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## **Valley Community Advised Fund Grant Committee Job Description**

Each year the Peace Development Fund distributes \$10,000 to roughly 5-6 grantees through the Valley Community Advised Fund. The VCAF supports the grassroots efforts of community organizations working towards social justice in Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin counties of Western Massachusetts, with deliberate attention given to organizations led by people of color. Organizations must focus on community organizing and building power for systemic change.

We are seeking individuals to serve on a grant advisory committee. Participants will connect with grant applicants to learn about their organizing strategies and funding challenges, read and screen applications, discuss finalists, recommend grantees, and help fundraise for the grants.

### **Qualifications:**

- Passionate about social change.
- A strong critical thinker.
- Some interest and knowledge of current social justice issues.
- Knowledge of local Valley grassroots organizations.
- Fundraising experience is a plus!

### **Expectations:**

- Show up honestly and engage in the process.
- Attend committee meetings.
- Make a personal financial contribution to the project at any level and help solicit support..
- Be part of a grant cycle, including reviewing grant applications and speaking with potential grantees.
- Experiment and evaluate.
- Share any conflicts of interest.

### **Time Commitment**

- Committee meets roughly once a month from January through April.
- Five meetings (2 hours a month).
- Grantee interview calls.