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The Edward W. Hazen Foundation appropriated \$1,843,540 in grants in the year 2000.

Public Education Grantees

Northwest Bronx Community and
Clergy Coalition for

Alliance for Quality Education

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A newly formed coalition of parent, labor, service, advocacy and youth organizations from across New York State, the Alliance for Quality Education seeks to increase funding for public education at the state and local levels. Our two-year grant of \$100,000 will help the Alliance implement its organizing and advocacy campaign focused on small classes, school construction, recruitment/retention of qualified teachers and school administrators, universal pre-k, and high performing public schools that are accountable to parents and the community.

Alliance Organizing Project (AOP)

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Founded in 1995, AOP is dedicated to engaging parents and community members in reforming Philadelphia's public schools. AOP was awarded a \$45,000 grant to organize parent teams in 8 Philadelphia schools to address school and district-wide education issues.

Institute for Social Justice for Baltimore Acorn

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In 1999, with support from Hazen, Baltimore Acorn organized over 600 parents and trained a core group of parent leaders to address school-level issues and to influence district-wide education policy. Baltimore Acorn was awarded a three year renewal grant of \$90,000 to launch an organizing and advocacy campaign focused on attracting and retaining qualified teachers, reducing class size, and implementing academic programs that challenge students and prepare them for college and careers. Baltimore Acorn is an affiliate of the National Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now.

Blocks Together

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Since 1997, Blocks Together has been organizing parents and community residents as a way to increase parental involvement, alleviate overcrowding and improve the physical conditions of the public schools in the West Humboldt Park and North Garfield communities of Chicago. As a result of this work, the Chicago Public Schools will provide \$1.2 million worth of repairs to a local school and will build two new schools to relieve overcrowding. Our two-year grant of \$60,000 will help Blocks Together strengthen and expand its parent organizing efforts.

Central Brooklyn Churches (CBC)

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CBC's Parent Organizing Project seeks to equip parents with the skills needed to address such issues as poor quality of instruction, school overcrowding, and unsafe conditions in the public schools in Bedford-Stuyvesant. CBC works with parents at three elementary schools: P.S. 56 in Community School District 13, and P.S. 5 and P.S. 309 in District 16—two of the lowest performing school districts in Brooklyn. CBC received a \$30,000 grant to expand its organizing efforts to two additional schools, bring together parents from the targeted schools to work on district-wide issues, and to increase the number and effectiveness of parents serving on the School Leadership Teams at each school.



Education Committee Member Teresa de Jesus of Blocks Together, Chicago, IL participating in a public action to improve the conditions of Chicago public Schools.

Concerned Citizens for a Better Tunica County

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Created in 1993, Concerned Citizens for a Better Tunica is a grassroots organization of parents and students that seeks to ensure that African American students in the Tunica public schools, who make up 99% of the district's student population, receive a quality education. Over the years, Concerned Citizens has won a number of victories including allocation of 12% of casino tax dollars toward the public schools and appropriation of \$6.2 million to renovate, rehabilitate, modernize, and expand existing school facilities. Most recently, with support from Hazen, the group was successful in ensuring the construction of a state-of-the-art public school close to the city of Tunica (where the majority of Black children live) instead of in an area near the casinos where no children yet live, as originally planned. Our renewal grant of \$90,000 over two years will help Concerned Citizens in sustaining and strengthening its education organizing work.

American Institute for Social Justice for Dallas Acorn

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Through the Pleasant Grove School Improvement Campaign, Dallas Acorn seeks to get the Pleasant Grove school district to establish incentive programs to recruit and retain seasoned teachers and school administrators, as well as to increase the district's budget for professional development, particularly for K-3 teachers. The campaign also seeks to ensure that children are able to read by the 3rd grade and thus succeed in the upper grades. A one-year grant of \$30,000 was made in support of this campaign.

Direct Action and Research Training Center, Inc. (DART)

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The Federation of DART Organizations of Florida (FDOF) was formed in 1999 by five local affiliates of the Direct Action and Research Training Center (DART) to work together on common public policy issues. Federation members launched a statewide organizing and advocacy campaign to get the state to designate \$10 million dollars toward implementation of the Direct Instruction (DI) reading curriculum in some 50 low-performing elementary schools in five Florida school districts. A phonics-based reading program, DI has been proven to increase student achievement in reading. Our two-year grant of \$70,000 will help the Federation to effectively carry out this campaign, increase its membership base, and strengthen its organizational capacity.

New York Community Trust for Donors' Education Collaborative (DEC)

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Created in 1995, the Donors' Education Collaborative (DEC) is comprised of 20 New York-based funders committed to supporting education reform advocacy efforts in New York City. Since its inception, DEC has supported collaborative projects that address systemic education reform issues through the involvement of broad-based constituencies of parents and other stakeholders. DEC grantees are working on such issues as funding equity, access and quality of public education for immigrant children and English Language Learners, school construction and facilities, and implementation of "least restrictive" environment mandate for students with disabilities. Our renewal grant of \$50,000 over two years will enable DEC to provide continued support to the organizations involved in these efforts.

Eastern Philadelphia Organizing Project (EPOP)

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Since 1995, EPOP has been organizing low-income parents in the neighborhoods in Eastern Philadelphia to become involved in efforts to improve the area's public schools. Using a community organizing and leadership development process, EPOP has created teams of 20-25 parents in schools that serve primarily minority, low-income students. The work of these parents has resulted in more resources for reading instruction, hiring of bilingual teachers and principals, creation of after-school programs and more college preparation courses for high school students. EPOP was awarded a \$20,000 grant to expand its organizing efforts to the middle and high school levels, and to bring together parents and teachers from different schools and congregations to work on district-wide educational policy issues.

Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC)

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Through the South Brooklyn Organizing for Public Education (SOPE) project, the Fifth Avenue Committee (FAC) seeks to create better educational opportunities for low-income and minority children in South Brooklyn. The project combines parent organizing around school-level issues with the development of a community-based education campus at the 14th Street Armory in Park Slope. The campus will serve as a vehicle for high quality, equitable education, as well as to engage the broader public in a dialogue about quality public education. FAC was awarded a one-year grant of \$30,000 in support of this initiative.

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American Institute for
Social Justice for

Florida Acorn

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Through the Florida Parent Organizing Project, Florida Acorn is organizing parents and community residents in the neighborhoods of Little Haiti and Buena Vista in an effort to promote open communications between parents, teachers and administrators, as well as to increase parent involvement in school decision-making. An equally important goal of the project is to reform the Juvenile Assessment Center policy, which allows school principals, security guards, and the police to place students under arrest without parental notification. Florida Acorn received a \$30,000 grant in support of this project.

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Throughout the country, a growing number of social action and community-based organizations are organizing parents and community members to address inequities in policies and practices that negatively affect the education of children in low-income communities. In collaboration with other funders, the Foundation will develop and implement a series of training institutes for education organizers and parent leaders in an effort to increase the effectiveness of education organizing to impact teaching and learning at the school and system levels. A direct-charitable grant of \$20,000 was approved to support the planning phase of the first institute, "Organizing for Educational Excellence," which is being planned for fall 2001.

Public Education Grantees

Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches (LAM)

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Fifty-eight of the worst one hundred schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District are located in South Central. In response to this situation, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Churches (LAM) launched the One Church One School Campaign. The main goals of the campaign are to establish school-church partnerships to support student learning, and to create a parent organization to equip parents with the skills necessary to improve the schools their children attend. Fifteen member churches have already partnered with their local schools to provide tutoring, computer training and other educational enrichment programs. LAM received a one-year \$30,000 grant to strengthen the parent organizing component of the campaign which seeks to ensure authentic parental involvement in school decision-making.

Mothers on the Move (MOM)

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Mothers on the Move was founded in 1994 to organize and train parents to advocate for school reform in Community School District 8 in the South Bronx. MOM's early organizing efforts shed light on serious educational inequities within the district and resulted in the replacement of the superintendent and of some school principals. Realizing that changes in school and district leadership do not necessarily ensure improved educational opportunities for low income and minority students in the southern part of the district, MOM leaders have partnered with the NYU Institute for Education and Social Policy to create a Community School Review (CSR) process. Through this initiative, MOM-trained parents and community members will participate in an in-depth evaluation of local schools, create school improvement plans, and partner with school staff and faculty to secure the resources and support necessary for implementation of these plans. A grant of \$30,000 was awarded to MOM in support of this effort.

New Settlement Apartments (NSA)

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New Settlement Apartments' Parent Action Committee (PAC) was created in 1994 to address the issue of poor quality education provided to children attending public schools in Community School District (CSD) 9, in the Bronx—one of the lowest performing school districts in New York City. The PAC seeks to transform the schools in CSD 9 into assets for the community, able to provide quality education for all children. With over 200 parent members, the PAC has worked hard over the past few years to improve conditions at CES 64, a low-performing elementary school in the district serving over 1000 Latino and African American children. As a result, the school has a new principal, enjoys greater participation of parents in the School Leadership Team and other school-based committees, and has established an after-school program serving over 300 children. Our renewal grant of \$72,000 over two years will help New Settlement expand the work of the Parent Action Committee to other schools in the district, and to strengthen the capacity of the group to effectively address quality of education issues.

North River Commission (NRC)

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The North River Commission (NRC) has been organizing community residents around school reform issues. In 1996, it became apparent that the quality of secondary education was sorely lacking. More than 1,000 students entering high school in Chicago's northwest side were fleeing the city or leaving the public schools. In response to this problem, the NRC has launched an organizing and advocacy campaign to create new, quality options for entering students at six area high schools such as English-as-a-Second Language offerings, reduced class size, and intensified instruction. NRC was awarded a one-year \$30,000 grant toward this campaign.

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Parents for Unity

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Since its founding in 1992, Parents for Unity has trained hundreds of low income and immigrant Latino parents in Los Angeles on their rights and responsibilities in their children's education. In addition, over the past few years with support from Hazen, Parents for Unity members have organized nine parent teams in five school districts in and around Los Angeles. They have achieved class size reductions, reallocation of Title I funds, as well as parental input on programs for English Language Learners, and open door policies at local schools. Parents for Unity was awarded a three-year renewal grant of \$90,000 to strengthen and expand its work.

Parents United for Responsible Education (PURE)

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In 1989, historic school reform legislation created the opportunity for parents and community members to make policy decisions for their local schools as elected members of Local School Councils. This has led to measurable improvement in many public elementary schools in Chicago, but has shown less tangible success at the high school level. Through its High School Quality and Equality Campaign, PURE seeks to promote high quality education in Chicago's high schools. Our \$30,000 grant will help PURE to build a training component to the campaign to increase the knowledge of parents, community residents and education activists about the fundamentals of high quality teaching and learning, and how to become involved in improving the quality of high school education.

American Institute for Social Justice for Pennsylvania Acorn

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In 1999, Pennsylvania Acorn launched an organizing campaign to involve parents in efforts to improve the quality of education in the public schools serving low-income, minority, students in Philadelphia. Public schools in low-income and working-class communities are characterized by inadequate resources to support student learning and decaying facilities. The Acorn organizing campaign is focused on two major issues: the high number of permanent substitute teachers in the public schools, and the need for school repairs. Acorn was awarded a one-year grant of \$25,000 to conduct this campaign.

Queens Legal Services Corp. (QLSC)

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As a federal program with a mandate for parent engagement in decision making and an annual budget of \$7 billion, Title I has the potential to enhance the education of children in low income communities. Through its Title I Initiative, Queens Legal Services Corporation will provide training and legal assistance to parents and teams of parents pursuing collective action regarding Title I issues in their children's schools. Hazen's grant of \$30,000 will allow QLSC to work with six parent organizations offering research, training, legal counsel and representation, as well as development and dissemination of educational materials on Title I.

Jacob Riis Neighborhood House, for Queensbridge Community in Action (QCIA)

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With 18,000 residents, the Queensbridge Houses in Long Island City are the largest public housing development in the nation. In 1998, a group of parents and staff of Jacob Riis Neighborhood House organized as Queensbridge Community in Action to hold school officials accountable for the poor quality of education their children were being offered. It soon became clear to QCIA that the school district was allowing the schools serving Queensbridge children to fail while, at the same time, providing a high quality education to children in other parts of the district. In response, QCIA has kicked off their Campaign to Close the Achievement Gap between Queensbridge schools and the rest of District 30. Our renewal grant of \$30,000 will enable the organization to build an effective and knowledgeable grassroots constituency to advocate for equity and reform in schools serving the Queensbridge public housing development.

Rogers Community Action Network (RPCAN)

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RPCAN is a multi-issue grassroots organization working for community empowerment through organizing and leadership development. The organization works on community issues related to jobs, sustainable economic development, affordable housing and tenants' rights, as well as safety, police accountability, and school reform. In 1999, RPCAN revived its Education Network, made up of parents, teachers and local school council members from 9 area schools, to address such issues as overcrowding, lack of parent involvement in local schools, and the need for a more holistic evaluation of students' learning. A one-year grant of \$26,000 was awarded to RPCAN toward its education organizing efforts.

Public Education Grantees

Connections for Children for
Westside Parents Organizing Project (WPOP)

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The public schools in Mar Vista and Venice, two low-income, minority communities in West Los Angeles, are under-funded and in great need of repair. Not surprisingly, students' test scores rank considerably below local and national averages in both reading and math. The Westside Parent Organizing Project (WPOP) was launched in July 1999 as a joint project of five neighborhood organizations to address these disturbing trends. Using an organizing and leadership development approach, WPOP will create parent leadership teams in six low-performing elementary schools. These teams will conduct outreach to other parents and develop school-based strategies for increasing student achievement. A one-year \$30,000 grant was awarded to WPOP in support of this work.



Youth participants at the Northeast Convening of Youth Leaders and Organizers, June 1—3, 2000 in New York City

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Youth Development Grantees

**Action for Community
Empowerment (ACE)**

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In Central Harlem, unemployment for youth between the ages of 16 and 19 is higher than 50 percent. In addition, funding for youth employment has been cut. Through the Youth Organizing Project, Action for Community Empowerment (ACE) is waging two campaigns: The Youth to Work Experience Project campaign is an effort to get local and city businesses to designate jobs for local youth. The Impact on Drugs campaign is an effort to prevent drug use and sale in their neighborhoods. ACE received a \$20,000 grant in support of this project.

**Asian Pacific Environmental Network
(APEN)**

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In 1995, APEN launched the Laotian Organizing Project (LOP) as its flagship community organizing project. Through the Asian Youth Advocates (AYA), the Laotian Organizing Project provides leadership and organizing skills training to some 45 Laotian girls and young women in Richmond. Since 1998, AYA members have been working on several advocacy campaigns aimed at improving language access for Laotian students and parents in the Richmond public schools, increasing counseling services for students at Richmond High School, as well as developing a teacher advisory program for ninth graders. APEN received a renewal grant of \$25,000 in support of AYA.

**Asians & Pacific Islanders for
Reproductive Health (APIRH)**

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In the spring of 1998, APIRH launched the HOPE Project, a youth leadership and organizing initiative that prepares 30-35 Southeast Asian young women (ages 13-18) in Long Beach to organize and advocate for the health and well being of their communities. Since the fall 1998, HOPE members have been waging a campaign to win changes in the sexual harassment policies of the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD), and to establish a task force to monitor school compliance of sexual harassment policies. APIRH received a \$25,000 grant toward this project.

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council (BPNC)

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In winter 1999, BPNC launched the Brighton Park Youth Council. Since its inception, the Council has won several victories including creation of a summer jobs program that generated jobs for local youth, a commitment from the Department of Public Health to create a teen pregnancy prevention program, and the creation of a community center. In addition, the council won three anti-drug billboards for their communities in a collaborative effort with the local youth councils of Blocks Together and the Logan Square Neighborhood Association. BPNC received a renewal grant of \$30,000 to provide continued support to the Brighton Park Youth Council.

Youth Empowerment Center, for C-Beyond

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Founded in 1997, C-Beyond is dedicated to organizing and training high school-age youth from low income backgrounds to end racism and discrimination of all forms in the communities of Concord and Bay Point/Pittsburgh, California. Over the past few years, C-Beyond has engaged over 100 young people in various organizing and advocacy campaigns such as the "Know Your Rights" Campaign focused on educating young people about their rights in schools and on the street. Similarly, through the Language Rights Campaign, C-Beyond members advocated for non-English speaking youth who were under attack through propositions like 227. The Recreation and Service Campaign seeks to increase the services available to young people in Concord. Our renewal grant of \$30,000 will enable C-Beyond to continue these campaigns, and to establish a new chapter in Bay Point/Pittsburgh.

CAAAV Organizing Asian Communities

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CAAAV's Chinatown Community Youth Program (CCYP) seeks to develop bilingual youth organizers who could fight for better living conditions in Chinatown—which has been home, workplace and marketplace to generations of Asian immigrants—and to prevent displacement of elderly residents affected by the citywide movement to gentrify low income communities. CAAAV received a one-year \$30,000 grant to train 12 young organizers who will work with community residents to form tenant associations, gain greater community control of public space, and improve living conditions.

Carolina Alliance for Fair Employment (CAFÉ)

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Café's Youth 2000 is an organizing project designed to create a youth-led response to racial disparities in the Darlington County school district. In 1998, Café Youth successfully advocated with the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) of the US Department of Education to force the Darlington County School District to end mass student searches. Our renewal grant of \$30,000 will enable Café to engage over 150 African American youth (ages 14-18) in school-based campaigns that seek to end racial profiling in the public schools and reverse other biased policies that negatively affect minority students in the Darlington and Laurens county schools.

City Mission Society

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City Mission Society's Boston Area Youth Organizing Project (BYOP) brings young people together to address multi-neighborhood issues. In the past few years, BYOP successfully advocated for increased youth facilities in Jamaica Plain, expanded hours for the library and computer labs in Hyde Square High School, as well as a system of shuttle buses to ensure that students get to school on time. Our one-year renewal grant of \$20,000 will enable BYOP to engage 450-475 young people in a campaign that seeks to reduce the guidance counselor-student ratio in the Boston Public Schools, establish college resource centers in three high schools, and press the schools to use multiple assessment tools to measure student achievement.

Contra Costa Interfaith Sponsoring Committee (CCISCO)

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Established in 1994, CCISCO is a grassroots community organization comprised of religious congregations, civic associations, and youth organizations in Contra Costa County, California. CCISCO brings youth and adults together to work on issues affecting their communities. Through the Youth Organizing Initiative, CCISCO seeks to provide a vehicle for young people to set an action agenda that will make the county more "youth friendly." CCISCO received a \$30,000 grant to involve about 150 young people in several organizing campaigns focused on increasing youth services, reducing school truancy, enrolling children of working families in affordable health insurance programs, and enforcing housing codes in affordable housing.

Youth Development Grantees

Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (EBC)

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EBC's Third Eye Movement (3EM) provides a vehicle for young people from low income and minority backgrounds to educate and to work with their peers to protect the rights of young people in San Francisco. EBC received a one-year \$30,000 grant to engage 80 young people in a campaign to demand accountability in San Francisco's juvenile detention centers, including better food, clothing and medical care, and ending the use of prison labor.

Jewish Fund for Justice, for Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing (FCYO)

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The Funders Collaborative on Youth Organizing is a five year, \$5 million, national initiative of a collective of national, regional and local grantmakers who pool resources to advance youth organizing as a strategy for youth development and social justice. The mission of the FCYO is to substantially increase philanthropic involvement and strengthen the organizational capacities of youth organizing groups across the country. Our two-year grant of \$100,000 will enable the FCYO to leverage \$1,000,000 per year, support the work of 20-25 youth organizing groups, and serve as a repository of information regarding youth organizing for funders and practitioners alike.

Hope Street Youth Development

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Since 1998, Hope Street Youth Development has been engaging low-income African American youth in direct action campaigns in an effort to address local and national issues affecting young people in Wichita, Kansas. Through the Youth Organizing Project, Hope Street developed successful partnerships with the local police department and the school safety division. Hope Street was also instrumental in securing \$100,000 in improvements for rental property in the neighborhood. Hope Street received a renewal grant of \$25,000 toward the Youth Organizing Project.

Hyde Square Task Force (HSTF)

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In 1999, the Hyde Square Task Force launched the Youth Organizing Project to engage young people in advocacy efforts aimed at increasing resources to meet the needs of the growing youth population in the Hyde Park/Jackson Square section of Jamaica Plain in Boston. HSTF received a one-year grant of \$30,000 in support of this project.

Southern Echo, for Indianola Parent Student Group (IPSG)

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Founded in 1995, the Indianola Parent Student Group (IPSG) is a grassroots organization dedicated to empowering the Indianola community to hold its public officials accountable for providing a first-rate quality education for African American students. Over the past few years, IPSG has successfully implemented the Math Games Leagues, an after-school program designed to improve math skills, algebra in particular, at the middle school level. The group also waged successful campaigns around issues related to special education students. IPSG received a one-year renewal grant of \$30,000 toward its school organizing work.

Youth Empowerment Center, for School of Unity and Liberation (SOUL)

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Founded in 1996, SOUL is an organizing and training center dedicated to developing a new, multiracial generation of youth leaders with the skills and the vision needed to create a more just world for all people. To date, SOUL has trained some 60 young grassroots leaders, 78% of whom are women and 92% people of color. In 1998, SOUL launched the Youth in Struggle Program to strengthen the leadership skills of youth leaders from emerging youth organizations. SOUL received a one-year \$25,000 grant to expand the program and to improve the capacity of targeted youth organizations in such areas as: membership development, staff training, organizational development, and networking.

Youth Development Grantees

Western States Center, for
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SIAP is a five-year-old grassroots inter-generational, multiracial membership organization that promotes gender and racial equity. SIAP received a \$30,000 grant to provide leadership and organizing skills training to 125 young women (ages 11-19) and 100 adult women, and to engage them in an advocacy campaign aimed at securing free bus passes for students in the Portland public schools.

Southwest Community Resources,
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**Southwest Organizing Project
(SWOP)**

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Since 1999 the Southwest Organizing Project has engaged young people from low income communities in direct action campaigns designed to address youth and community issues of concern to them. Our one-year renewal grant of \$20,000 will help SWOP engage 50-75 young people, ages 13-18, in a series of campaigns focused on achieving racial justice in the Los Lunas and Rio Rancho school districts, and ending harassment of young people in the local malls in Albuquerque.

**Southwest Youth Collaborative
(SWYC)**

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Website: www.swyc.org
Email: swyouth@igc.org

Through the Youth Organizing Project, the Southwest Youth Collaborative (SWYC) engages young people in organizing campaigns that address issues which affect low income youth in Southwest Chicago. In 1999, over 50 youth leaders and 100 other youth successfully led a "Jobs for Youth" Campaign to pressure the city to restore thousands of summer jobs that were eliminated due to changes in federal funding. Our renewal grant of \$30,000 will enable SWYC to engage about 140 young people from four neighborhoods in campaigns to increase the City of Chicago's 2001 budget allocation for youth development and youth employment programs, and reduce the number of suspensions and expulsions in the Chicago public schools.

Youth Action

P.O. Box 12372
Albuquerque, NM 87195
Ozawa Bineshi Albert, Coordinator
for Organizational Development
(505) 873-3345
Email: youthact@nmia.com Website:
www.youthaction.net

In the South, a growing number of organizations have been engaging young people in social justice work through youth organizing and community development. In general, these organizations operate in isolation and struggle to identify strategies that will address the root causes of the issues they seek to address. Since early 2000, Youth Action has brought together youth leaders and organizers in an effort to create sustainable relationships and collaborations between them. Our \$20,000 grant will allow Youth Action to bring together over 75 young leaders and organizers from 23 organizations in the Southeast to build relationships and work toward building a regional movement of youth leaders.

Tides Center, for
**Youth United for Community Action
(YUCA)**

2111 University Avenue, Ste. C
East Palo Alto, CA 94303
Kris Hayashi, Executive Director
(650) 322-9165
Email: ncyuca@igc.org

In the summer of 1997, YUCA initiated the Higher Learning (HL) Project to develop and empower a core group of youth leaders from South Central Los Angeles and East Palo Alto to reach out to other youths in their communities, and coordinate direct action and educational projects. Our renewal grant of \$25,000 will enable YUCA to involve 16-20 youth in a campaign to improve student/teacher relations at Crenshaw High School and to expand the project to a second school.



**Austin Interfaith Sponsoring
Committee**

1301 S. IH 35, Suite 313
Austin, TX 78741
Sr. Mignonne Konecny,
Executive Director
(512) 916-0100

\$5,000

To support participation in the Cross City Campaign Indicators Project on Education Organizing.

**American Institute for Social Justice,
Inc.**

Bronx Acorn

739 8th Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
Carolyn Carr, Director
(202) 547-2500

\$5,000

To enable Bronx Acorn participation in the Cross City Campaign for Urban School Reform's Indicators Project on Education Organizing.

Youth Development Grantees

Citizen's Project

P.O. Box 2085
 Colorado Springs, CO 80901
 Megan Day
 Executive Director

\$5,000

Toward the Student Organizing Program, a school-based youth organizing initiative designed to mobilize local youth to effectively promote and strengthen equity, diversity and quality in their schools.

Committee for Hispanic Children and Families

140 West 22nd Street, Suite 301
 New York, N.Y. 10011
 Elba I. Montalvo,
 Executive Director
 (212) 206-1090

\$5,000

Toward the Latino Parents Advocacy Initiative that educates and builds the skills of Latino parents in Bronx school district 10 to be effective advocates for their children's education.

Clergy and Laity Concern of Lane County Oregon, for
Community Alliance of Lane County
 P.O. Box 10837
 Eugene, Oakland
 Richard Rodriguez
 (541) 485-1755

\$5,000

Toward the Springfield Alliance for Equality and Respect program, which seeks to promote a positive school environment for school staff, students and parents.

Cross City Campaign

407 S. Dearborn, Suite 1500
 Chicago, IL 60605
 Anne Hallett, Executive Director
 (312) 322-4880

\$5,000

Toward the Indicator Project on Education Organizing that will examine and communicate the role of community organizing in developing a grassroots constituency for school reform.

East Harlem Tutorial Program

2050 Second Avenue
 New York, NY 10029
 Carmen Vega-Rivera,
 Executive Director
 (212) 831-0650

\$5,000

Toward the Taking Action to Improve Our Public School initiative, which will mobilize and train a committee of parents to take action to bring about change in targeted public schools and the larger school district.

Jewish Fund for Justice, for
Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing

260 Fifth Avenue, Suite 701
 New York, NY 10001
 Vera Miao, Project Director
 (212) 213-2113

\$5,000

Toward the planning phase of this funders' collaborative that seeks to promote and support youth organizing.

Haitian Refugee Center

119 NE 54 Street
 Miami, FL 33137
 Jean-Rene Foureau, President
 (305) 757-8538

\$5,000

To support the Center's advocacy and organizing efforts to improve the public schools in Dade County that serve low-income students of Haitian descent.

Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA)

3321 West Wrightwood Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60647
 Nancy Aardema,
 Executive Director
 (773) 384-4370

\$5,000

To support LSNA's participation in the Cross City Campaign's Indicators Project on Education Organizing.

Multi-cultural Music Group

260 West Kingsbridge Road
 Bronx, NY 10463
 Luis Mojica, Executive Director
 (718) 884-5495

\$5,000

Toward general support of this community-based organization that promotes youth leadership and academic achievement through the arts.

Myra Sadker Advocates

1401 Rockville Pike, Suite 300
 Rockville, MD 20852
 David Sadker, President
 (301) 738-7113

\$2,500

To support the Students Reclaiming Title IX project, which seeks to address the persistent gender bias that continues to erode opportunities for both girls and boys in schools.

National Council for Community and Education Partnerships

One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 118
 Washington, DC 20036
 Hector Garza, President
 (202) 939-9450

\$5,000

Toward "A National Day of Commitment", which will bring together representatives of all sectors to commit publicly to closing the Latino education achievement gap in the next 10 years, and to develop an action agenda to meet this goal.

Hunter College Foundation, Inc. for National Latino/Latina Education Research Agenda Project

c/o Hunter College
 695 Park Avenue
 New York, NY 10021
 Pedro Pedraza, Research Director
 (212) 772-5689

\$5,000

To conduct a program of investigation and study to support school reform efforts that benefit Latino/Latina students.

President's Discretionary Grants

Oakland Community Organizations (OCO)

7200 Bancroft Avenue, #2
Eastmount Mall (Upper Level)
Oakland, CA 94605
Ron Snyder, Executive Director
(773) 973-7888

\$5,000

To support OCO's participation in the Cross City Campaign's Indicator Project on Education Organizing.

Parents Opening Doors

460-B Weston Street
Hartford, CT 06120-1551
Marcia Bok, Acting Director
(860) 297-4391

\$5,000

To provide training to youth with disability and their parents around the need for transitional services from high school to post-secondary education and vocational training.

Metropolitan Broad Based Organizing for Portland Schools Alliance

1244 NE 39th Avenue
Portland, OR 97232
Richard Harmon, Lead Organizer
(503) 235-6474

\$5,000

To support an organizing campaign designed to address issues of equity, accountability and student achievement in the Portland public schools.

Rural Cumberland Resources

185 Hood Drive
Crossville, TN 38555
Louise Gorenflo, Program Director
(913) 484-0937

\$2,500

Toward the "Educating All Our Children" initiative, a community campaign to improve graduation rates in the public schools in Cumberland County.

Southern Rural Development Initiative

128 E. Hargett Street, Suite 202
Raleigh, NC 27601
Deborah B. Warren,
Executive Director
(919) 829-5900

\$5,000

Toward the Rural Young Peoples' Initiative, an effort to address the need for community-based institutions to engage young people in community building efforts.

Southwest Cultural Preservation Project, Inc. for Sage Council

P.O. Box 82086
Albuquerque, NM
William Weahkee,
Executive Director
(505) 260-4696

\$5,000

Toward the Youth Involvement Pilot Project, a youth organizing initiative designed to develop the leadership potential of young people of color.

Washington Heights/Inwood Coalition

652 West 187th Street
New York, NY 10033
John Swauger, Executive Director
(212) 781-6722

\$2,500

Toward translation and dissemination to local schools and other educational institutions of the book "Para Que No Se Olviden", which focuses on Dominicans who are making a difference in U.S. society.



These grants were awarded toward general support.

Breast Cancer Research Foundation New York, NY

\$5,000

Chewonki Foundation

Wiscasset, ME

\$2,000

Congress of Italians Organization, Inc.

Brooklyn, NY

\$1,000

Farish Street Historic District

Jackson, MS

\$2,000

Fortune Society

New York, NY

\$2500

Harbor Area Gang Alternatives Program

Wilmington, CA

\$2,000

Housing Works Inc.

New York, NY

\$2,500

Lugenia Burns Hope Center

Chicago, IL

\$5,000

President's Discretionary Grants

Marin Abused Women's Services

San Rafael, CA

\$500**Marin AIDS Project**

San Rafael, CA

\$500**Marin County Grassroots Leadership Network**

San Rafael, CA

\$1,000**Marin Senior Coordinating Council**

San Rafael, CA

\$500**Mexican Americans Legal Defense and Educational Fund**

Los Angeles, CA

\$1,000**Montrose Development Center, Inc.**

Montrose, AR

\$3,000**National Civic League**

Denver, CO

\$1,000**National Immigration Forum**

Washington, DC

\$1,000**North Star Fund**

New York, NY

\$1,000**Performing Stars of Marin**

Marin City, CA

\$500**Sunnyside Community Services, Inc.**

Sunnyside, NY

\$2,000**Xanthos**

Alameda, CA

\$1,000**American Indian College Fund**

Denver, CO

\$1,000**Association of Black Foundation Executives**

Indianapolis, IN

\$1,500**Council on Foundations**

Washington, DC

\$3,740**Dream Yard**

New York, NY

\$2,500**The Foundation Center**

New York, NY

\$1,500**Grantmakers for Children, Youth and Families**

Washington, DC

\$1,000**Grantmakers for Education**

San Francisco, CA

\$1,000**Hispanics in Philanthropy**

Berkley, CA

\$2,000**Independent Sector**

Washington, DC

\$2,000**National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy**

Washington, DC

\$1,500**National Network of Grantmakers**

Washington, DC

\$1,000**Native Americans in Philanthropy**

Lumberton, NC

\$1,000**New York Regional Association of Grantmakers**

New York, NY

\$2,300**Nonprofit Coordinating Committee of New York**

New York, NY

\$1,000

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