2017 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT LOCAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Alameda Renters Coalition (ARC) -- $5,000
In response to the rising cost of housing, the displacement of neighbors, and retaliatory actions against tenants in Alameda, ARC was formed in 2014 to build an organization of leaders aligned to achieve strategic and sustained tenant protection goals such as just cause eviction and rent control protections. CCHD funds will be used to help hire an organizer, develop a 5 year strategic plan and continue with the work of organizing and training tenants.

BAY-Peace -- $5,000
BAY-Peace: Better Alternatives for Youth supports and empowers Bay Area youth to transform militarism and other forms of violence through youth organizing and artistic resistance. In its fourth year, their CCHD-funded Peace in Action program develops youth leaders of color in Oakland to transform violence in their lives, using workshops on racism and structural violence, into various forms of performing and visual art as well as advocacy for institutional change.

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) -- $5,000
CRIL has 37 years of experience providing vital community-based, disability-appropriate resources to persons with disabilities in southern and eastern Alameda County. In 2017-18 using CCHD monies, CRIL is beginning an Organizing Hayward High Schools project that will introduce special education students to the basic principles and methods of community organizing, empowering them to become advocates on issues affecting the disabled.

Monument Impact (MI) -- $5,000
Monument Impact’s mission is to engage the low-income Latino immigrant families, in Concord’s Monument Corridor, in training that promotes economic self-sufficiency, health and safety, and civic engagement. CCHD funding is for the Day Labor Leadership project which will provide leadership training to workers in their Day Labor Center to recruit day laborers so they can increase their job connections, skills and learn their rights.

Parishes in Action (PIA) -- $5,000
PIA is a collaborative of Catholic social agencies that was formed to animate Catholics to put their faith into action by serving the marginalized through social ministry. The CCHD-funded Parish Solidarity Initiative establishes parish teams and provides them leadership and organizing skills to engage fellow parishioners to become involved in at least two local and two global solidarity activities each year.

St. Columba Church Health Cabinet -- $5,000
Since 2000 the mission of St. Columba Health Cabinet has been to build awareness of healthy living, provide ways to achieve holistic health through prevention strategies, and become advocates for access to treatment. With the CCHD grant, the Youth Empowerment Project will provide leadership and organizing training to at-risk young adults to help them identify issues adversely affecting impoverished youth and to advocate for health justice.

St. Mary’s Center -- $5,000
St. Mary’s Center is a multi-service center for low-income seniors and runs an educational pre-school. CCHD is funding their Senior Advocates for Hope and Justice, a program where seniors are mentored and given opportunities to advocate for themselves and others with government officials on issues like homelessness, affordable housing, food security and government benefits.
Sustainable Economies Law Center (SELC) -- $5,000
As a leader in the Bay Area cooperative movement since 2009, SELC provides free legal advice and business development assistance to those creating worker cooperatives. By incubating worker cooperatives among low-wage domestic workers through their CCHD-funded Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Worker Cooperative Incubator, SELC hopes to address the poverty of recent immigrants from the Philippines who earn wages far below the poverty line.

United Seniors of Oakland and Alameda County (USOAC) -- $5,000
Since 1986, USOAC has provided support for seniors to collectively participate in the public arena, enabling them to change the conditions that impact their lives. CCHD is helping to fund a new Vision Zero policy that will help reduce the high incidence of pedestrian injuries in Oakland.

Urban Peace Movement (UPM) -- $5,000
UPM was founded in 2009 to build the leadership of low-income youth of color from Oakland and the East Bay and transform the culture and conditions that drive violence and mass incarceration in their communities. The CCHD-funded Urban Peace Youth Organizing Program provides training for high school-aged youth, supporting them in shifting the culture in Oakland from hopelessness and despair to peace and unity.

Vietnamese American Community Center of the East Bay (VACCEB)-- $5,000
VACCEB provides support to refugee and immigrant Southeast Asian communities, in a way that addresses their limited English proficiencies and adheres to their cultural sensibilities. Their CCHD-funded 2017 Leadership Development for Immigrant Advocacy project will develop more leaders to work on behalf of refugees and immigrants through real-life advocacy projects.

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Gamaliel of California – $25,000
Gamaliel of California is a statewide organization that provides staff and leadership development to its regional organizing projects and is the vehicle for these organizations to come together to address issues of members on a statewide and national basis. This CCHD grant will help fund GoC’s support services for its local affiliates.

Oakland Community Organizations (OCO) -- $35,000
OCO is a multi-faith, multi-issue organization that is in relationship with over 60 congregations, schools, and allies throughout Oakland. Its mission is to develop leaders who seek social, economic, and racial justice in disenfranchised communities. OCO will use CCHD funds to develop leaders who will organize to stop gun violence, end mass incarceration, build better police-community relations, improve jobs and housing, and promote educational equity and excellence for Oakland public school students.

Northern California Land Trust (NCLT) -- $50,000
NCLT is a community-based nonprofit using the Community Land Trust (CLT) model to create and steward permanently affordable homes for low-income households. This CCHD grant will fund components of the Community Co-Ownership Initiative where NCLT in partnership with the People of Color Sustainable Housing Network (POCSHN) will scale up its work assisting resident groups to acquire rental properties and convert them into resident-run cooperatives.