

GRANTS AWARDED FY 2007



In FY 2007, JFSJ's Board of Directors awarded **\$625,000** in grants to community-based organizations around the country.

PILOT GRANTS

(Los Angeles, Miami, Milwaukee)

AGENDA/SCOPE

Los Angeles, CA: \$50,000

Action for Grassroots Empowerment and Neighborhood Development Alternatives (AGENDA)/Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE) organizes South LA residents around issues of police accountability, youth education and economic development.

Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)

Los Angeles, CA: \$40,000

CLUE brings together clergy and leaders of all religions to work with unions in order to mobilize, educate, and organize members via faith-based institutions.

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Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA)

Los Angeles, CA: \$40,000

CHIRLA works to advance human and civil rights of immigrants and refugees, foster harmonious multi-ethnic and multi-racial relations, and empower immigrants and their allies to build a more just society through coalition, advocacy, education, and organizing.

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Community Benefits Agreement Coalition

Miami, FL: \$25,000

Community Benefits Agreement Coalition is a new coalition of local community groups focused on regional development issues, specifically the rapid development in Miami-Dade County.

Community Coalition

Los Angeles, CA: \$25,000

Community Coalition engages both African-American and Latino/a neighboring communities in multi-issue community organizing. Through community organizing, Community Coalition is able to provide programming that tackles the issues of poverty, racism, and unemployment in South Central Los Angeles.

Good Jobs and Livable Neighborhoods (GJLN)

Milwaukee, WI: \$50,000

GJLN is a coalition of labor, religious, and community organizations seeking better outcomes from publicly supported economic development activities. In order to meet this goal, GJLN worked to build local organizing capacity and researched public interests in local economic development. Among these are living wage and health benefits for workers and environmentally-friendly projects.

Miami Workers Center (MWC)

Miami, FL: \$35,000

The MWC is a political education and organizing center low-income African-American residents and low-wage immigrant workers in the Miami-Dade County area. They focus on public housing, welfare issues, regional development issues, community organizing, and voter mobilization.

Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope (MICAH)

Milwaukee, WI: \$30,000

MICAH is an interfaith organization empowering communities to work together in pursuit of individual and collective interests as well as addressing local social

justice issues. The organization helps to bridge local Latino/a and African-American communities around workers' and immigrants' rights issues, school system improvement, and youth leadership.

South Florida Jobs with Justice (SF JwJ)

Miami, FL: \$25,000

South Florida JwJ, is a broad-based coalition of labor, faith, student, and community groups in support of improving workers' and immigrants' rights. They work on economic and social justice campaigns that support low-wage workers, harness power for a greater mobilizing capacity on specific campaigns, and promote relationship-building and alliances across diverse groups and leaders.

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy (SAJE)/Figueroa Corridor Coalition

Los Angeles, CA: \$40,000

SAJE is an economic justice and popular education center that combines tenant organizing, grassroots policy development, and coalition-building to organize against slumlords, preserve low-income and affordable housing, create community based redevelopment plans, and to end the displacement for low-income, people of color.

Voces de la Frontera

Milwaukee, WI: \$35,000

Voces de la Frontera is an immigrants' rights group that campaigns for all low-wage workers. The organization helps to bridge the Latino/a, African-American, labor, community, and faith organizations in the Milwaukee area.

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SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS

(Boston, New York)

Community Labor United (CLU)

Boston, MA: \$15,000

CLU is a coalition of organized labor and community-based organizations working to protect and promote the interests of low- and middle-income working families in the Greater Boston area.

Domestic Workers United (DWU)

Bronx, NY: \$10,000

DWU works with Caribbean, Latina, and African domestic workers to organize and empower the domestic workforce. DWU is focused on getting the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights passed in New York City, while continuing its work seeking rights, respect, and dignity for domestic workers.

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Families United for Racial and Economic Equality (FUREE)

Brooklyn, NY: \$10,000

FUREE organizes low-income women of color for greater access to education and training, expanded economic options, and increased electoral power. FUREE works to organize child care workers, mobilizes and increases civic participation, and organizes a community-labor collaborative.

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Make the Road by Walking

Brooklyn, NY: \$15,000

Make the Road by Walking, a participant in the NY Vote Coalition, is a community based organization in

Bushwick, Brooklyn. They fight to end the economic disenfranchisement and political marginalization of low-income immigrants and African-Americans in New York City.

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Massachusetts Neighbor to Neighbor (Mass N2N)

Boston, MA: \$10,000

Mass N2N organizes low-income residents to impact state policies and priorities. Current work focuses on an increased state minimum wage, affordable coverage for the uninsured, residential assistance, and more educational funding.

NY Vote Coalition (NY Vote)

New York, NY: \$20,000

NY Vote, a project of New York Jobs with Justice, is a non-partisan voter education and mobilization program that is building long-term grassroots voting and community organizing infrastructure in all five of New York City's boroughs.

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CONGREGATION-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZING (CBCO) GRANTS

Building Responsibility Equality and Dignity (BREAD)

Columbus, OH: \$18,000

BREAD, a member of the national DART network, is an interfaith organization that focuses on bringing racial, social, and economic justice to the Columbus area. JFSJ's partnership grant to BREAD will help the organization grow within the Jewish community.

Congregation B'nai Jeshurun (BJ)

New York, NY: \$3,000

B'nai Jeshurun is one of the largest and most active synagogues in New York City. BJ's strong history of social justice work enabled it to launch Panim el Panim, its community organizing and advocacy initiative, in 2003. The synagogue will use JFSJ funding to support its membership dues.

Congregation Beth Israel

Carmel, CA: \$1,125

Chartered in 1954 as the Jewish Community of the Monterey Peninsula, in early 2006 Congregation Beth Israel became an active member of COPA (Communities Organized for Relational Power in Action). JFSJ's support goes towards their membership dues.

Congregation Sherith Israel

San Francisco, CA: \$2,500

A Reform congregation in San Francisco with over 600 member families, Sherith Israel is currently exploring membership in one of two local interfaith organizing networks. As a community, it is seeking to strengthen the leadership of their communal social action and engage more deeply in social justice work. JFSJ support will go towards their first-year membership dues in either network.

Greater Boston Synagogue Organizing Project (GBSOP)

Newton, MA: \$17,375

GBSOP is an innovative initiative to dramatically increase Jewish engagement in congregation-based organizing for community power in eastern Massachusetts. JFSJ's Partnership Grant will go to encourage the development of the initiative as it begins the process of outlining action campaigns.



Interfaith Funders (IF)
Longmont, CO: \$5,000

IF is a national network of both faith-based and secular funders committed to advancing social change and economic justice through the support of grassroots community organizing and community economic development. IF's programs support and advance faith-based community organizing through collaborative grantmaking and research while also providing education and outreach to other grantmakers, religious communities, community organizers, and academics.

Jewish Reconstructionist Federation (JRF)
Philadelphia, PA: \$7,500

JRF intends to adopt a major movement-wide goal to market, encourage, and provide resources and support across the Reconstructionist movement to increase the level of congregational participation in CBCO initiatives. This will merge institutional and congregational efforts along with an increased member participation in CBCO networks.

Just Congregations
New York, NY: \$50,000

Just Congregations is an initiative of the Union for Reform Judaism in partnership with JFSJ. The initiative seeks to engage Reform Jewish synagogues in congregation-based community organizing targeting three key geographic areas for broad and deep synagogue participation in local CBCO efforts: New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles. JFSJ's continued support of Just Congregations strengthens the work of the Reform movement and serves as a model for engagement with other denominations.

Manhattan Together (MT)
New York, NY: \$7,500

MT brings together the existing organizing work of Upper Manhattan Together and Lower Manhattan Together. This newly merged organization is comprised of 23 institutional members. Support from JFSJ will enable MT to invest additional resources in outreach to synagogues and in deeper congregation development work.

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One LA – IAF
Los Angeles, CA: \$20,000

One LA is an Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) community organizing group that, with 75 member institutions, is one of the largest in the country. Through this Partnership Grant, JFSJ will continue to work with One LA to increase Jewish involvement.

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People Acting in Community Together (PACT)
San Jose, CA: \$5,000

PACT, a member of the PICO national network, is a multi-issue, interfaith organization that aims to bring leadership skills and organization to the people of Santa Clara County. PACT is also involved in the Bay Area Synagogue Organizing Project.

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United Power for Action and Justice
Chicago, IL: \$10,000

United Power for Action and Justice is a ten-year old organization with over 60 institutional members. In the last two and a half years, United Power has increasingly involved member and potential member Jewish congregations. Support from JFSJ will enable United Power to make the most of this exciting moment and deepen its work with Chicagoland congregations.

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