

INDIGENOUS ORGANIZERS ADVANCE JUSTICE AND SOVEREIGNTY

PDF has long been a partner with and an advocate for Indigenous Peoples. Board member Earl Tulley, a citizen of the Navajo Nation, first connected with PDF as a founding board member of Diné Citizens Against Ruining Our Environment. “PDF always lets communities speak for themselves, whether it’s in our local work, our cross-border work, or our international work,” says Tulley. “PDF supports ‘moccasins-on-the-ground’ organizations, with our role helping to propel them and give them a hand up, not a hand out.”

PDF provides grants, capacity-building, and fiscal sponsorship to organizations working on issues impacting Native communities, ranging from caretaking the environment, to addressing criminal justice system disparities, or language and land reclamation projects that build community resilience.

PDF’s work also happens at scale, like our **Building Action for Sustainable Environments Capacity Building Initiative (BASE)**, which hosted a nationwide grassroots multi-cultural coalition struggling against the federal nuclear weapons industry and the nuclear fuel cycle, and included BASE partners presenting at the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UN-PFII) in 2007 and 2009. To this day, PDF exercises our Consulting Status at the UN, supporting the UNPFII, attending Human Rights Council sessions, the Commission on the Status of Women and other meetings, opening doors for Indigenous representatives at the UN.

“Our role and advocacy at the UN supports the worldwide Indigenous movement, supporting the Nation to Nation sovereign status of the many recognized Indigenous Nations, and supporting the myriad of Indigenous Peoples around the world whom are not recognized at that level,” says PDF Executive Director, Paul Haible.

Grants for Cultural, Ceremonial, and Inherent Rights

Recent grant partners include the **Apache Language Consortium (ALC)** and the **Crow Language Consortium (CLC)**, whose work to preserve and strengthen Native languages is foundational to retaining culture and building organizing capacity in their communities. One ALC member said, “PDF’s generous support has enabled ALC’s work with the San Carlos Apache Tribe to continue throughout the shifting conditions of the pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted our elders. We have been able to create an online Arizona Apache Dictionary database, a vital living resource for generations to come.” A member of CLC added, “Thanks to PDF, CLC has been able to advance its mission of revitalizing the Crow language by creating new Crow speakers in the Crow community through our Crow Summer Institutes.”

Community Organizing Grants partners include **Whiteswan Environmental**, a Native-led organization advocating for the sovereignty and inherent rights of Nature and the Saltwater Salmon People of the Salish Sea, and **Red De Pueblos Transnacionales**, an NYC-based network of community groups formed and led by immigrants from Mexican rural and Indigenous communities.

Other grant partners include **Wicahpi Koyaka Tiospaye**, **International Traditional Games Society**, and **Native American Educational Technologies** in Wisconsin, which has participated in and documented Indigenous organizing and cultural work for over 40 years, ensuring that new generations of organizers will have access to the work, wisdom and struggles of their elders.

Honor the Earth, another PDF grant partner over the years, is one of the leading organizations in the ongoing fight to stop Enbridge Line 3 pipeline from crossing the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe.

Year after year, PDF also supports Indigenous-led organizations through **The Sustainability Project**, PDF’s three-year capacity-building program that offers fundraising, board development, and governance trainings.

Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment continues time-honored traditional sustainable environmental practices in Idaho and Washington, organizing tribal youth and adults for the protection, enhancement, and promotion of Mother Earth and the Nimiipuu culture. They said, regarding the impact of their participation in The Sustainability Project: “PDF helped us to develop a yearly fundraising plan and implement other fundraising strategies beyond foundation grants...and we have been able to greatly increase the number of donors who now support our efforts.”

Indigenous Sovereignty and #LandBack

Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) allow individuals to recommend grants to other organizations, with PDF offering supportive advice and ensuring tax and legal compliance. An anonymous donor recently opened a DAF at PDF to support Indigenous organizing and the growing #LandBack movement.

#LandBack is a national movement to restore Indigenous lands back into Indigenous hands, with philanthropists playing a critical financing role in that repatriation process.

PDF is stewarding these resources to organizations like **Nay’dini’aa Na’ Kayax’ (Chick-**



Courtesy of Apache Language Consortium



Courtesy of Nolumbeka Project



Courtesy of Crow Language Consortium



Courtesy of Whiteswan Environmental



Courtesy of International Traditional Games Society



Courtesy of Native American Educational Technologies



Courtesy of Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment

aloon Native Village), Intertribal Friendship House, and other grant partners.

PDF has made grants over the years to Chickaloon Native Village in Alaska, whose mission is to perpetuate their ancestors’ beliefs, customs, traditions, and values, to steward their territory and protect their environment, while building a robust functional Tribal community.

Chief Gary Harrison said recently, “PDF answered the call in the early 1990s to support the first tribal fish hatchery in Alaska. I’d like to thank PDF for not only helping us to this day to secure funding and combat challenges, but for networking. PDF has helped us to secure more foundation support and also connect us to other organizations facing similar challenges, so that we could support one another.”

PDF Executive Director Paul Haible said, “Chickaloon Village grew from a blue house trailer and roadside diner into a fully developed community with housing, a health clinic, a highway department, a nationally recognized K-12 school system, managed by a Traditional Tribal Council. In 2022, PDF made a two-year grant to help Chickaloon Village become a clean energy provider through wind and solar projects.”

The Babson Fund at PDF supports Indigenous-led organizations in Massachusetts, including the **Nolumbeka Project** and the **Wōpanāak Lan-**

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PEACE TALKS ONLINE

Honor the Movement, Invest in its Leaders – A Grassroots Funding Week Kickoff Event
Monday, April 25
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. ET

The Future is Now – PDF’s Youth-Led New Funding Circle
Thursday, June 9
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET

For more information on these online events go to www.peacedevelopmentfund.org

RECENT GRANTS

A ★ denotes a new grantee

- Arriba Las Vegas Worker Center, Las Vegas, NV
arribalasvegas.org
- Aztlan Cultura A.C., Colonia del Valle, Mexico
aztlancultura.com
- Brooklyn Movement Center, Brooklyn, NY
brooklynmovementcenter.org
- Camps in Common, Oakland, CA
featherrivercamp.com
- Centro Alternativo Rural El Limón, El Limón, Dominican Republic
- Changing Worlds, Chicago, IL
changingworlds.org
- Chickaloon Traditional Village Council, Chickaloon, AK
chickaloon-nsn.gov
- Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture, South Deerfield, MA
buylocalfood.org
- Confederación Nacional Campesina, Provincia La Vega, Dominican Republic
confenaca.org
- ★ Elnu Abenaki Incorporated, Brattleboro, VT
elnuabenakitribe.org
- Encampment for Citizenship, Aptos, CA
encampmentforcitizenship.org
- Grassroots International, Boston, MA
grassrootsonline.org
- ★ Greater Cincinnati Native American Coalition, Cincinnati, OH
gcnativeamericancoalition.com
- ★ Groundworks Collaborative, Brattleboro, VT
groundworksvt.org
- La Peña Cultural Center, Berkeley, CA
lapena.org
- ★ Many Hands Farm Corps, Amherst, MA
manyhandsfarmcorps.com
- Markham Nathan Fund for Social Justice, Northampton, MA
markhamnathanfund.org
- Matahari Women Workers' Center, Boston, MA
mataharijustice.org
- Northampton Community Arts Trust, Inc., Northampton, MA
northamptonartstrust.org
- Nuestras Raíces, Inc., Holyoke, MA
nuestras-raices.org
- Nueva Esperanza Inc., Holyoke, MA
nuevaoholyoke.org
- ★ Ohio Families Unite for Political Action and Change, Columbus, OH
ofupac.org
- Picture the Homeless, Brooklyn, NY
picturethehomeless.org
- ★ People of the Confluence, Bothell, WA
peopleoftheconfluence.org
- ★ People's Collective for Justice and Liberation, Los Angeles, CA
peoplescollective4jl.org
- RISE St. James, St. James, LA
risestjames.org
- Pa'lante Restorative Justice Program, Holyoke, MA
palanteholyoke.org
- Springfield No One Leaves, Springfield, MA
springfieldnooneleaves.org
- ★ Sol2Soul Freedom Project, Fajardo Region, Puerto Rico
- Teh Luh Lah Learning Center, Chimayo, NM
tehlulahcenter.org
- The Freedom Archives, San Francisco, CA
freedomarchives.org
- ★ The Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust, Boston, MA
nefolandtrust.org
- The Root Social Justice Center, Brattleboro, VT
therootsjc.org
- ★ The Sanctuary in the City, Huntersville, NC
thesanctuaryinthecity.org
- Thousand Currents, Oakland, CA
thousandcurrents.org
- ★ Vermont Workers Center, Burlington, VT
workerscenter.org
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom— US Section, Des Moines, IA
wilpfus.org

NEW FISCAL SPONSORSHIPS

- BIPOC Collective, New York, NY
bipoc-collective.org
- Black Sex Worker Collective, New York, NY
blacksexworkercollective.org
- Brew and Forge, Northampton, MA
brewandforge.com
- California Families Rise, San Francisco, CA
californiafamiliesrise.com
- Decarcerate Western Mass Bailout Project, Northampton, MA
decarceratewesternmass.org
- Galvanized, Northampton, MA
galvanizedwomen.com
- Latino y Sano, Providence, RI
latinoysano.com
- Lighthouse Foundation, Chicago, IL
lightfoundchi.org
- Think Again Consulting, Boston, MA
thinkagaintraining.com



Courtesy of Encampment for Citizenship

YOUTH TAKE THE LEAD WITH PDF'S NEW FUNDING CIRCLE

"I'm excited to connect with others my age to come together to impact grassroots organizations who need financial resources," says Gabby Ferrell, a member of this new initiative.

"I hope to build a network together that empowers each other and the organizations we grant to in the name of social justice, revolution, and love. I hope to inspire the upcoming generations while showing them that they too can use their experiences, skills, and perspectives to influence the world around them and to set a firm foundation for future members."

Avery Smedley, a former organizer with **Youth Activism Project**, a PDF grantee, says, "I'm so excited for this because as a community organizer, I've always applied for grants but never helped in the grant-making process."

PDF launched this initiative in 2022 in honor of our 40th Anniversary, inaugurating a new grant-making fund with young people aged 18–25 serving as Circle members, honoring young people's role in reshaping our society politically, economically, and culturally.

Avery Smedley says, "Often, young people are not taken as seriously as older organizers, although we bring unique imagination and innovation. So, it's especially important for there to be a space for us." Gabby Ferrell adds, "Community organizing is what changes the world. There is so much power that comes from people coming together who see a problem that needs to be fixed. There is so much work to be done politically and socially which is why the support that we give applicants will be worthwhile."

When PDF set out to raise \$40,000 last year for this new grant-making fund, PDF donors answered the call. As we near the end of this campaign, please consider a gift to support these young leaders, embracing the power and capacity of young people to help build resilience and justice in our communities.

Gabby Ferrell says, "To be AfroLatina and be given the opportunity to directly assist organizations across the nation who need support in helping their communities is an extremely exciting blessing. I am thankful to have my hope restored in the future by PDF because of their commitment to catalyze positive change." Avery Smedley adds, "I look forward to helping to plant seeds for the next generation of organizing!" ■



Courtesy of Vermont Worker Center



Courtesy of Changing Worlds



Courtesy of Freedom Archives



Courtesy of Gabrielle Ferrell



Courtesy of Avery Smedley.

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Health Care Equity Amid COVID-19

PDF's 2022 **Community Organizing Grants** cycle is underway, preparing for another year of funding social justice organizing and movement work nationwide. One theme in this year's docket is the continued prevalence of "health care equity" organizing: from community health clinics, to distributing personal hygiene products or advocating for better healthcare and work-place safety measures, these grassroots partners continue many of the initiatives spawned by the COVID pandemic.

In Brattleboro, VT, Community Organizing Grantee **Out in the Open's** Rural Trans & Queer Health Justice Working Group, which began at the start of COVID with support from PDF's **De Colores Rapid Response Fund**, continues to address health disparities and a lack of access to healthcare affecting rural LGBTQ+ communities. "This grant allowed us to fund the time and training needed to make this Health Justice Initiative possible and has been vital to its success," said Executive Director HB Lozito.

Nearby, the **Vermont Workers Center** said, "The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted and forced us to rethink how we organize for the human right to healthcare, especially in a rural state with limited internet connectivity, but thanks to the generous support we received through PDF's Donor Advised Fund, we were able to adapt to this challenge."

Community Organizing Grantee **API Equality-LA** is creating a powerful team of queer and trans Asian and Pacific Islander leaders who are equipped to play key roles in strategic visioning, and to sustain powerful, long-lasting movements. Organizer Jessica Baker said, "API Equality-LA received a grant from PDF right as the pandemic began and we were able to invest in our staff and members' holistic needs. This grant enabled us to prioritize our sustainability and has empowered our staff and members to stay connected and active over the last two years."

In January of 2022, PDF continued its 'Movement Moment' De Colores Rapid Response Fund grants for COVID-19 requests, supporting **People of the Confluence**, an organization whose mission is to empower Indigenous youth, honor the tradition and knowledge of their ancestors, and revitalize Indigenous communities, culture, and the land. People of the Confluence said, "The De Colores grant helped us to quickly respond to the spike in COVID cases by creating and distributing nearly 500 bundles, salves, masks, and containers of traditional medicines to Indigenous elders who were in great need. We even made a trip 1225 miles to the Pine Ridge Oglala reservation, which would not have been possible without funding from PDF."

Impact on the Battleground States

Electoral organizing is not a PDF philanthropic focus, but we know that organized communities turn out organized and informed voters, especially in key battleground states. PDF has long supported organizing in red states, some of which we see turning purple and even blue, like Arizona, Nevada, Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, and New Mexico.

PDF routinely has grants on the ground in battleground states, like **Change Comes Now** (FL), **Communities for Clean Water** (NM), **Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan** (MI), **Arriba Las Vegas Workers Center** (NV), **La Conexión** (OH), **Community Movement Builders** (GA), and **Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción** (NC).

In Arizona, Elizabeth Venable of **Fund for Empowerment** said, "PDF helped to foster our development as a growing organization with funding and guidance. With grant monies, we have continued to combat the criminalization of homelessness and it helped us to engage people who live on the streets to encourage them to advocate for better conditions."

In Pennsylvania, Jackson Kusiak of **Human Rights Coalition** said, "With support from PDF we were able to continue organizing to abolish solitary confinement, and to give leadership training to our solitary confinement survivors, organize rallies and mass actions to hold elected officials accountable, and grow our capacity by building power across the state. PDF has consistently supported us as an organization that is working to dismantle the prison industrial complex. Our leaders come from behind the prison walls and from families and communities on the front lines of the struggle against state violence."

PDF's grant-making supports a breadth of issue areas, but with a strategic focus on organizations led by those most directly impacted and who do not have access to larger philanthropic resources. Building capacity at the grassroots level is PDF's niche and it's where our grant partners are creating social change on all levels, whether it's an election year or not. This spring you can be proud that by supporting PDF you are helping to resource the on-the-ground organizations who are ensuring their community is organized and gets to the polls. Thank you for supporting PDF's mission and grant-making! ■



Courtesy of API Equality-LA



Courtesy of Fund for Empowerment



Courtesy of Out in the Open



Courtesy of Compañeros Inmigrantes de las Montañas en Acción



Courtesy of Human Rights Coalition



Courtesy of People of the Confluence

Remembering Bob Mazer – A PDF Founder



Bob Mazer, of Amherst, MA, and Burlington, VT, died on Friday, January 14, 2022. A warm and spirited man, Bob was a devoted parent and grandparent and a friend to many who cherished his kindness and generous nature.

Born and raised in New York City, Bob moved to the Pioneer Valley in the 1970's, where he quickly became involved in social justice and anti-war activities, including with the Traprock Peace Center and the Nuclear Freeze Movement. Bob's generosity led him to be a co-founder of the Peace Development Fund, with the goal of building the peace movement from the grassroots up.

Executive Director Paul Haible says, "We would never be here today without the vision and hard work of the co-founders, and Bob was a force to be reckoned with, as he helped round up the friends and funds needed to do that early work!"

Solidarity Philanthropy Learning Circle

FOUNDATION OFFICER Emily Serafy-Cox and Foundation Associate Brennan Tierney are current participants in the Solidarity Philanthropy Learning Circle (SPLC), a program of the Solidarity Economy Initiative. This Massachusetts-based project creates space for grassroots organizers from working-class communities to lead a just transition to a solidarity economy, teamed with philanthropic practitioners and organizers, strengthening that solidarity and their collaboration.

SPLC funders committed to moving the field of philanthropy towards practices centering reparations, democracy, power shifting, and resourcing the solidarity economy include the Christopher Reynolds Foundation, Hyams Foundation, Resist, Partnership for Democracy and Education, the Lenny Zakim Fund, and more, with staffing support from the Center for Economic Democracy and Access Strategies Fund.

The funder cohort runs concurrently with the grassroots cohort, building accountable relationships across funders and grassroots organizers, grounded in the need for greater multi-sectoral organizing and collaboration. The SPLC has offered PDF a rich peer-to-peer learning experience so we can better respond to the needs of local organizers, shifting power to those most marginalized by systems of oppression.

Brennan Tierney said, "Participating in the SPLC helped me feel more connected to the philanthropic sector in Massachusetts and it provided frameworks and tools to better support the kinds of grassroots community organizations with whom PDF partners." Emily Serafy-Cox echoed this sentiment and added, "The connections and mentorship I have found at SPLC have been invaluable in my efforts to deepen our movement-building work. I feel like I've finally found my people in philanthropy!" ■

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guage Reclamation Project, a collaborative effort organized by regional Wampanoag tribal members.

Diane Dix of the Nolumbeka Project said, “The Nolumbeka Project has offered the Pocumtuck Homelands Festival: A Celebration of Native American Art, Music and Cultures free to the public since 2014, at a site historically and culturally significant to the tribes of the Northeast. PDF helps provide the funds to support this family-friendly, two-day celebration. Events such as this are critical, especially in the Northeast, where tribal erasure began 400 years ago and our education was/is based on the cultural, racial, and religious biases of the early settlers.”

With these grants, PDF’s DAF program connects organizers and philanthropists, supporting Indigenous-led organizations and communities nationwide, enhancing cultural organizing, language reclamation, #LandBack and environmental protection programs.

PDF Fiscal Sponsorship Supports Indigenous Partners

In addition to grant-making, PDF supports several Indigenous-led organizations through our **Fiscal Sponsorship Program**, which provides administrative infrastructure and capacity-building support to grassroots groups.

American Indian Prison Project Working Group (AIPPWG) and **Restoring Justice for Indigenous Peoples** have been enrolled in the program for many years. Both groups address the disparities in incarceration for Indigenous peoples, especially women and youth. Stephanie Autumn of AIPPWG says, “Our work is not always understood or appreciated by funders, but because PDF ‘gets us and supports us,’ other foundations are more willing to fund our work.” ■

With our comprehensive approach and longstanding relationships, through PDF’s grants, fiscal sponsorship, training and initiatives, and as a philanthropic advisor to donors, PDF supports Indigenous organizing that advances justice, sovereignty, reconciliation, and now, #LandBack.

MISSION STATEMENT

The PEACE DEVELOPMENT FUND works to build the capacity of community-based organizations through grants, training and other resources as partners in the human rights and social justice movements. As a public foundation, we nourish, foster and encourage the diverse, self-sustaining and economically viable communities that are essential to building a peaceful, just and equitable world.

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Building Our Movements, TOGETHER

Grassroots Funding Week is your opportunity to be a grant-maker and to be directly involved with learning about and supporting community organizing. PDF started this initiative to bridge the technology gap between donors and grassroots organizations, which may not have a robust online presence.

This week-long crowdfunding campaign raises awareness about the cutting-edge work on the front lines of social change movements. Each day, PDF utilizes social media, e-blasts, and our website to spotlight the work of groups working on similar issues. Last year, for example, we featured organizations like the **Massachusetts Alliance Against Predatory Lending** on Housing is a Human Right day, **Parents Organizing for Welfare and Economic Rights** on Economic Justice for All day, and **Coal River Mountain Watch** on Healing our Communities and Our Land day.

Be a funder and grant-maker! Join us online during Grassroots Funding Week to support community organizing nationwide. Last year we were able to raise over \$25,000 to add to our grant-making funds for these organizations. One hundred percent of your support during Grassroots Funding Week goes directly to participating organizations. We hope you’ll join us! ■



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