Social Justice
Ensuring all can participate in society without interference, and the benefits and responsibilities accrued from society are fairly distributed to all.
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2019 Social Justice Grantees

The ARK
$100,000
Third installment of $300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
The Ark’s mission is to create a safety net for Chicagoland Jews in need by providing vital human services within a framework of Jewish values and laws. They provide medical care, food and other basic necessities to more than 4,000 families throughout Chicagoland.
Chicago, IL

Becket Films (Bona Fide Films)
$10,000
The Seeds of Vandana Shiva
Becket Films produces documentaries that are focused on health, the environment, and social justice. They have created nine films about the world’s ecologically besieged water bodies, including the Amazon, the Arctic, and the Mississippi. Dr. Vandana Shiva’s focus is on the regenerative food and farming movement that can mitigate climate change, restore biodiversity, rejuvenate communities and feed the world.
Ojai, CA

B.I.G. Baseball Academy
$10,000
Academy Slugger Sponsor
B.I.G. Baseball Academy teaches baseball to youth from underserved areas of Chicago. B.I.G. was founded by South Side Chicago native, Keronn Walker, a former professional baseball player and current scout for the Chicago Cubs. The program emphasizes character development and the promotion of academic success.
$100,000
*For Your Gift to Keronn Walker*
This grant will support Keronn Walker as he constructs South Side Chicago’s “Field of Dreams” - an outdoor field that can be used by little leaguers, amateur players, and high-school/college teams.
Chicago, IL

**The Boulevard of Chicago**
$10,000
*Challenge installment of $50,000 grant for Chronic Health Services*

$68,976
*Challenge for Annual Gala*
The Boulevard provides high quality, cost-effective medical respite care, holistic support and housing services to help ill and injured homeless adults break the cycle of homelessness, restore their health and rebuild their lives. They are a 64-bed medical respite care center serving 300+ adults annually.
Chicago, IL

**Brighton Park Neighborhood Council**
$10,000
*Winter Weather Items*

$244,795
*Third installment of $639,880 four-year grant for the In the Game High School Success Program*
Working closely with Kelly High School, BPNC has developed a comprehensive program intended to improve high school success and increase college access and success. BPNC’s strategy seeks to raise the numbers of Kelly graduates attending and completing college by providing multi-year scholarships, continued case management and mentorship, and employment opportunities for the scholarship recipients.
Chicago, IL

**Care for Real**
$60,000
*First installment of $160,000 three-year grant for Staff Health Benefits and General Operating Support*
The mission of Care for Real is to help vulnerable individuals and families overcome difficult times with dignity, providing food, clothing, referral, and other services with compassion. Located in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago, Care for Real serves nearly 56,000 clients each year.
Chicago, IL
Chicago HOPES for Kids
$80,000
**General Operating and Shelter Support**
Chicago HOPES for Kids provides academic support and resources to children and their families who are staying in homeless shelters in Chicago. Over the past three years, HOPES has substantially expanded programming to include a parent program, a middle school program, field trips and family nights, summer enrichment, and STEAM curriculum partners.
Chicago, IL

Chicago Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights
$125,000
*First installment of $300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support and TIF Litigation Costs*
Chicago Lawyer’s Committee is a civil rights group working to secure racial equity and economic opportunity for all. They organize partnerships with the private bar and grassroots organizations to implement community-based solutions that advance civil rights. In April 2019, they filed groundbreaking litigation against the City of Chicago to represent Grassroots Collaborative and Raise Your Hand in a challenge to a proposed TIF package of up to $1.3 billion for Lincoln Yards.
Chicago, IL

Chicago Voyagers
$20,000
**Adventure Programming**
Chicago Voyagers provides evidence-based experiential outdoor adventure programming in partnership with more than 20 area schools and community organizations. Their year-round programs include hiking, overnight camping, canoeing, mountain biking, sailing, and more.
Palatine, IL

Colibrí Center for Human Rights
$50,000
**General Operating Support**
Colibrí works with families of the disappeared throughout the United States and Latin America to find truth and justice through forensic science, investigation, and community organizing. They collect missing persons reports and DNA to reunite the thousands of still unidentified remains found on the border with relatives searching for their loved ones.
Tucson, AZ
Colorado Village Collaborative (Interfaith Alliance of CO)
$30,000
*General Operating Support*
The Colorado Village Collaborative exists to create and operate transformational housing communities in partnership with people coming from homelessness. Temporary tiny home villages provide dorm-style transitional shelter environments with 24/7 access, storage, and supportive services.
Denver, CO

CommunityHealth
$100,000
*General Operating Support*
CommunityHealth is the largest free health clinic in the United States, serving 10,000 low-income, uninsured patients annually in Chicago. Volunteer physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and interpreters give their time and talent to care for patients.
Chicago, IL

ConTextos
$150,000
*Second installment of $450,000 three-year grant for Authors Circles at Cook County Department of Corrections*
ConTextos works in the realm of criminal justice reform through its Authors Circle program in Cook County jail with detainees awaiting trial for violent offenses in maximum security Division 10. They have also expanded into schools and community-based organizations, working with youth and adults engaged in workforce development, re-entry, alternative-sentencing and other initiatives.
Chicago, IL

Cradles to Crayons, Inc.
$100,000
*First installment of $300,000 three-year grant for Everyday Essentials*
Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless and low-income situations, with the essentials they need to thrive. They collect new and gently used children’s items like clothing, shoes, books, and more from community members.
Chicago, IL
**Curt’s Cafe**
$35,000  
*Employment Training for Young Adults*

The mission of Curt’s Café (Cultivating Unique Restaurant Training) is to improve outcomes for young adults living in at-risk situations through work and life skills training. Curt’s links job development with restorative justice, espousing a philosophy that employment and social inclusion is the most effective economic development strategy.  
Evanston, IL

**Disruption Network Lab (NEO Philanthropy)**
$10,500  
*Challenge installment of $52,500 grant for The Art of Exposing Injustice Conference Series*

Disruption Network Lab aims to bring into dialogue experts that unfold inner structures of political, economical and technological systems, therefore promoting an in-depth understanding of digital culture in everyday life and society. They invite people that analyze these systems from within, often at a high personal risk, offering public concrete advice that go beyond theoretical speculation.  
Berlin, Germany

**Embarc Chicago**
$125,000  
*Second installment of $425,000 three-year grant for Doubling Program Impact at Chicago Tech Academy High School*

$50,000 Challenge for Annual Gala  
Embarc is a three-year program that provides community-driven, experienced-based learning opportunities to low-income high school students to inspire and prepare them for college and career success. Their unique approach to encouraging leadership and success is facilitated by social and cultural experiences through in-depth field trips called “journeys”.  
Chicago, IL

**Equality Illinois**
$10,000  
*Fahrenheit Chicago Convening*

Equality Illinois was founded by Chicago LGBTQ activists in 1991. "Fahrenheit Chicago" is an expansive community convening for African-American LGBTQ people on Chicago’s South Side created in response to the historic oppression of the Black LGBTQ community, in terms of health disparities, civic engagement, and political representation.  
Chicago, IL
Facing Forward to End Homelessness
$50,000
*Outright installment of $75,000 grant for Permanent Supportive Housing and Case Management*
Facing Forward to End Homelessness provides safe, permanent housing and case management services focused on mental and physical health, life skills, education, and employment to people experiencing homelessness in Chicago.
Chicago, IL

Family Matters
$5,000
*Challenge installment of a $25,000 grant for Youth Development Programs*
Family Matters partners with youth and families in northeast Chicago to address and overcome structural racism and systemic oppression. Youth Development Programs offer project-based experiential learning, which includes individualized attention for diverse learners, and ongoing social and emotional learning support.
Chicago, IL

Free Write Arts & Literacy
$100,000
*General Operating Support*
Free Write Arts & Literacy engages incarcerated and court-involved youth in the performing, visual, and literary arts so that they become the narrators of their own stories and the authors of their futures.
Chicago, IL

Good Jobs First
$125,000
*Violation Tracker Expansion*
Good Jobs First is a national policy resource center for grassroots groups and public officials, promoting corporate and government accountability in economic development and smart growth for working families. Violation Tracker is the first comprehensive online search engine about government efforts to thwart corporate misbehavior. This grant supported expansion of the tracker to include Employment Discrimination Class Action Litigation.
Washington, D.C.
The Grassroot Project
$40,000
*Third installment of $120,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Grassroot Project addresses the urgent need for health education by partnering college athletes with middle schools to provide innovative, evidence-based programming for low-income teens. They provide eight-week sexual health education programs for youth attending middle schools across Washington, D.C.

Washington, D.C.

Hack Club
$50,000
*Challenge grant for General Operating Support*
Hack Club’s unique “for the students, by the students” model empowers youth to lead and run after-school coding clubs as a solution to the lack of support for computer science programs nationally. Hack Club wants to ensure that any student, no matter their gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status or geography, can be equipped as the next generation of world leaders to combine creativity and technical skills to help shape our future.

San Francisco, CA

A Home Within
$25,000
*Final challenge installment on a $50,000 grant for General Operating Support*
A Home Within is the only national organization dedicated solely to meeting the emotional needs of foster youth. Therapists provide weekly counseling sessions—on a pro bono basis—to foster youth and remain with that foster youth "for as long as it takes."

San Francisco, CA

The Honeycomb Project
$60,000
*Final installment of $180,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Honeycomb Project hosts a variety of volunteer projects each week to create fun and meaningful family-centric volunteer experiences. They bring families together to develop a deeper understanding of Chicago’s challenges and build stronger communities for all Chicagoans.

Chicago, IL
The Huddle (FJC)
$100,000  
*Third installment of $300,000 three-year grant for Capacity Building*

The Huddle engages, supports and empowers young people to build on their strengths and to participate in the community through a range of initiatives in sport and recreation, education and careers, digital skills and civic participation. Melbourne, Australia

Impact Behavioral Health Partners
$20,000  
*Program Nurse*

The mission of Impact Behavioral Health Partners is to develop and champion opportunities for people with serious mental illness by providing comprehensive services in housing, employment, and clinical support so that each person can live as independently as possible.  
Evanston, IL

JOURNEYS The Road Home
$10,000  
*HOPE Day Center and Emergency Shelter*

JOURNEYS individually assesses and serves people experiencing homelessness, while broadening community awareness and involvement. The organization seeks justice and dignity for vulnerable individuals and families who need a place to call Home.  
Palatine, IL

Juvenile Protective Association
$140,000  
*First outright installment of $510,000 three-year grant for Connect to Kindergarten Program*

Juvenile Protective Association improves the social and emotional well-being and functioning of vulnerable children so they can fulfill their potential at home, in school, and community. The Connect to Kindergarten program serves four PreK/elementary schools and two community centers in Altgeld Gardens-Riverdale.  
Chicago, IL
**Kids In Danger**

$30,000
General Operating Support
Kids In Danger has worked tenaciously for 20 years to effect change in the children’s product sector. After advocating successfully for US Consumer Product Surveillance Commission adoption of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act in 2008, KID remains on the front lines.
Chicago, IL

**La Casa Norte**

$100,000
*Final installment of $300,000 three-year grant for Casa Corazon, Solid Ground and Palante Programs*
La Casa Norte follows a housing-first model and offers a continuum of housing resources and opportunities to youth and families who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness throughout 43 different zip codes in Chicago. Programs include life-skills and technology training, education support, employment-readiness, case management, therapy, food, clothing, and transportation assistance.
Chicago, IL

**Lawrence Hall**

$125,000
*First outright installment of $400,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
Lawrence Hall is a statewide leader in highly-effective, evidence-based, and innovative therapeutic treatment for abused and neglected youth and their families throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.
Chicago, IL

**Legal Council for Health Justice**

$10,000
*Communities of Color Outreach Program*
Legal Council for Health Justice provides free, expert legal assistance to low-income, vulnerable people who have nowhere else to turn for help. The Communities of Color Outreach Project, a collaboration with Howard Brown Health, works to eliminate health disparities and trauma caused by HIV/AIDS and its intersection with the legal system.
Chicago, IL
Lincoln Park Community Services
$100,000
First-year installment of $450,000 grant for the Interim Housing Community
The Interim Housing Community within Lincoln Park Community Services provides 24-hour security and a safe living space to clients each night year-round. Through this program, clients are provided three meals each day and access to storage space, showers, laundry facilities, medical screenings, and referrals.
Chicago, IL

Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church
$50,000
General Operating Support
Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church is a small but powerful progressive church in the heart of Lincoln Park that has been on the cutting edge of social justice issues for decades. LPPC is queer-led, dog-friendly, and tireless in their work for justice and inclusion for all.
Chicago, IL

Erin McGoff (Independent Filmmaker Project)
$42,400
This Little Land of Mines (A Documentary About Laos)
The Little Land of Mines is a sobering exposé about the largest bombing campaign in history: The United States CIA secret bombings of Laos. The film will serve both to acknowledge and draw attention to Laotians and educate American audiences about something their government swept under the rug for 50 years.
New York, NY

The Montessori School of Englewood
$75,000
Hands-on STEM Learning
The Montessori School of Englewood serves the needs of its vulnerable student population through a child-centered academic program that infuses culturally responsive curriculum and trauma-informed classroom management strategies.
Chicago, IL

Mujeres Latinas en Acción
$80,000
First installment of $160,000 two-year grant for Latina Voices Calling for Change and a Complete Latina Count in Census 2020 Programs
Mujeres Latinas en Acción empowers Latina women to live free of violence, and ensures they have access to the resources and skills they need to enrich their lives and become leaders for their families and communities.
Chicago, IL
The Night Ministry
$1,674.96
*Winter Weather Items for Participants of The Crib Shelter*
The Crib provides young adults ages 18 through 24 with safe and supportive overnight emergency shelter, as well as life and leadership development skills.
Chicago, IL

No Cop Academy (March 13 Fund)
$20,000
*Documentation of #NoCopAcademy Campaign*
By giving young people a space to actualize their power in calling out injustice and promoting solutions, No Cop Academy has become an important container for youth organizing. Funding will support 3 youth-driven documentation efforts this winter (through February 2020) to reflect on the successes and lessons learned and plant seeds for future work.
Chicago, IL

North Lawndale Employment Network
$60,000
*U-Turn Permitted Program*
The U-Turn Permitted program is a 4-week, full-time job readiness program for anyone with a felony conviction who is free of illegal drug use and committed to change. Training is focused on acquiring a job and adjusting to work.
Chicago, IL

North Memorial Health Foundation
$55,000
*First installment of $110,000 two-year grant for the Food Insecurity Program*
This North Memorial Health Care Foundation project began as a grassroots solution to food insecurity, an urgent need identified by North Memorial’s Community Paramedic team. Emergency responders identify and address social determinants that are affecting the health for patients.
Minneapolis, MN

North Side Housing & Supportive Services
$100,000
*Final installment of $400,000 three-year grant to Uptown Men’s Shelter*
North Side Housing and Supportive Services is a comprehensive human services agency dedicated to ending and preventing homelessness. The Uptown Men’s Shelter provides life-saving housing and supports clients in the quest for permanent housing.
Chicago, IL
One Million Degrees
$100,000
First installment of $300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
One Million Degrees is dedicated to accelerating community college students’ progress on career pathways to economic mobility. The program is a wraparound support model that provides academic, personal, professional, and financial supports to hundreds of students.
Chicago, IL

Oxford City Farm (NEO Philanthropy)
$25,200
Second installment of $78,120 three-year grant for the Growing Together Outreach Project
Oxford City Farm’s mission is to promote environmental awareness, community cohesion and well-being by offering learning and practical opportunities for people to interact with the land, farming and animals.
Oxford, United Kingdom

Peace Films
$25,000
Church and State film
"Church and State: the Israel Experiment" show the cost of Israel’s occupation of Palestine. It will illustrate the lives and viewpoints of both Jews and Arabs—and allow the audience to come to its own conclusions.
Washington, D.C.

Preservation Chicago
$25,000
Second installment of $75,000 three-year grant for Community Outreach Staff and Programming
Preservation Chicago protects and revitalizes Chicago’s irreplaceable architecture, neighborhoods and urban green spaces. They influence stakeholders toward creative reuse and preservation through advocacy, outreach, education, and partnership. Preservation Chicago is committed to strengthening the vibrancy of Chicago’s economy and quality of life by championing the historic built environment.
Chicago, IL
**Project Return**
$75,000
Second installment of $300,000 three-year grant for Circles of Support, Independent Living Programs, & Board Development
Project RETURN (Returning Ex-offenders To Urban Realities and Neighborhoods), is an interfaith ministry that exists to help individuals who have experienced incarceration make a positive and permanent return to community, family, and friends. Circles of Support is a monthly support group made up of formerly incarcerated individuals, a trained circle keeper and community volunteers. The Independent Living Program equips participants with life skills to become stable and productive community members.
Milwaukee, WI

**Protect Our Parks**
$200,000
*Legal Fees associated with The Chicago Park District and The Obama Center*
Protect Our Parks continues with its prosecution of its lawsuit in district court to enjoin the transfer of public park land in the unique and world famous Jackson Park. POP is fighting against the private benefit and use of the non-governmental Obama Foundation to construct an Obama Center (for $10 and 99 years), consisting of a 235 foot, twenty story high, Obama Tower in the pristine park—which will not be an official NARA administered Presidential Library as originally promoted.
Chicago, IL

**Reading Between the Lines**
$70,000
*Second installment of $210,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
Reading Between the Lines uses discussion of literature to build critical thinking and communication skills with the formerly incarcerated. The program's approach to re-entry is unique: by “unpacking” short, powerful texts, they help participants to think, listen, discover their voices, value difference and communicate with impact.
Chicago, IL
Roses in Concrete Community School
$250,000
Second installment of $1,000,000 three-year grant for the Expansion of the Roses in Concrete Community School
Roses in Concrete is founded on the belief that schools should emphasize knowledge of self, character, and intellectual growth to prepare students to fundamentally impact the global society while learning to live, learn, work and thrive in their own communities. The school’s principal goal is to develop youth committed to lives characterized by self-discipline, integrity, love and hope in the pursuit of justice and equity for all communities.
Oakland, CA

Rotary Club Denver Tech Center Foundation
$6,800
Fifth installment of $34,000 five-year grant for a literacy program in Samuels Elementary School
Rotary is a global network of 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.
Denver, CO

Sarah’s Circle
$100,000
First installment of $200,000 two-year grant for the Art Therapy Program
Sarah’s Circle is a non-profit organization with a mission of serving women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. The grant expands the art therapy program to introduce new expressive arts such as music, dance/movement, and drama therapy.
Chicago, IL

The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
$100,000
First installment of $300,000 three-year grant for the Decarceration and Family Justice Project
The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law provides national leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty. The focus of the grant is the school to prison pipeline, child welfare reform, electronic monitoring reform, disparate ticketing practices, re-classification of simple drug possession and housing rights for people with criminal records.
Chicago, IL
**Southside Center of Hope**
$7,500
*Art Therapy Program*
Southside Center of Hope creates a safe, healing community where women and their children recover from substance abuse, trauma, and mental illness. The Art Therapy program is an ongoing part of the agency’s holistic recovery program where residents engage in weekly interactive group art therapy experiences.
Chicago, IL

**St. Leonard’s Ministries**
$50,000
*Grace House, Transitional Housing Program for Formerly Incarcerated Women*
St. Leonard’s Ministries empowers formerly incarcerated men and women to lead whole and productive lives as they try to achieve successful reentry. Grace House currently houses 30-45 women annually, providing each woman with supportive services to help her achieve her mental health, physical health, sobriety, life skills, education, employment, and housing goals.
Chicago, IL

**Starfish Family Services**
$50,000
*Fatherhood and Trauma Care Program*
Starfish Family Services serves children and families with a strong focus on children prenatal through age five. Families experience one-stop care that includes prenatal support, home visits, parental education and access to mental health services.
Inkster, MI

**Storycatchers Theatre**
$75,000
*First installment of $150,000 two-year grant for Changing Voices*
Storycatchers Theatre is a youth development arts organization that prepares young people to make thoughtful life choices through the process of writing, producing, and performing original musical theatre inspired by personal stories. Changing Voices is an employment program for young people ages 17 to 24 who have been recently released from detention or incarceration, are on probation, or are enrolled in diversion programs.
Chicago, IL
Terralingua
$80,000
*Langscape Magazine Marketing and Communications*
Terralingua’s mission is to promote understanding and appreciation of the vital value of the world’s biocultural diversity for the thriving of all life on earth. This grant will allow Landscape to expand its readership through communications and marketing strategies that will increase their visibility beyond the specialized niche: academics, professionals, policy makers, and advocates.
British Columbia, Canada

The Trust for Public Land
$25,000
*Walk with Light on the 606*
The Trust for Public Land creates parks and protects land for people, leading a national movement to put a park or natural area within a 10-minute walk of every home in every American city. In cultures worldwide, people combat the dark and cold of winter with gatherings that celebrate warmth, light and community. The purpose of The Walk with Light is to promote community building efforts, helping people to feel more connected to both friends and strangers.
Chicago, IL

Youth Guidance
$300,000
*Second installment of $900,000 three-year grant for Working On Womanhood*
Youth Guidance creates and implements school-based programs that enable youth to overcome obstacles, focus on their education and, ultimately, succeed in school and in life. Working On Womanhood is a multifaceted, school-year long group counseling and clinical mentoring program which works to improve social-emotional competencies for girls in 7th-12th grade exposed to traumatic stressors in under-resourced communities.
Chicago, IL