2016 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Center for Faith and Justice - $2,000
The Center for Faith and Justice is an institute developed to engage faith communities and people of faith around narrative creation and strategic initiatives that dismantle urban gun violence and criminalization. CCHD will help fund a pilot program which provides youth with technical training in creative computing and problem-solving skills so they can see how technology can be used for social good, and understand the political implications of technology and how it impacts poor communities and communities of color.

Congregations Organizing for Renewal (COR) - $10,000
Founded in 1997, Congregations Organizing for Renewal is a faith-based, grassroots organization made up of congregations, neighborhoods, schools, and partnerships that represent 25,000 low and moderate-income families in Southern Alameda County. Money from CCHD will support several organizing campaigns including the Affordable Housing project in Fremont, rent stabilization in Union City and the Mass Incarceration Project in the Hayward community as well as COR’s organizational development.

St. Columba Church Health Cabinet - $5,000
For 16 years, St. Columba Health Cabinet’s mission has been to build awareness among low income individuals of healthy living—physically, mentally and spiritually, to provide ways to achieve holistic health through prevention strategies and become advocates for access to treatment. They provide health education and advocacy for low income seniors, youth and families. The CCHD grant will support their youth empowerment project which will provide leadership and organizing training to at risk young adults to become leaders for other youth in the parish and local community. These leaders will mentor youth to lead healthier lives and organize them to advocate for health justice.

Urban Peace Movement - $3,000
UPM builds youth leadership in Oakland and beyond to transform the culture and social conditions that perpetuate a cycle of violence and mass incarceration in low-income communities of color. CCHD funds will be used for the Peace In Action project which is a youth organizing and leadership program for high school-aged youth from neighborhoods directly impacted by violence. These youth are supported to work together to shift the culture in Oakland from hopelessness and despair to peace and unity at the same time they organize for policy change toward more safe and peaceful communities.

United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County (USOAC) - $5,000
USOAC is a grassroots organization, started in 1986, with a mission to provide institutional support for seniors so they can collectively participate in the public arena, act from a position of strength, address their critical issues, and change conditions that impact their lives. CCHD will provide funding for the Affordable Housing for Seniors initiative which will organize members to fight to increase the affordable housing inventory, resources for supportive services, and the need for more dedicated funding for senior housing.
Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay (VACCEB) - $5,000
Since 1988, VACCEB has provided culturally relevant social services support to Southeast Asians refugees and immigrants until they can more fully integrate socially and economically into American society. CCHD will fund a project that will train leaders to educate and organize the community to advocate for changes in public policy with the goals of educating small businesses and workers about their obligations and rights under labor law and mobilizing them to push for passage of AB 2025: Worker Rights Education in Barbering and Cosmetology Establishments.

Sustainable Economies Law Center (SELC) - $5,000
SELC, founded in 2009, provides legal education and training, advice and research, locally and nationally to individuals and groups wanting to start or maintain worker-owned cooperatives, food micro-enterprises, urban agriculture, community energy projects, and other innovative projects. Funds from CCHD will support an incubator to form cooperatives owned by low paid and often exploited immigrant Asian and Pacific Islander domestic workers.

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Gamaliel of California - $25,000
Part of the Gamaliel Network, which is an international organizing institute, GoC was formed by the four Gamaliel affiliates in Sonoma County, Oakland, Sacramento, and San Diego to provide them consultation, leadership training, staff development and strategic planning. GoC also brings together these four affiliates to work on statewide campaigns like transportation and voter registration. The CCHD grant will help fund GoC’s support services for its local organizations.

Oakland Community Land Trust - $75,000
The OakCLT stewards land and housing for the permanent benefit of low-income residents and families, including homeownership and asset building opportunities, resident-controlled cooperative housing, and land for healthy food production through urban agriculture and community-based gardening. CCHD funds will help with organizational development, including developing resident leaders, and with exploring new initiatives.

Parent Voices Oakland - $55,000
PVO, a low-income parent-run organization, was set up to ensure quality and affordable child care for those who need to work or attend school. Started in 1996, PVO trains parent leaders in organizing and collective action that has resulted in successful campaigns in Sacramento to preserve and expand child-care subsidies for low-income families. CCHD will fund a campaign to implement a centralized county-based eligibility wait list that will simplify and shorten the process of families obtaining subsidized child care.

Youth Spirit Artworks Technical Assistance Grant - $15,000
At YSA, a Berkeley-based nonprofit, they provide homeless and low-income youth jobs training in combination with experience in a profit making enterprise to empower and transform their lives. Youth create and sell products that range from mass produced tee-shirts to hand-painted grocery bags and earn income that helps lift themselves out of poverty. This TA grant is to explore the development of the enterprise into a separate incorporated business, and provide board training and capacity building.