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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2020 Social Justice Grantees

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project (NEO Philanthropy)
$42,000
*Active HEARTs (Healthy Empowered And Resilient Teens) Project*
Active HEARTs is a project to improve the social and emotional well-being outcomes for adolescents disadvantaged by adverse social circumstances, presenting self-detrimental risky behaviour and disengaged from education/training.
Abingdon, UK

Assata’s Daughters
$5,350
*Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*
Assata’s Daughters is a Black woman-led, young person-directed organization rooted in the Black Radical Tradition. They organize young Black people in Chicago by providing them with political education, leadership development, mentorship, and revolutionary services.
Chicago, IL

Awake Berwyn
$15,000
*Berwyn COVID-19 Relief Support for Families*
Awake is a volunteer-led 501c3 in Berwyn, IL whose mission is to be a catalyst for good relationships, leadership, and justice. Awake’s model combines educational programs with leadership development and community organizing. Current projects are continued educational programming, COVID-19 aid, and census outreach.
Berwyn, IL
**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.  
Chicago, IL

**The Boulevard of Chicago**

$15,000  
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

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**

$120,000  
*COVID-19 Emergency Relief - Food and Rental Assistance*

The Emergency Response Fund will support over 166 very low income/no income families who are ineligible for the federal or state benefits. This program will focus primarily on food insecurity by providing cash cards to a local grocery chain. For clients who are receiving LINK benefits, but have no other income due to the COVID-19 crisis, funds will be converted to rental assistance.  

$191,795  
*Fourth 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
$10,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

$15,000
*First challenge 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 Freedom School
$5,000
*Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

Chicago Freedom School provides a space where young people and adult allies can study the work of past movements, deepen their understanding of current social problems, build new coalitions and develop strategies for change.

Chicago, IL

Chicago HOPES for Kids
$60,000
*Second Outright installment of a $90,000 two-year grant for General Operating 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

CommunityHealth
$100,000
*Outright and first challenge installment of $125,000 grant for 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

*Final installment of $450,000 three-year grant for Authors Circles at Cook County Department of Corrections*

$50,000

*First outright installment of a $100,000 grant two-year grant for Director of Development position*

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.**

$104,000

*Second installment of $304,000 three-year grant for Everyday Essentials*

$10,000

*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

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

**Denver Inner City Parish**

$60,000

*COVID-19 Food Acquisition*

DICP provides barrier-free distribution of 420 pre-packaged food boxes each week, including home deliveries to older adults, individuals who are self-quarantining, and those without access to transportation. These boxes will feed 20,160 individuals over the next three months.

Denver, CO

**Disruption Network Lab (NEO Philanthropy)**

$78,750

*Tactics of Empowerment Program*

Disruption Network Lab aims to bring into dialogue experts that unfold 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, DE
Donnington Doorstep (NEO Philanthropy)
$41,475
First outright installment of $84,263 two-year grant for the Donnington Doorstep Youth Project
Donnington Doorstep is an independent charity set up by local parents on the Donnington Estate in East Oxford in 1984. The Youth Project consists of open access youth sessions, providing a safe, secure, local environment to spend time and it allows the building of relationships and trust between their team, the young people, and their families.
Oxford, UK

Embarc Chicago
$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

En Las Tablas Performing Arts
$16,892
Learning New Skills as Part of Growing and Serving our Community Program
En Las Tablas Performing Arts provides an open, safe and affirming space where participants can explore artistic expression through performing arts experiences that are geared to educate, celebrate and connect participants with one another, their culture and rich artistic history.
Chicago, IL

Franciscan Outreach
$25,000
COVID-19 Emergency Grant for Shelter Operations
Franciscan Outreach is a leading provider of homeless services in Chicago. They operate as a system of support for men and women who are marginalized and homeless. They empower people to gain the stability they need to transition into permanent housing.
Chicago, IL
Fraternite Notre Dame
$15,000
Purchase of a New Passenger Van
A group of French nuns run a weekly food pantry and serve a daily lunch to hundreds of Chicago’s most underserved residents. Each week, they pick up a group of children in a 15-passenger van after school and take them to the church for activities and snacks.
Chicago, IL

Fugees Family
$40,000
General Operating Support
The nation’s only accredited independent school serving refugee students in communities with high concentrations of refugees. They work with child survivors of war and empower refugees to integrate successfully into their new country by providing them the support and structure they need to realize their vast potential.
Columbus, OH

Illinois Prison Project (Restore Justice Foundation)
$50,000
First installment of $100,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support
The Illinois Prison Project advocates for people who are needlessly incarcerated in Illinois’ prisons. Through campaigns that combine direct representation, systemic advocacy, and public education, IPP advocates for both immediate relief for hundreds of incarcerated clients and for long-term systemic change.
Chicago, IL

Impact Behavioral Health Partners
$65,000
Housing Stability Specialist Pilot
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

Juvenile Protective Association
$140,000
Second 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. The Connect to Kindergarten program serves four PreK/elementary schools and two community centers in Altgeld Gardens-Riverdale.
Chicago, IL
Kids In Danger
$10,000
*Challenge grant for 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

Kovno Communications
$20,500
*Outright and First Challenge Installment of $25,000 grant for Waging Change Film*

The film reveals that the tipped minimum wage in many states is $2.13 per hour; that 7 states have eliminated the tipped minimum wage entirely; and that Illinois is one of the states between $2.13 and full minimum wage. The film seeks to educate consumers and voters about a situation that is not well known and to engage them in supporting efforts requiring workers receive One Fair Wage.

Berkeley, CA

Lawrence Hall
$200,000
*Second outright and first two challenge installments 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
$50,000
*First installment of $150,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*

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
Second-year installment of $300,000 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

Loyola University Chicago
$175,000
First installment of $350,000 two-year grant for Arrupe College Scholarship and Technology Support for Students in Financial Need
Arrupe College is a two-year college of Loyola University of Chicago that uses an innovative high-touch educational model that provides an affordable and rigorous liberal arts education to a diverse population with various socioeconomic barriers. Arrupe’s mission is to take care of the whole person, which is evident in their promise of continued engagement with graduates.
Chicago, IL

New Mt. Calvary MB Church of Chicago
$10,000
Youth Safe Haven & Summer Program
The New Mt. Calvary Church & Youth Ministry was created to help families and to develop and nurture the youth of Englewood. Their focus is on feeding families through a weekly food pantry and providing a safe haven for youth through a summer camp.
Chicago, IL

North Side Housing & Supportive Services
$10,000
COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support

$100,000
Outright installment of $120,000 grant for The Michael Segoviano Emergency 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
Options for Youth
$25,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

$50,000
*First outright installment of $150,000 two-year grant for Breaking the Cycle Program and General Operating Support*
Options for Youth breaks the cycle of poverty by expanding opportunities for vulnerable adolescents in Chicago through community-based programs that build upon the strengths and maximize the potential of each young person.
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, UK

Project Return
$35,000
*Second challenge 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 and the Independent Living Program equips participants with life skills to become stable and productive community members.
Milwaukee, WI

Protect Our Parks
$74,126
*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 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
Roses in Concrete Community School
$200,000
Challenge installments 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
$7,200
First outright installment of a $21,600 three-year grant for Literacy Program
The Denver Tech Center Rotary Club's primary community service project is literacy. With this grant, the DTCR will provide scholastic books to a full grade of underserved elementary school children at Samuels Elementary.
Denver, CO

Saint Sabina
$25,000 COVID-19 Emergency Grant for Food Pantry Operations
The Faith Community of Saint Sabina is providing food and hygiene products to help alleviate the burden of those experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.
Chicago, IL

Sarah's Circle
$100,000
Second installment of $200,000 two-year grant for the Art Therapy Program
Sarah's Circle is an 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, and drama therapy.
Chicago, IL

The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
$100,000
Second installment of $300,000 three-year grant for the Decarceration and Family Justice Project
The center 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
St. Leonard’s Ministries
$50,000
*Grace House*
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

Storycatchers Theatre
$75,000
*Final 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

TPA Network
$20,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*
Test Positive Aware Network (TPAN) is a community-based organization in Chicago that provides free services that address co-occurring conditions faced by HIV-positive and vulnerable individuals—HIV stigma, mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, unemployment, extreme poverty and inadequate access to healthcare.
Chicago, IL

Transition by Design (NEO Philanthropy)
$41,200
*Final installment of $123,600 three-year grant for Homemaker Oxford Program*

$54,600
*The Move On Challenge*
Homemaker Oxford is a solutions-focused action research project which aims to address two systemic issues facing the UK: rising homelessness, specifically amongst migrants and individuals without access to public funds; and excess numbers of empty and under-used property.
Oxford, UK
Youth Guidance
$300,000
*Final 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