

Human Rights and Economic Justice 2009 Grants List

REGULAR GRANTS

American Rights at Work Education Fund **\$30,000**

General Support. The American Rights at Work Education Fund is an educational and outreach organization dedicated to informing the public about the current climate of worker's rights and the barriers they face when working to organize and collective bargain with employers.

As You Sow **\$25,000**

General Support. As You Sow is a social change organization dedicated to promoting corporate accountability, social justice, and environmental protection. Through shareholder leverage and innovative legal strategies, As You Sow is transforming corporate behavior and creating a more socially and environmentally just society.

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. **\$20,000**

General Support. CDM's work is based in Mexico, where workers face less fear of retaliation for standing up for their rights in the U.S. CDM's goal is to meet workers in this safer space in order to make positive change for immigrant rights in the U.S. workplace. Through its program work in Mexico, which includes education and leadership development, litigation and campaign support, and policy advocacy, CDM removes the border as a barrier to justice.

Fund for Global Human Rights **\$35,000**

Support frontline Mexican activism for human rights, focusing on labor rights. The Fund's Mexico Program seeks to give frontline Mexican human rights activists the financial resources and technical assistance they need to improve human rights conditions on the ground. The Fund's priorities are: 1) promote labor rights; 2) defend the land and resource rights of indigenous communities; 3) promote women's rights; 4) advance sexual and reproductive rights; and 5) challenge impunity.

Institute for Local Self-Reliance **\$25,000**

Retail Sector and Big Box Tool Kit. ILSR seeks support to advance our campaign to improve the success of citizens groups fighting big-box projects; to use the attention these fights generate to broaden public awareness of the many costs of the Wal-Mart business model and of viable economic development alternatives; and to transform these defensive battles into proactive campaigns to enact policies that constrain corporate power, enhance community self-determination, and facilitate an economy that supports the common good.

Institute for Policy Studies **\$20,000**

Building a New North American Economic Model from the Grassroots. During 2009, IPS has continued its project to maintain a focus on trade agreements and helped to advance an alternative approach to integration, based on the principles of democracy, human rights, and just and sustainable development. We have advanced in the development of a fact-based, progressive critique of the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP), the ongoing process of

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regulatory reforms that have been pursued by the governments of Canada, Mexico and the United States since 2005.

Instituto Para la Seguridad y la Democracia, A.C. **\$20,000**

Violence and the Media project. The Project's purpose is to contribute to the transformation of media and journalism dedicated to the production of stories on citizen security and criminal justice. In order to achieve this goal, Insyde has developed tools and training materials to support a more professional and substantive journalism in Mexico.

Interfaith Worker Justice **\$25,000**

National Wage Theft Campaign. IWJ's National Wage Theft Campaign has three spokes: advocacy, grassroots direct action, and public education. Its goal is both to promote national and local anti-wage theft initiatives that would prevent wage theft and build the leadership of low-wage immigrant workers via its network of workers centers.

Jobs with Justice Education Fund **(2 year Grant) \$60,000**

General Support. The Jobs with Justice Education Fund works to build a strong, progressive labor movement that works in coalition with community, faith, and student organizations to build a broader movement for economic and social justice. Our work focuses on advocating for and protecting the rights of working families. We believe that workers should have livable wages, decent working conditions, and the opportunity to work to live, rather than live to work.

Latin America Working Group Education Fund **\$30,000**

General Support. The LAWGEF conducts public education to promote human rights and social justice in U.S. policies towards Latin America, serving a coalition of over 60 national U.S. organizations. Current campaigns include: taking human rights into account in U.S. policy towards Mexico and the borderlands; human rights in Honduras in the aftermath of the coup; freedom to travel to Cuba; standing by the victims of violence in Colombia.

National Employment Law Project **\$30,000**

Justice Program, rebuilding an economy that works for working families. Over the past three decades, the promise of economic opportunity has unraveled for millions of American families, especially in low-income communities and communities of color. NELP's Justice Program responds by providing policy analysis, economic research, legal assistance, public education, and strategic leadership to grassroots campaigns. Our program areas are: raising the minimum wage; improving enforcement of workplace standards; and promoting accountable development to create good jobs.

New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice **\$25,000**

Sponsored by National Immigration Law Center

Organize workers across race and industry and build grassroots leadership, power and participation. The New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice organizes workers across race and industry and builds grassroots leadership, power and participation. The Center

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organizes African American and immigrant workers' advance towards racial and economic justice. In the past three years, the Center has crafted local, regional, national, and international strategies for leveraging the realities and organizing efforts of workers and low-wage communities of color into systemic social change.

Partnership for Working Families \$30,000

General Support. The Partnership for Working Families is building a powerful national network to reshape the US economy from the ground up.

Popular Education Research Group \$35,000

Support of our efforts to protect the rights of garment workers in the midst of the global economic crisis. This grant is to strengthen the ability of the Maquila Solidarity Network to advocate for and facilitate linkages between our Southern partners (particularly in the Americas); create opportunities for more effective engagement between those partners and brands, manufacturers and governments; and contribute to finding solutions to systemic labor rights issues in the industry throughout global supply chains.

Project of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ProDESC) \$30,000

Sponsored by Fund for Global Human Rights

Promote, Defend and Empower ESCR in Mexico. ProDESC was founded in 2005 with the objective of defending and strengthening the economic, social and cultural rights of Mexican workers and communities affected by transnational companies.

ProxyDemocracy \$20,000

Sponsored by Rudolf Steiner Foundation

Voting Platform for Investor Organizing. ProxyDemocracy's goal is to help investors -- from individuals to large institutions -- hold corporations accountable through proxy voting. We believe that we have arrived at a moment of great opportunity for shareholder activism: by aggregating, analyzing, and disseminating publicly available data on shareholder voting on our website, we can help investors, large and small, become engaged in the social, environmental, and governance issues raised at shareholder meetings every year.

Responsible Endowments Coalition \$25,000

General Support. The Responsible Endowments Coalition (REC) works to build and unify the college and university-based responsible investment movement, by educating and empowering a diverse network of individuals to act on their campuses, and by fostering a national network for collective action. Our goal is to foster social and environmental change by making responsible investment common practice at colleges and universities, and to support the next generation of activists with a new and powerful toolkit.

STITCH \$20,000

General Support. STITCH connects and educates women workers from the U.S. and Central America to create a common struggle for labor rights and support them in using their rights to

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challenging the state of hate, and by building the capacity of community members to stop human rights abuses.

Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc.

\$15,000

Security Enhancement for CDM. This funding would provide for critical staff trainings, security equipment and technology upgrades. This will strengthen CDM's ability to advance its work with sufficient measures for corporate security, personal safety, and professional responsibility to our clients and staff.

Corporate Ethics International

\$5,000

Business Ethics Network. The mission of the Business Ethics Network is to help transform the role of corporations in society by building the capacity of our members in their corporate campaign work, by providing education, facilitating collaboration, and increasing recognition of their campaign successes with the funding community and the public.

Funders Network on Trade and Globalization Community Partners

\$8,500

Increase foundation support to grassroots movement building for long term systemic change. FNTG was established by foundation officers with diverse interests and portfolios impressed both by the profound impacts of economic globalization on the issues they care about and by the character and significance of the growing civil society response to global injustice. FNTG acts as an open space for funders who, regardless of their specific areas of grantmaking, seek to better understand how global issues, policies and organizing impact efforts to achieve long-term systemic change.

Global Workers Justice Alliance

\$15,000

General Support. It is unjust for global migrants to abandon their rights simply because they want to go home. Global Workers makes portable justice--the right of global migrants to achieve justice even after they have returned to their countries--a reality. Leveraging the power and wisdom of trusted community organizations to provide a cross-border collaboration through the Global Workers Defender Network is key to achieving sustainable mechanisms of justice for today's exploited transnational laborers.

Neighborhood Funders Group

\$10,000

To support the on-going work of NFG and the working group on labor and community. The primary focus of the NFG and the WGLC program is to raise awareness and increase knowledge in philanthropy regarding collaborations between workers, labor unions, community and faith-based organizations.

New World Foundation

\$90,000

BCORR: Building Capacity for Organizational Resilience and Renewal. To support select foundation grantees, including Jobs with Justice and the Maquila Solidarity Network, through coaching, leadership and organizational development so that they may achieve their missions.

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Also to support the learning about leadership and organizational development with BCORR partner foundations.

SweatFree Communities

\$15,000

To determine whether organizational merger with International Labor Rights Forum can make both organizations more sustainable. To determine whether merging SweatFree Communities and the International Labor Rights Forum can create administrative efficiencies and programmatic opportunities, and allow both to become more sustainable.

The Regents of the University of California

\$15,000

Policy research to inform proposed labor law reform and strengthened enforcement of existing labor laws. To support research on two topics to inform labor law reform and enforcement: 1) analysis of the effectiveness of existing laws requiring companies to disclose on spending on anti-union activities; and 2) study of Canadian and UK labor board strategies to counter anti-union activities that circumvent their laws mandating quick union elections and first contract arbitration. Both will be published by the UC Berkeley Center for Labor Research and Education as policy briefs and distributed to policymakers, government officials, and others.

Tufts University, Global Development and Environment Institute

\$25,000

Opportunity Grant to support "Lessons From NAFTA" communications campaign. GDAE will bring several new NAFTA studies to a wider audience while increasing the program's communications capacity for future policy work, building on the program's ten-year track record of work on NAFTA and Mexico.

UE Research and Education Fund

\$15,000

Proposal for Strengthening the Federation of Municipal Unions of the State of Chihuahua. To provide technical assistance to municipal unions in Chihuahua through CETLAC Chihuahua.