documentary specific to a 20-acre toxic dump being built at a National Historic Landmark.
- **Texans United for Families, Austin, Texas.** For interpretation and travel for a bilingual strategy retreat for our coalition to close the Polk County Detention Center.
- **The People's Press Project, S. Moorhead, Minnesota.** To plan and attend a statewide Independent Media Summit in North Dakota.

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$2,000 for a counter-military recruitment organization providing education to counteract the aggressive and deceptive recruiting tactics of the military and the growing intrusion of the military.

PFLAG Portland Black Chapter (Portland, OR) $3,000 to provide an opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation and gender identity, and to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity through support, education, and advocacy.

Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission (Colorado Springs, CO) $1,000 to educate and raise awareness around issues of environmental, social, and economic justice.

Portland Central America Solidarity Committee (Portland, OR) $3,000 to mobilize community members, workers, and students to link the struggles for human rights and social justice in Latin America and in Oregon.

Prison Activist Resource Center (Oakland, CA) $2,000 for anti-imprisonment and prisoners’ rights work.

Prison Hunger Strike Solidarity Coalition (Oakland, CA) $4,000 to work with people in prison and their families to abolish long-term solitary confinement in California prisons.

Project Hope to Abolish the Death Penalty (Lanett, AL) $4,000 to an organization of prisoners, advocates, and allies to abolish the death penalty in Alabama.

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

Providence Student Union (Providence, RI) $4,000 to engage students in critical thinking skills and empowerment to effect change at their local schools and beyond.

Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts (Amherst, MA) $4,000 to unite students, staff, faculty, alumni, and parents to advocate for an accessible, affordable, and well-funded public higher education system that benefits all residents of Massachusetts.

Puente Human Rights Movement (Phoenix, AZ) $4,000 to work for migrant justice and human rights by developing, educating, and empowering migrant communities.

Racial Justice Action Center—Women on the Rise (East Point, GA) $4,000 to educate, heal, and empower women to demand justice for those impacted by the criminal “justice” system.

Right to Housing Alliance (Baltimore, MD) $4,000 to build a movement for the human right to housing in Baltimore through direct action, advocacy, and coalition building.

Santa Cruz County Community Coalition to Overcome Racism (SCC-COR) (Santa Cruz, CA) $3,000 to work towards ending systemic racism in Santa Cruz county.

Seattle Young People's Project (Seattle, WA) $4,000 for a youth-led, adult-supported social justice organization that empowers young people between the

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2013 Emergency Grants

Organizations that received grants to react quickly to unexpected organizing needs stemming from a political crisis.

- **Beyond Toxics, Eugene, Oregon.** To hire an air toxics expert to establish legal precedents that could stop the permit process for two Oregon biomass incinerators to triple their emissions.
- **Queerocracy, Brooklyn, New York.** To organize and educate around the effects of the sequester on AIDS programming and services.
- **Movement for Justice in el Barrio, New York, New York.** To organize trainings, a press conference, and a protest in response to the new purchase of six buildings in "El Barrio" and the subsequent displacement of tenants.
- **We Are Guahan, Barrigada, Guam.** To oppose plans for a rapid US military expansion on Guam in response to escalating tension and fears of an attack from North Korea.

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ages of 13 and 18 to express themselves and to take action on the issues that affect their lives.

**Solitary Watch (Washington, DC)** $2,500 to bring an end to the use of solitary confinement in prisons, jails, detention centers, and juvenile facilities across the US.

**South Carolina Equality (Columbia, SC)** $2,000 to secure equal civil and human rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender folks in South Carolina.

**South Carolina Progressive Network (Columbia, SC)** $4,000 for a statewide coalition that works to create a grassroots mechanism for affecting public policy.

**Southern Maine Workers’ Center (Portland, ME)** $2,000 to create a worker-led movement that improves the lives, working conditions, and terms of employment for Southern Maine workers.

**Student/Farmworker Alliance (Immokalee, FL)** $4,000 for a national network of students and youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields.

**Texans United for Families (Austin, TX)** $3,000 to end immigrant detention and to demand the recognition of human rights for all, regardless of immigration status.

**The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho (Boise, ID)** $4,000 to encourage civic participation, facilitate inclusive community activism, and challenge religious political extremism.

**The Interfaith Alliance of Iowa (Des Moines, IA)** $2,000 to empower individuals and raise the collective voice of faith in Iowa to protect freedom, stand for equality, and create progressive social change.

**The Other Death Penalty Project (Lancaster, CA)** $2,000 to peacefully organize the more than 41,000 men and women serving the sentence of life without the possibility of parole to work together to end this form, along with all other forms, of the death penalty.

**The Seed House/La Casa de la Semilla (Wichita, KS)** $3,000 to develop leadership and incubate strategies in Kansas, the Heartland region, and beyond, whose main purpose is to bring about justice, equality, and sustainability through collective action.

**The Workers’ Rights Center (Madison, WI)** $2,000 for a volunteer-driven community resource center that provides all workers, including low-wage and undocumented workers, with access to information, advocacy resources, referrals, and training to gain power in the workplace and the community.

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

**Urban EpiCenter (Nashville, TN)** $3,000 to organize indigenous activists and poor and working-class people to fight for racial and economic justice.

**Vermont Fair Food Campaign (Burlington, VT)** $1,000 to organize for sustainable jobs and wages within the food industry in Vermont.

**Washington Peace Center (Washington, DC)** $3,000 to provide education, resources and action for peace and social justice in the DC area.

**We Divest (Oakland, CA)** $3,000 to demand that financial services giant TIAA-CREF divest from all services that profit from the Israeli Occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem as part of the global movement for boycott, divestment and sanctions.

**Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice (Madison, WI)** $3,000 to work for peace and justice in Wisconsin.

**Women in Transition (Louisville, KY)** $4,000 to organize for economic justice and the rights of poor and working class people.

**Workers Center for Racial Justice (Chicago, IL)** $3,000 for a grassroots organization that organizes unemployed, low-wage, and formerly incarcerated Black workers for racial and economic justice.

**Workers’ Center of Central New York (Syracuse, NY)** $3,000 to defend and expand the rights of workers, stem the degradation of work, and advance the struggle for economic justice.

**Workers’ Dignity Project (Nashville, TN)** $3,000 to empower low-wage workers to act collectively for economic justice.

**Wyoming Association of Churches (Laramie, WY)** $2,000 for a diverse faith-based organization to promote social and environmental justice.

**Youth Justice and Power Union (Dorchester, MA)** $4,000 for a youth leadership development group also focused on youth job creation.

**Youth Organizing Institute (Durham, NC)** $4,000 to build leadership and skills of young people to stop racism, school resegregation, the school to prison pipeline and make schools safe for LGBTQ youth.

Keep up to date on all of the grassroots action!

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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

Northeast • 24%
West • 26%
South • 27%
Midwest • 23%

RESIST’s 2013 By the Numbers
Money raised: $976,887.59 / Number of donors: 4,831 / Number of grants given out: 146
Number of states grants went to: 38 (plus Guam and the District of Columbia)
Number of protests, sit-ins, strategy sessions, blockades, hunger strikes, teach-ins, banner drops, and other awesome actions organized: countless.
The RESIST Fundraising Philosophy

Marathon - not a sprint

By Ravi Khanna

RESIST had another amazing year! Thanks to the very generous support of our donors in 2013 we raised close to $977,000, which is a record for us!

At an event last year in Seattle, Washington, a donor asked, “what would you do if you raised more money?” It turns out our actions speak louder than anything we could have said. We raised about $70,000 more than we were expecting which means we gave an additional $70,000 in grants.

That translates into 20 additional activist-led organizations doing some of the most radical organizing work happening in the country. It so happens that we funded a larger percent of the groups that applied for grants. Between 2003 and 2012 we funded about 46 percent; in 2013 we were able to fund 56.5 percent of the groups that applied for grants!

What is most exciting is that one-third of the groups we supported last year were groups we had funded for the first time. In the end, this simply means that there is more organizing and activism happening across the country, more groups are coming to us for support, and because of our dedicated donors, we are able to support them - which we love!

We had over 4,800 donors last year. The breakdown in terms of their giving level has not changed much since last year. We are proud of the fact that donors contributing $100 or less continue to make up 85 percent of our donor base. This model has allowed us to be sustainable through many hard economic times. However, this is an investment. It costs a lot less to have a couple hundred donors who can make large contributions, than thousands of donors giving hundred dollars or less. But then the smallest economic shift, like a real or feared drop in the market, can have a devastating impact on an organization’s budget. Unfortunately, we have seen this happen to a few of our funding colleagues.

It also allows us to be truly independent. Because there are no strings attached to any of the donations we receive, we can support the most courageous groups out there taking on power and money. This is why we are dedicated to bringing in new donors at all levels.

A few years ago, we launched a major donor campaign to grow our budget in order to be able to fund more groups and to increase our maximum grant size from $3,000 to $4,000. Since the campaign’s inception in 2010, it has grown by 70 percent. We are grateful to the progressive individuals and institutions that have allowed RESIST to grow while being faithful to our radical politics!

We know it doesn’t stop with us simply having a good year. There is only one reason we do what we do, and that is to support the most critical groups across the country. The equation is simple: the more we are able to raise, the more groups on the frontlines of social change we are able to support, which means the closer we get to the real goal: peace and justice.

Ravi Khanna is the director of development at RESIST. 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.

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- $501 to $1,000 • 1.51%
- $101 to $500 • 12.88%
- $51 to $100 • 17.64%
- $26 to $50 • 30.41%
- $25 and less • 36.2%
- $1,000 and more • 1.36%
2013 Special Contributions

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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

To find out more about eligibility, application deadlines and grant guidelines:
www.resistinc.org/grants