



MacArthur Foundation

2015 MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions

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These annual awards recognize exceptional Foundation grantees and help ensure their sustainability. They continue MacArthur's tradition of encouraging creativity and building effective institutions to help address some of the world's most challenging problems.

Each year MacArthur makes grants to exceptional organizations that are key contributors to fields that are core to the Foundation's work. These organizations conduct important work, generate provocative ideas, reframe the debate, or provide new ways of looking at persistent problems. The Foundation makes a significant investment in these promising organizations so as to advance progress on some of society's most important problems, and also to help position these organizations for long-term growth and impact.

These grants are made to existing MacArthur grantees that are key to their fields and to the Foundation's goals for those fields, exhibit strong leadership and governance, have demonstrated impact

that is likely to continue into the future, and are ready to implement a plan for expansion or sustainability—not just of the programs but of the organization itself. The Foundation does not seek or accept external nominations for this award. Recipients are awarded one-time institution-building grants of between \$350,000 and \$1 million, depending on their budget size.

Institutional grants are different from two other types of grants commonly awarded by the Foundation: general operating grants, which support all of the program activities of an organization during a specific period of time, and project grants, which support specific programmatic activities. Unlike these types of grants, institutional grants are one-time infusions of capital intended to strengthen

an organization's operating and programmatic foundation so that it can continue its work well into the future.

Grantees use at least 80% of the award for a purpose that will provide the organization with ongoing stability or resources for growth, such as an endowment, an operating reserve, or a venture fund which can provide seed funding for new projects. Organizations can also use these funds for real estate to house office or program space in order to reduce recurring costs and improve or expand their programs. Organizations can use up to 20% of the grant for strategic planning, investments in technological infrastructure, training, or strengthening an internal function like development or communications.



2015 RECIPIENTS

ASISTENCIA LEGAL POR LOS DERECHOS HUMANOS

Mexico City, Mexico

Protecting the rights of vulnerable people amidst justice reform in Mexico

As Mexico implements sweeping reform of its criminal justice system, Asistencia Legal por los Derechos Humanos (ASILEGAL) is defending and promoting the rights of vulnerable people throughout the country.

Through field research and careful documentation, strategic litigation, and partnerships with justice agencies and other local and international organizations, ASILEGAL reveals human rights violations across the justice system—such as excessive pre-trial incarceration—and works to address them. Its extensive data collection and documentation have been essential in revealing systemic due process violations against vulnerable people, including indigenous groups, women, and the LGBT community.

ASILEGAL's strategic litigation efforts have achieved justice for many treated unfairly by Mexico's legal system. From 2011 to 2014, ASILEGAL's work resulted in the release of seven indigenous individuals who had been incarcerated without trial for several years and whose cases involved due process violations,

such as fabrication of evidence and legal misrepresentation.

ASILEGAL is one of the few human rights organizations in Mexico to focus its efforts on women's issues in the justice system. It collaborates with a wide range of local organizations and independent lawyers to provide support and representation to women who are victims or are accused of crimes, and to advocate for improvements in the treatment and legal representation of women who have been incarcerated.

As Mexico proceeds through this critical period of reform, ASILEGAL is working to ensure that the developing judicial system maintains human rights as a core underpinning and priority. Key to this effort is robust training for the country's next generation of justice practitioners. ASILEGAL has become well known for the training it provides to lawyers, judges, court staff, and other system practitioners about human rights protections in the criminal justice system. The federal government has formally requested that ASILEGAL become a partner in training justice system operators as part of the country's reform effort.

ASILEGAL will use its \$350,000 MacArthur Award to purchase a permanent office, thus reducing its operating costs over the long term and increasing its ability to expand its programs.

FIRELIGHT MEDIA

New York, NY

Supporting diverse documentary filmmakers to tell untold stories

Firelight Media is a talent incubator and documentary accelerator for minority filmmakers with important stories to tell.

Firelight's signature program, the Producers' Lab, mentors and trains emerging filmmakers of color to successfully produce, finance, complete, and distribute their independent film projects.

Producers' Lab Fellows receive one-on-one, long-term, expert mentorship from Firelight founder and filmmaker Stanley Nelson and a team of award-winning producers, writers, editors, and other media professionals. Fellows also receive funding through the Next Step Media Fund and participate in professional development workshops. It has nurtured the careers of filmmakers of color who have gone on to complete multiple critically acclaimed documentary films on important social issues, including Jason DaSilva (*When I Walk*), Byron Hurt (*Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*), Soul Food Junkies), Cristina Ibarra (*Las Marthas*), Dawn Porter (*Gideon's Army*, *Spies of Mississippi*), and Yoruba Richen (*Promised Land*, *The New Black*).

The Producers' Lab has been widely recognized for its role in helping promising producers of color build careers and significantly diversifying PBS programming. Since its founding in 2009, the Lab has assisted more than 35 emerging





filmmakers, 16 of whom secured full funding for their first full-length projects and national broadcasts or theatrical releases of their films. Firelight is currently expanding the Producers' Lab to serve a greater number of filmmakers across the country.

Firelight has developed dynamic campaigns that maximize the reach and impact of films through partnerships with nonprofit organizations, educational and resource materials, and creative online and offline screening events. Firelight's engagement services have been utilized for many high-profile films, such as *Favela Rising*, *Hip-Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*, *The Interrupters*, *Freedom Riders*, and *Freedom Summer*.

Firelight will use its \$500,000 MacArthur Award to expand its reserves and establish an innovation fund so it can experiment with new digital storytelling platforms.

FOREST TRENDS

Washington, DC

Bringing the value of forests into the modern economy

Forests and other ecosystems help provide clean air, clean water, habitats for biodiversity, and a stable climate—services that have real economic value. Forest Trends works to develop market-based financial tools and approaches to forest conservation that use this economic value to encourage governments and businesses to preserve ecosystems. It has been able to track transactions totaling \$16 to \$18 billion per year and growing.

Forest Trends' message is simple: If we lose the forests, we lose the climate, and if we lose the climate, we lose the economy.

Serving as the connective tissue between the forestry, financial, and energy sectors, as well as government, environmental nonprofits, and indigenous communities, Forest Trends builds best practices, shapes local policy, and advances new conservation initiatives. Forest Trends developed new policies, initiatives, and institutions that bring environmental conservation into business and governmental decisions. It helped develop Peru's National Forest Strategy, has engaged the Chinese government on trade practices, worked with Ghana's private sector to improve agricultural production, and helped create the U.S. Office of Environmental Services.

Forest Trends focuses on the livelihoods of local communities by enabling indigenous people to participate in environmental markets and benefit from preserving the forests they live in and around. These include payment or compensation mechanisms to local communities to maintain watershed protections or forest cover under a carbon market agreement.

Forest Trends created the Katoomba Group, an international network of specialists working to build market capacity and payments for ecosystem services. It also pioneered a global standard of "no net loss" of biological diversity for development projects globally—the first global biodiversity offset standard of its kind to focus businesses, governments, financial institutions, and civil society on conservation. To build transparent information around these emerging markets, Forest Trends also launched the Ecosystem Marketplace, a global information platform that delivers credible and timely information about ecosystem values and market transactions, similar to how Bloomberg provides insight into the financial markets.

Forest Trends will use its \$1 million MacArthur Award to establish a reserve fund and support strategic planning, development, and communications.

FRAMEWORKS INSTITUTE

Washington, DC

Improving how we understand and talk about complex social issues

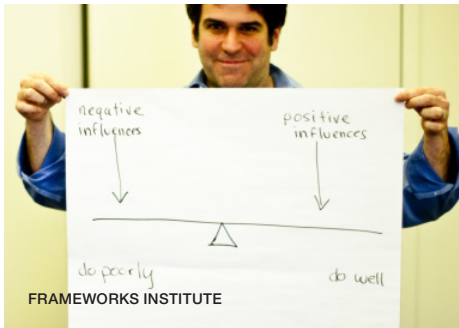
Despite myriad communication tools and an explosion of new media, Americans still fail to understand and engage with the important social issues of our time—a key ingredient to strong democracy.

The FrameWorks Institute identifies the most effective ways to talk about complicated social issues such as criminal justice, education, climate change, and immigration by developing a deep understanding of public attitudes and thinking. It does so through rigorous cognitive and social science research into how Americans view these challenges and what information might help ordinary people better understand and engage on critical issues.

FrameWorks has pioneered an approach to communications it calls Strategic Frame Analysis, which yields clear and actionable insights into how the framing of issues affects people's sense of efficacy, urgency, and appraisal of public solutions. The approach integrates the cross-disciplinary work of anthropologists, linguists, political scientists, and sociologists who research public attitudes through surveys, in-depth and "man on the street" interviews, media analysis, and expert study groups. From this deep and broad set of inputs, it produces communications and framing materials designed to help the public understand complicated issues through comprehensible metaphors and examples.

The Institute makes its research and messaging guidance publicly available for use by scientists, policy leaders, and advocates to help them involve the public in deliberative processes addressing critical issues.

Working with neuroscientists at the Center for the Developing Child at



Harvard University, the Institute developed the term “toxic stress” to describe the biological impacts on children of chronic exposure to adversity. Both the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Canadian Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians have issued policy statements on toxic stress. FrameWorks also developed the term “heat trapping blanket” to help the public understand the underlying mechanism by which greenhouse gases warm the planet and create climate change. This metaphor is now used by several nonprofits and the Environmental Protection Agency in explaining the science behind climate change.

The Institute will use its \$1 million MacArthur Award to establish a reserve fund, create an experimentation fund to develop new communications research methods, conduct strategic planning, and create new partnerships with universities to incorporate its methodology into academic curricula.

**HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER,
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
BERKELEY, SCHOOL OF LAW**

Berkeley, CA

Applying cutting-edge science and research to protect human rights globally

Through an approach that merges on-the-ground field work with rigorous academic research, the Human Rights Center investigates war crimes and other serious human rights violations to seek accountability for mass atrocities and support communities and individuals affected by conflict.

The Center’s work is grounded in empirical research and scientific rigor, using

DNA analysis and other innovative technologies to conduct human rights investigations around the world. To date, the Center has led investigations and research in more than a dozen countries, including Iraq, Rwanda, Uganda, and the former Yugoslavia.

The Center’s investigations and research have been used by the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia, and other organizations in the pursuit of justice for human rights violations. An investigation undertaken with Human Rights Watch during the Iraq war uncovered a mass grave containing the remains of hundreds of Kurdish victims, including many women and children, killed during Saddam Hussein’s campaign against the Kurds in the late 1980s. The investigation led to the identification of scores of Kurdish victims and yielded forensic evidence that supported the prosecution of Hussein.

The Center conducts research, population-based studies, and outreach to communities, victims, and civil society organizations to understand the needs of those affected by war and to ensure their voices are heard by policymakers and



government organizations. Its publications *My Neighbor, My Enemy* and *The Witnesses* synthesize a large-scale research project in Rwanda and the former Yugoslavia on how societies torn apart by war and mass atrocity can pursue justice and rebuild shattered communities. The publications have informed policies on the treatment of victims and witnesses in international tribunals.

The Center’s Sexual Violence Program applies empirical research methods to improve accountability for and the protection of survivors in post-conflict settings and other humanitarian contexts. It brings together academics, practitioners, and policymakers to promote evidence-based action toward ending wartime sexual violence. The Program’s Safe Haven study examined “safe shelter” options for refugees and internally displaced persons fleeing sexual violence in Kenya, Colombia, Haiti, and Thailand. Undertaken at the request of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the study’s findings are informing the development of global guidance on this protection challenge.

The Center will use its \$1 million MacArthur Award to establish an endowment and expand its Sexual Violence Program.

iCIVICS

Washington, DC

Reinvigorating civics education for a new generation of Americans

Civic education in America is scarce and uneven despite the need for an engaged citizenry. Cuts in funding, assessment, and graduation requirements related to civics education leave students uninformed about the basic rights and duties of citizenship.

iCivics is reinvigorating civics learning for a new generation of Americans through engaging online video games and classroom resources that encourage innovative thinking. Founded by former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor in response to the declining quality of civics education in U.S. schools, iCivics is re-imagining learning



through online role playing games that put students in the driver's seat, equipping them with agency to think through and make the difficult choices that democracy requires.

Games like *Do I Have a Right?* and *Executive Command* allow students to run their own law firm and advise about citizen rights, or be the president and learn about our representative democracy. Other games, like *Argument Wars* and *We the Jury*, develop skills related to argumentation and careful deliberation. iCivics also creates digital tools to help students develop the skills necessary to be an engaged citizen, including writing persuasive essays and reading foundational texts.

iCivics has partnered with education technology companies to develop new tools, services, and distribution models for disseminating their learning products. Most recently, iCivics collaborated with the MacArthur-supported Games Learning and Assessment Lab (GlassLab) at Electronic Arts to explore the use of its game data to provide real-time feedback to teachers about student performance. This new service will help teachers efficiently customize use of iCivics resources for each student's learning needs.

iCivics is the most widely adopted civics curriculum in the country. More than 60,000 educators—more than 40 percent of middle school social studies teachers—use iCivics resources, and they serve more than six million youth in classrooms and after-school programs in all 50 states and internationally. iCivics has published 20 educational video games and more than 120 lesson plans,

offering the most comprehensive, standards-aligned civics curriculum available freely on the Internet.

iCivics will use its \$750,000 MacArthur Award to establish a revolving venture fund to support innovation and financial sustainability, to strengthen fundraising capacity, and to equip a new Boston office.

JOHN HOWARD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Chicago, IL

Conducting independent oversight to ensure humane and fair treatment of the incarcerated in Illinois

As the sole independent watchdog over the state's correctional facilities, the John Howard Association of Illinois promotes an efficient justice system that ensures public safety while treating the incarcerated with dignity and helping them successfully reintegrate into society.



JOHN HOWARD ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS

Through objective monitoring and close collaboration with those working in and affected by the justice system, the Association provides visibility into typically closed institutions and educates the public and policymakers about the real consequences of criminal justice policies.

The Association regularly inspects all facilities in the Illinois adult and juvenile prison systems, monitors parole and reentry mechanisms, and communicates with more than 3,000 inmates and family members each year to provide assistance and track their experiences.

Through its research, policy recommendations, and collaborations with correctional facilities and state agencies, the Association has driven reform at the facility, agency, and state policy levels. Following a report from the Association exposing flaws in the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice's "Half-Way Back" program for parole violators, the agency abandoned the initiative and invested resources in more effective transitional programming. The Association's reporting prompted the Illinois General Assembly to hold public hearings on prison health-care, which led to an audit of the Department of Corrections' healthcare system.

Collaborating with a broad-based coalition opposing harsh mandatory-minimum sentences for illegal gun possession, the Association's advocacy led to the formation of the Illinois Joint

Committee on Criminal Justice Reform, which will explore more balanced and judicious use of incarceration in response to crime.

The Association will use its \$500,000 MacArthur Award to establish an innovation fund, as well as to enhance its communications, public outreach, and volunteer coordination capacities.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON MONEY IN STATE POLITICS

Helena, MT

Tracking campaign financing in all 50 states

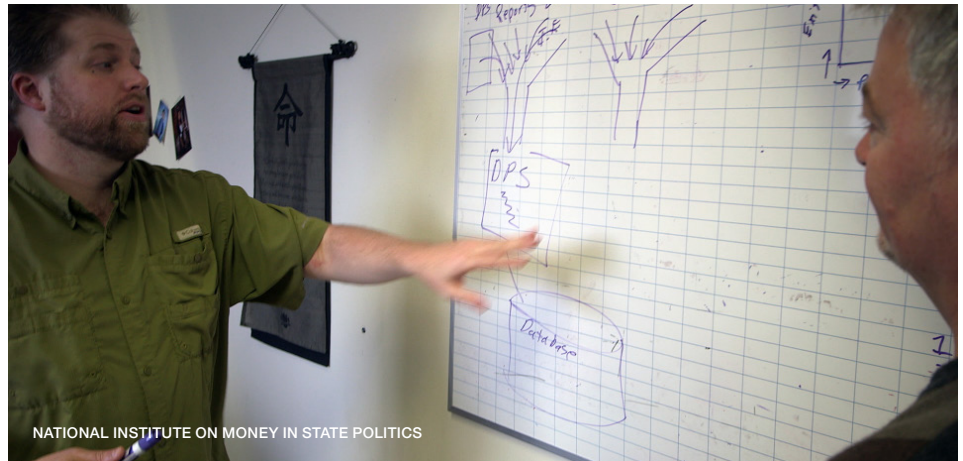
It is challenging to track campaign contributions across 50 states, each with its own reporting requirements, schedules, and methods for sharing the information.

The National Institute on Money in State Politics does that wrangling—collecting, analyzing, and publishing campaign finance data from more than 100,000 reports by more than 16,000 candidates in each of the 50 states. It uses the information to research trends in political giving, show how contributions drive public policy debates, and document how special interests fund candidates across state lines.

The Institute's database covers \$52 billion in political spending over several decades, and includes more than 51 million records filed by 30,000 filers in 1.9 million reports, enabling a level of analysis never before possible.

The Institute makes all of its data and publications freely available on its website, FollowTheMoney.org, the nation's only nonpartisan, verifiable archive of contributions to political campaigns in all 50 states. It is used by citizens, journalists, public officials, researchers, and students to monitor campaign contributions.

Scholars using the Institute's data link campaign finances to specific election outcomes, resulting in innovative policy proposals to temper money's role in elections and create more inclusive and



competitive elections. Legal experts are using the Institute's data in weighing the merits of regulating political speech against the First Amendment. Institute data has been cited in 11 U.S. Supreme Court amicus briefs, as well as by Chief Justice Roberts in his opinion for the majority in *McCutcheon v. FEC* that struck down individual political contribution limits in April 2014. Issue advocates use the Institute's resources to inform their work, such as countering efforts to further privatize prisons, relax payday lending regulation, reduce environmental regulation of coal companies, or extend tax breaks to gold-mining companies.

The Institute trained nearly 400 reporters to use its database in 2014; each day it provides data to journalists across the country who piece together how campaign donations affect elections and public policy. The data has been used in investigative reports by numerous media outlets.

The Institute will use its \$1 million MacArthur Award to increase its reserves and rebuild its technology infrastructure.

ROOSEVELT INSTITUTE | CAMPUS NETWORK

New York, NY

Galvanizing a new generation to participate in making public policy

Policymakers, academics, and civic leaders emphasize the need to engage youth in the policy process to address the country's seemingly intractable social



challenges. The first and largest student-run policy organization in the United States, the Roosevelt Institute Campus Network, enables that engagement.

The Network brings young people together with local leaders and elected officials to identify pressing social challenges in their communities, counties, and states, and to develop and propose policy solutions to address them. With more than 10,000 members located in over 120 chapters on college campuses across the country, the Network reaches diverse students with

curriculum, training, and leadership development programs designed to build the skills and relationships needed to bring about change in their own communities.

Their work has yielded significant impact. In Ithaca, New York, students designed and supported a Clean Air Act resolution to reduce greenhouse gas pollution. Students helped spearhead a Los Angeles Community College District amendment to mandate that community colleges accept food stamps on campuses, increasing access to healthy food for hundreds of students living below the poverty line. In New Haven, Connecticut, students collaborated with a local alderman to institute a Community Rating System that allowed residents in vulnerable neighborhoods to receive a discount on flood insurance premiums.

The Network has created several successful platforms to elevate and share its innovative ideas, including its 10 Ideas series, consisting of six journals focused on student-authored policy proposals in areas ranging from equal justice to education and health care. In Blueprint for Millennial America, Budget for Millennial America, and Government By and For Millennial America, the Network united the perspectives of more than 3,000 young people in a shared vision for the future of the country's economy and democracy. It also identified policy structures and reforms necessary to realize that vision.

The Network will use its \$750,000 MacArthur Award to create a cash reserve, modernize its data and communications infrastructure, and explore new approaches for engaging the nation's youth.

PAST RECIPIENTS

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Lagos, Nigeria
Defending the rule of law in Nigeria (2009)

ACTION HEALTH INCORPORATED

Lagos, Nigeria
Protecting the sexual and reproductive health of young Nigerians (2007)

ACTION RESEARCH & TRAINING FOR HEALTH

Rajasthan, India
Improving maternal, neonatal, and child health among India's marginalized (2010)

ALBERTINE RIFT CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Kampala, Uganda
Championing collaborative conservation in the heart of East Africa (2012)

AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY (POV)

Brooklyn, NY
Sparkling conversation and engagement beyond the screen (2013)

ARMS CONTROL ASSOCIATION

Washington, DC
A watchdog and advocate for preventing nuclear proliferation and nuclear terrorism (2010)

BAY AREA VIDEO COALITION

San Francisco, CA
An innovator in media and technology for the public good (2010)

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST

Chicago, IL
Transforming Chicago communities by combating urban poverty (2012)

CAMPAIGN LEGAL CENTER

Washington, DC
Using legal expertise to reduce the corrosive influence of money in politics (2014)

CARIBBEAN NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE (CANARI)

Laventille, Trinidad and Tobago
Creating partnerships for effective conservation (2009)

CARNEGIE MOSCOW CENTER

Moscow, Russian Federation
Producing impartial analysis of Russian politics and policy (2012)

CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT SOCIAL RESEARCH

St. Petersburg, Russian Federation
Building the field of social policy research in Russia (2009)

CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Berkeley, CA
Changing the world through investigative reporting (2012)

CENTER FOR NEIGHBORHOOD TECHNOLOGY

Chicago, IL
Pioneering practical innovation (2009)

CENTER FOR RESPONSIBLE LENDING

Durham, NC
Defending American consumers (2012)

CHICAGO COMMUNITY LOAN FUND

Chicago, IL
Providing capital to revitalize communities (2009)

CHICAGO REHAB NETWORK

Chicago, IL
Chicago's leading voice for affordable housing (2006)

CHILDREN AND FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Chicago, IL
Making the justice system fair for children and families (2013)

THE CITIZEN LAB

Toronto, Canada
Pioneering new ways to expose and reduce human rights abuses in cyberspace (2014)

CLEEN FOUNDATION

Lagos, Nigeria
Building trust between the police and the people in Nigeria through improved police accountability (2006)

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CORPORATION

Chicago, IL
Revitalizing rental housing through innovative financing (2012)

CONSERVATION STRATEGY FUND

Sebastopol, CA
Using economic principles to protect the environment (2012)

CRISIS ACTION

London, United Kingdom
Mobilizing coalitions in response to violent conflicts (2012)

FAMILY CARE INTERNATIONAL

New York, NY
Making pregnancy and childbirth safer (2013)

FUNDACION PARA LA SOBREVIVENCIA DEL PUEBLO COFÁN

Quito, Ecuador
Changing the world through investigative reporting (2013)

FUNDAR: CENTRO DE ANÁLISIS E INVESTIGACIÓN

Mexico City, Mexico
Applying independent research and analysis to improve public policy in Mexico (2006)

FURMAN CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE AND URBAN POLICY AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

New York, NY
Empowering indigenous women in Mexico (2012)

GIRLS' POWER INITIATIVE

Calabar, Cross River, Nigeria
Empowering Nigerian girls to reach their potential (2012)

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP NETWORK

Boston, MA
Collaboration and entrepreneurship to help house America (2013)

INDEPENDENT COUNCIL OF LEGAL EXPERTISE

Moscow, Russian Federation
Promoting the rule of law and international human rights standards in Russia (2006)

INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY AND DEMOCRACY

Mexico City, Mexico
Reforming police, strengthening democracy in Mexico (2007)

INSTITUTE OF LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY

Moscow, Russian Federation
Championing constitutional and legal reform in Russia (2007)

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW

Washington, DC
Ensuring safe legal space to strengthen civil society (2012)

INTERNATIONAL RIVERS

Berkeley, CA
Protecting rivers and the rights of communities (2013)

JUVENILE LAW CENTER

Philadelphia, PA
Building a fairer and more effective juvenile justice system (2008)

KARTEMQUIN FILMS

Chicago, IL
Filming documentaries, changing society (2007)

KAZAN HUMAN RIGHTS CENTER

Kazan, Russian Federation
Defending the rule of law in Russia (2008)

KNOWLEDGE ECOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

Washington, DC
Advancing the public interest in intellectual property policy (2006)

LEGAL DEFENCE AND ASSISTANCE PROJECT

Lagos, Nigeria
Reforming Nigeria's criminal justice system (2008)

MAHILA SEWA TRUST

Ahmedabad, India
Empowering women through self-sufficiency and social security (2009)

MOSCOW HELSINKI GROUP

Moscow, Russian Federation
Leading human rights advocacy in Russia (2012)

THE MOTH

New York, NY
Sharing humanity's stories one person at a time (2012)

NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN COMMUNITIES

Chicago, IL
The voice of Latin American and Caribbean immigrants across borders (2010)

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NATIONAL HOUSING CONFERENCE AND CENTER FOR HOUSING POLICY

Washington, DC
Reshaping the national housing policy agenda (2009)

NATIONAL HOUSING LAW PROJECT

Oakland, CA
Advocating housing justice for America's most vulnerable (2007)

NATIONAL HOUSING TRUST

Washington, DC
Preserving and improving affordable rental housing across America (2014)

NATIONAL JUVENILE DEFENDER CENTER

Washington, DC
Giving a voice to children by supporting juvenile defenders (2012)

NATURESERVE

Arlington, VA
Providing the science for effective conservation of our environment (2014)

NORTH LAWNDALE EMPLOYMENT NETWORK

Chicago, IL
Helping formerly incarcerated residents in one of Chicago's poorest neighborhoods build a better future (2006)

PERUVIAN SOCIETY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Lima, Peru
Sharing legal expertise to protect biodiversity in Peru (2006)

PROJECT MATCH

Chicago, IL
Supporting and encouraging self-sufficiency (2008)

PROPUBLICA

New York, NY
Investigative journalism with real impact (2014)

PUBLIC RADIO EXCHANGE

Cambridge, MA
Reinventing public media for a digital age (2008)

REALBENEFITS

Boston, MA
Providing software to human services organizations with extensive contact to low-income families (2006)

RED NACIONAL DE DERECHOS HUMANOS (RED TDT)

Mexico City, Mexico
Networking Mexico's human rights advocates for greater impact (2012)

REDRESS

London, United Kingdom
Seeking justice for survivors of torture and other serious human rights abuses (2010)

RESOURCES HIMALAYA FOUNDATION

Kathmandu, Nepal
Protecting biodiversity where earth meets sky (2007)

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF NATURE

Thimphu, Bhutan
Protecting Bhutan's rich biodiversity (2010)

SANGATH

Goa, India
Transforming community health and mental health programs (2008)

SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW

Chicago, IL
Fighting poverty through legal aid, advocacy, and education (2010)

SIN FRONTERAS

Colonia Roma, Delegación Cuauhtemoc, Mexico
Protecting Mexico's migrants and refugees (2013)

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS ACTION CENTER

Lagos, Nigeria
Protecting the social and economic rights of marginalized people in Nigeria (2010)

SOCIEDAD MEXICANA PRO DERECHOS DE LA MUJER

Mexico City, Mexico
Empowering indigenous women in Mexico (2010)

SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION, ACTION, AND RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY HEALTH

Gadchiroli, India
Tailoring community-based healthcare to address the unique challenges of India's rural poor (2006)

SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION WELFARE AND ACTION—RURAL

Jhagadia, India
Saving the lives of mothers and their babies in India (2007)

SOCIO LEGAL INFORMATION CENTRE

New Delhi, India
Ensuring legal rights for the marginalized in India (2013)

SOUTHWEST ORGANIZING PROJECT

Chicago, IL
Empowering neighbors to transform communities (2013)

THE STIMSON CENTER

Washington, DC
Applying analysis and outreach to address global security challenges (2013)

STORYCORPS

Brooklyn, NY
Preserving and sharing the stories of our lives (2013)

TANY MEVA FOUNDATION

Antananarivo, Madagascar
Balancing conservation and human needs on the "eighth continent" (2008)

TLACHINOLLAN, CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS DE LA MONTAÑA

Guerrero State, Mexico
Protecting the rights of the vulnerable in Mexico (2008)

TOBIN PROJECT

Cambridge, MA
Building a new model for policy-relevant research (2013)

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO CRIME LAB

Chicago, IL
Using evidence to reduce crime and violence (2014)

USHAHIDI

Nairobi, Kenya
Crowd sourced maps that advance human rights (2013)

URBAN-BROOKINGS TAX POLICY CENTER

Washington, DC
Analyzing how tax policy impacts people (2010)

W. HAYWOOD BURNS INSTITUTE

San Francisco, CA
A data-driven advocate for juvenile justice reform (2010)

WOMEN OF THE DON REGION

Novocherkassk, Russian Federation
Protecting human rights and advancing police reform (2009)

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT AND PROTECTION ALTERNATIVE

Abuja, Nigeria
Promoting and protecting the rights of Nigerian women (2014)

WOODSTOCK INSTITUTE

Chicago, IL
Increasing and protecting financial assets of low-income people and communities (2007)

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