

Amplifying Diverse Voices

FY 2023
ANNUAL REPORT



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PEACE
DEVELOPMENT
FUND

FY 2023 Numbers

2,003 individuals and foundations contributed 3,589 gifts

31 states, 2 territories, 7 countries (including US)

152 organizations supported by 358 grants

\$4,729,146 distributed

Harnessing Philanthropy

Our model of philanthropy moves resources from our supporters to communities on the frontlines of change. We invest in transformative organizing that builds marginalized communities to shift power.

Grantmaking We harness financial resources for social justice and human rights organizations that build grassroots power and are led by women, transgender people, people of color, youth, and low-income people. We provide unrestricted support, trusting groups to use funds where they are most needed.

Philanthropic Partnerships Our Donor Advised Fund Program allows donors to direct resources where they are needed most and to take advantage of PDF's expertise and connections to grassroots organizations. We raise the visibility of partner organizations with potential donors, encouraging them to also support these partners.

Capacity Building Our training programs and Fiscal-Sponsorship Program supports grassroots organizations. We help organizations grow and thrive.

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Peace Development Fund

Dear Friends,

We are proud to share Peace Development Fund's impact report for fiscal year 2023! Thank you for being a part of this work. Throughout the last year we have pushed forward, while forces have pushed the social justice movement backwards on a myriad of fronts. From the environmental catastrophes that unfolded in Ohio and Hawaii to the attacks on queer and trans rights across the nation, now, maybe more than ever is the time for communities to organize. Thankfully, we know they are.

Organizations from across the country value PDF's longevity and expertise in a variety of avenues. From general operating grants to back-office support and rapid response funding, PDF has proved its dedication to building the capacity of our partner organizations. In the coming year, we are ready to help organizers push back.

As board president, I see the trust we have built that is pivotal to our success.

To maintain this trust, it is critical that PDF internally reflects the types of organizations we fund. Our staff, board, and grantmaking committee members are from rural and urban communities, are organizers, activists, and BIPOC leaders with lived experience. Our mission of peace through justice means supporting diversity in all realms of the movement, including within our own organization.

Thanks to the generosity of the beautiful community of PDF supporters, this year we have been able to distribute more than four million dollars to grassroots organizers. Without the care of strangers, peers, friends and family, we know that this work would not be possible. Thank you for continuing to support our collective philanthropic journey!



With Gratitude,

Teresa Juarez
President, Board of Directors

“We changed from a solo project to a 3-person partnership,



to now a collective. Changing our model was a lot of work and we did it [thanks to] PDF for their guidance! Also, Peace Development Fund afforded us the benefit and privilege of being part of a social justice community.”

—Dioanna Deem,
Turning Heads Collective

FY 2023 GRANTEEES

BRAIDING NEW WORLDS FUND

Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan, Detroit, MI*

Queer Youth Assemble, South Easton, MA*

Fanm Saj, Inc, Miami, FL
PVUSD Students Deserve, Watsonville, CA

New Britain Racial Justice Coalition, New Britain, CT*

Public Higher Education Network of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA

The Queer-Trans Project, Atlantic Beach, FL*

DE COLORES RAPID RESPONSE FUND

Red Roses Trans Movement, San Francisco, CA

River Valley Organizing, East Liverpool, OH

Western Montana LGBTQ+ Center, Missoula, MT

SEEDING THE MOVEMENT FUND

The Alyssa Rodriguez Center for Gender Justice, Calabasas, CA*

Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Lactation Collaborative of California, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Bantu Safe Haven, Philadelphia, PA

Best Practices Policy Project, Morristown, NJ

Beyond Trenches, Sanford, NC
Center for Social Sustainable Systems, Albuquerque, NM

Communities for Clean Water (CCW), Taos, NM

Dignity Power, Orlando, FL

Healing Communities PA, Philadelphia, PA

Home Roots Foundation, Washington, DC (Haiti)*

La Colectiva, Benito Juarez, Mexico

Manasseh Ministry, Black Jack, MO*

Marijan, Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Montana Two Spirit Society, Missoula, MT

NYCHA Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Arverne, NY

Root Cause Research Center, Louisville, KY

Tight Lipped, Richmond, CA*

Tranzzlation, Seattle, WA

UnHarming Ohio, East Liverpool, OH

Washington Fair Trade Coalition Education Fund, Seattle, WA

Whiteswan Environmental, Bellingham, WA*

yəhaw Indigenous Creatives Collective, Seattle, WA

WESTERN MASS TRANSFORMATION FUND

Decarcerate Western Mass Bailout Project, Easthampton, MA*

Nolumbeka Project, Greenfield, MA*

Trans Asylum Support Network, Greenfield, MA*

* Past year grantee

GRANTMAKING

Funding Grassroots Power

Peace Development Fund is home to four funds that seed the grassroots movement by investing in start-up and small community-led organizations that are leading systems change.

Braiding New Worlds Fund *Established 2021*

This recently established fund supports youth-led and youth-focused organizations around the country to build the capacity of future social justice leaders. The Braiding New Worlds Committee members are youth aged 18–25 who decide what gets funded. They bring an important perspective and knowledge of youth activism and organizing.

De Colores Rapid Response Fund

Established 2014

The Rapid Response Fund is a staff-led fund that impacts positive dynamic-shifting opportunities during “movement moments.” It is designed to make funds available quickly when unexpected fights or opportunities arise, especially in marginalized urban and rural communities.

Seeding the Movement Fund *Established 1981*

This fund continues PDF’s long-standing support for grassroots organizations around the nation, organizing for social justice. All grants are general operating support, allowing the groups flexibility and the ability to use the funds where they are needed most. The fund was renamed this year to better reflect our work and is our main grant program.

Western Mass Transformation Fund

Established 2018

Formerly the Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund

Supports local organizers who are challenging injustice, building power, and creating new community structures anchored in social justice in the Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties of Western Massachusetts. In the coming year, we will be adding Berkshire County. As a community advised fund, grant making decisions are made by a committee of local leaders, activists, and students.

GRANTMAKING

Braiding New Worlds Fund

Providing resources for grassroots organizing for social justice led by youth.

» 7 GRANTS » \$30,000 GRANTED » 5 STATES » 100% YOUTH LED



“PDF’s funding was pivotal to our work in 2023. Having flexible funds to support stipends for our work, buy food for in-person gatherings, and support our youth [has] helped us to accomplish much more than we otherwise would have.”—Julia Cuneo, Strategic Coordinator, Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan

program spotlight

Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan

Detroit Area Youth Uniting Michigan—DAYUM, is a

radical, visionary youth-run organization that builds youth power to make concrete policy changes across Michigan. DAYUM continues to lead programs and direct actions based on youth interest and agency. The organization is using newly developed standing committees to lead four state-wide campaigns to include young people in addressing the issues that impact their lives. These four issue-based campaigns are climate justice,

reproductive justice, expanding SNAP benefits, and lowering the voting age to 16.

Since 2020, DAYUM has been pushing Michigan school districts to adopt an Online Learning Bill of Rights. This list is based on student experiences with online learning throughout the pandemic, and the struggles that came with it. The Online Learning Bill of Rights includes a right to privacy, a right to comfort, and the right to antiracist curriculum.

De Colores Rapid Response Fund

Providing resources rapidly for grassroots organizing for critical movement moments to advance or protect social justice.

» 3 GRANTS » \$3,000 GRANTED » LESS THAN A MONTH TURNAROUND

PDF staff have begun proactively reaching out to our network of organizers on the ground in hotspots around the country when issues arise, encouraging them to apply to the fund.



program spotlight River Valley Organizing

Just days after the train derailment in Palestine, Ohio, PDF reached out to River Valley Organizing Development Director Emily Wright. We found out that they were organizing in the aftermath of the train derailment and toxic disaster. Through the Rapid Response Fund, we were able to quickly support their work with a grant.

With thousands of people displaced and confused amidst a deluge of misinformation, the need for community organizing was clear. River Valley Organizing has been canvassing, holding public meetings, collecting stories of those affected, collaborating with other organizations in the area, and calling elected officials and representatives to take care of folks and make sure this won't happen again.

“We are in a crisis, but the future is even more important. For years, we have pleaded with the federal government/ EPA about these “bomb” trains that go through communities at high speeds with highly flammable and toxic substances. We feared that it would only be a matter of time before a major event like this would take place.”

—Emily Wright, Development Director, River Valley Organizing

Seeding the Movement Fund formerly Board Docket

Providing resources for grassroots organizing for social justice led by people in the communities most affected.

» 22 GRANTS » \$80,000 » 13 STATES & 2 COUNTRIES » 83% BIPOC LED » 50% OF ORGANIZATIONS LESS THAN 5 YEARS

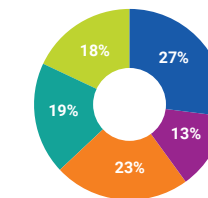


program spotlight Bantu Safe Haven

Bantu Safe Haven works to proactively protect the safety of Black transgender women and gender expansive individuals in Philadelphia. Their goal is to keep folks safe by providing tools and training to support their community's physical, spiritual, and mental health.

They have distributed more than 500 safety kits as they continue to experience violence at an escalating rate. Additionally, the Black Trans Wellness Fund has redistributed \$10,000 in rapid response grants directly to Black Trans people since November of 2022.

Seeding the Movement Fund by Program Area



- Criminal Justice Reform
- Economic and Labor Justice
- Environmental Justice and Indigenous Land
- LGBTQ+ Rights
- Women's Rights

“For anyone in our community to truly be well, we must first take care of those who have fallen deepest into the cracks of the systems. Bantu Safe Haven believes that when we are gathered together, emphasizing joy, and creating lasting experiences for Black trans people, that we are shifting our mindsets and challenging the systems that tell us we are without value and unimportant.” —Damien Brinson, Executive Director, Bantu Safe Haven

Western Mass Transformation Fund

formerly Pioneer Valley Community Advised Fund*

Providing resources for social justice organizing in Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin, and Berkshire Counties of MA.

- » 3 GRANTS OF \$3,000 EACH » \$9,000 GRANTED
- » 100% BIPOC-LED ORGANIZATIONS » 28% LGBTQ+-LED

*Recently renamed to decolonize the name.



US. This can include making and maintaining connections with people before they enter the US, while in ICE detention, and once released from detention.”—Rebecca Abrams, Finance Committee, Trans Asylum Support Network

program
spotlight

Trans Asylum Support Network

Trans Asylum Support Network (TASSN) works to address the root causes of migration and the criminalization of asylum seekers through political education and direct action. TASSN’s mission is driven by an understanding of the interconnectedness of their work with similar movements such as worker organizing, tenants’ rights, prison abolition, Black liberation, anti-imperialism, and Indigenous sovereignty and decolonization.

“We provide support for trans and queer people seeking asylum in the

Donor Advised Funds

Helping donors resource grassroots and social justice groups around the world.

- » 79 GRANTS DISTRIBUTED
- » \$678,251 GRANTED » 18 FUNDS

fund
spotlight

The BIC Fund is a new Donor Advised Fund at PDF that is supporting organizations in the US South, Haiti, and Latin America. One of

their grantees is the Itinerant University of Resistance in Haiti (IURH). IURH is helping Haitian movements connect with their Latin American counterparts to strengthen Haitian struggles for land rights and environmental protection. They give Haitian women opportunities to use their voices through trainings, participation and organizing. Haitians are facing horrendous conditions after earthquakes, hurricanes, and political chaos.



Fiscal Sponsorship Program

Providing administrative and training support to build grassroots organizations.

- » 48 GROUPS » 3 GRADUATED » 3 NEW GROUPS » 17 STATES
- » 11 CAPACITY-BUILDING TRAININGS » 50% GROUPS LESS THAN 5 YEARS OLD
- » 100% RECEIVED NON-PROFIT STATUS



program
spotlight

I Am Why

I Am Why began as an intergenerational organization in 2018 with elders and youth coming together to develop and implement a shared vision of mentorship and growth. They connect young women and gender expansive activists to increase young activists’ power. As an organization they have continued to grow and have announced that they will be hiring their first co-executive directors in the coming year.

Last year, I Am Why’s Leadership Development Working Group hosted sessions exploring working norms and best practices for their mentor/mentee model. They launched substantive trainings for consultants and staff with a resume workshop and policy training series, as well as supporting their consultants to obtain professional certifications and attend external professional development seminars.

“I Am Why aims to mentor hands, minds, and hearts, expanding the power of young women and gender-expansive activists by uplifting their collective knowledge, sharing and sharpening skills, and building relationships.”

—Francine Sherman, Founder and President, I Am Why



Create a Social Justice Legacy

Help ensure the future of PDF and the future of social justice organizing. To thank you for supporting the future of the Peace Development Fund (PDF), we want to make it easier to support the future of the people and causes you love. We're sharing a free will-writing resource with

our community to make this important task simple and 100% free. Legacy gifts signify your long-standing commitment to Peace Development Fund as we strive to achieve our goals and build a better future for all. You can also use the tool to disclose a legacy gift created for us in your will, trust, or by beneficiary designation.



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