

## PRESIDENTIAL GRANTS LIST

### **American Rights at Work Education Fund**

(Washington, DC)

*General Support*

**Total Award: \$5,000 over 1 year**

**Organization:** [www.americanrightsatwork.org](http://www.americanrightsatwork.org)

For general support of the activities of the American Rights at Work Education Fund (ARAWEF). ARAWEF is the only organization dedicated to addressing the right of workers to organize. ARAWEF is bringing attention to the state of workers' rights in the United States including: the increasing number of workers facing reprisals for forming a union; the National Labor Relations Board's failure to protect workers; negligible punishment when employers interfere with the creation of a union; restrictive labor laws that shut out 32 million Americans from obtaining union representation, and employers' attempts to thwart the collective bargaining process. ARAWEF will conduct a comprehensive public education program that brings attention to these problems by: (1) investigating and publicizing workers' rights abuses, including an eight-city Human Rights Tour; (2) getting the word out about the state of workers' rights through publications and outreach to the media; and (3) building widespread support for labor law reforms through online resources and networking/coalition building.

### **Center for Community Change**

(Washington, DC)

*Living Wage Action Coalition*

**Total Award: \$5,000 over 1 year**

**Organization:** [www.communitychange.org](http://www.communitychange.org)

**Project:** [www.livingwageaction.org](http://www.livingwageaction.org)

To support the Living Wage Action Coalition, a project of the Center for Community Change. The Living Wage Action Coalition (LWAC) seeks to strengthen the movement by training campus student groups in campaign strategy, teaching students about labor issues, and encouraging campus organizing that seeks worker empowerment and is anti-oppressive and non-hierarchical. The three major components of this project are (1) Campus Tours--teams of 3 organizers will travel to approximately 30 universities to conduct workshops and lead discussions concerning living wage campaign and labor issues; (2) Action Center Website--launch and maintain an interactive web site to provide networking opportunities and access to educational and campaign materials; and (3) convene a National Student-Worker Living Wage Conference in the spring of 2006.

### **Center for Rural Affairs**

(Lyons, NE)

*A New Approach to Rural Economic Development*

**Total Award: \$5,000 over 10 months**

**Organization:** [www.cfra.org](http://www.cfra.org)

To support A New Approach to Rural Economic Development, a study to explore the feasibility of using shareholder advocacy to urge large publicly traded food companies to buy agricultural products from small farms that practice sustainable agriculture in a manner that reinvigorates small rural communities. The Center for Rural Strategy will partner with the As You Sow Corporate Social Responsibility Program on this project. The study will determine whether a business case can be made for buying from environmentally sustainable small farms. As You Sow will evaluate previous shareholder campaigns and corporate policies that have merged social or environmental issues with supplier initiatives.

## **Cornell University**

(Ithaca, NY)

*School of Industrial and Labor Relations*

**Total Award: \$9,000 over 5 months**

**Organization:** [www.ilr.cornell.edu/laborprograms/research/laboreducation.html](http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/laborprograms/research/laboreducation.html)

**Project:** [www.ilr.cornell.edu/globalunionsconference/](http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/globalunionsconference/)

To support expenses for participants from Asia, Africa, and Latin America in the Global Companies-Global Unions-Global Research-Global Campaigns Conference, a project of Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations/Office of Labor Education Research. Scheduled to take place in New York City, February 9-11, 2006, the gathering will bring together over 300 participants, including at least 50 from the Global South. The goal of this conference is to enable the participants to strengthen a global network of trade unionists and labor allies who will collaborate across borders to defend workers rights. This will be the first gathering of union researchers and strategic campaigners from around the world. Researchers from co-sponsoring academic institutions are creating in-depth reports on ten of the largest multinational corporations; these reports will be featured at the conference along with a variety of papers, panels, and interactive workshops. Cornell University Press will later publish a collection of selected conference papers.

## **Global Rights**

(Washington, DC)

*Domestic Workers Human Rights Tribunal*

**Total Award: \$15,000 over 5 months**

**Organization:** [www.globalrights.org](http://www.globalrights.org)

To support media outreach, translation costs and publications associated with the Domestic Workers Human Rights Tribunal, a convening that took place in New York City on October 8, 2005. The purpose of the Tribunal is to raise public awareness about human rights abuses faced by domestic workers, and to provide a public forum for domestic workers to speak candidly about the denial of their human rights and make the case for having those rights restored. The Tribunal will serve as a model for domestic workers nationally and internationally. Testimony and findings of the Tribunal will be made available to domestic workers organizations.

## **Grassroots Policy Project**

(Washington, DC)

*General Support*

**Total Award: \$10,000 over 1 year**

**Organization:** [www.grassrootspolicy.org](http://www.grassrootspolicy.org)

For general support of the activities of Grassroots Policy Project (GPP), an organization that works with state, regional, and national networks concerned with social justice. GPP emphasizes moving beyond fragmented campaigns to developing an infrastructure based on shared strategies, vision, and social justice goals, including racial justice. GPP plans to expand their work in three core program areas: 1) State Support Programs which include strategy development and planning as well as worldview framing; 2) Public Spending and the Role of Government which is concerned with framing issues in ways that redefine the role of government and re-affirm the importance of public investments in the common good; and 3) Consulting with Regional Centers and National Networks to strengthen progressive infrastructure in ways that knit together all movement sectors.

**Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont  
Mamaroneck**  
(Mamaroneck, NY)  
*General Support*

**Total Award: \$2,500 over 1 year**

For general support of the Hispanic Resource Center of Larchmont Mamaroneck. The HRC plans to increase and improve client services, which include information and referral services, English as a Second Language classes, day laborer organization, and life and job skills training. The goal of the HRC is to reach a larger number of disenfranchised individuals and help them better integrate into the larger community by networking with other non-profit and government agencies, houses of worship, and community-based health and services organizations. New and returning clients are assessed and offered comprehensive case management services, which allows the HRC to best advise clients and document their activities and progress. Tangible outcomes are measured in an increased enrollment in HRC language, jobs, and self-development courses; the number of individuals who obtain jobs; and increased self-sufficiency among clients.

**Kent State University Foundation**  
(Kent, OH)  
*Ohio Employee Ownership Center-Sustainable  
Bottom Line Accounting Process Among Ohio  
Employee-Owned Companies*

**Total Award: \$10,000 over 1 year**

**Organization:** [www.kent.edu](http://www.kent.edu)

**Project:** [www.kent.edu/oec](http://www.kent.edu/oec)

To support a "Sustainable Bottom Line Accounting Process Among Ohio Employee-Owned Companies", a project of the Ohio Employee Ownership Center (OEOC) at Kent State University. OEOC will develop and pilot a social audit process which identifies and attempts to measure non-financial and financial indicators of social justice, environmental, and health practices in order to begin to measure the impact of the employee-owned sector on sustainable business practices in Ohio. This will be the first social audit initiative in the employee-owned sector nationally, and will involve the 66-member businesses in Ohio's Employee-Owned Network.

**Leadership Conference on Civil Rights  
Education Fund, Inc.**  
(Washington, DC)  
*The Carol H. Pitchersky Development Fellowship*

**Total Award: \$25,000 over 1 year**

**Organization:** [www.civilrights.org](http://www.civilrights.org)

To support the Carol H. Pitchersky Development Fellowship. The Fellowship will be administered by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund (LCCREF), and was created to honor Carol Pitchersky, an exceptional fundraising pioneer. Throughout her extensive fundraising career, she saved the American Civil Liberties Union from bankruptcy and helped put a host of other public interest groups on solid financial ground. Components of the program include: (1) offering paid fellowships to one to three minority development professionals who will help their sponsoring organization in the civil rights community expand their financial base; (2) providing fellows with mentoring and professional development opportunities through a mentoring committee of Carol Pitchersky's protégés and colleagues, as well as conferences and trainings; and (3) expanding diversity in the development community by working with the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

### **New School University**

(New York, NY)

*World Policy Institute's Common Sense Defense: A Citizen's Guide to a Safer America*

**Organization:** [www.newschool.edu](http://www.newschool.edu)

**Project:** [www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms](http://www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms)

**Total Award: \$25,000 over 1 year**

To support "Common Sense Defense: A Citizen's Guide to a Safer America", a project of the World Policy Institute at the New School University. Common Sense Defense will educate key non-governmental organizations, Congressional staffers, and the public on the role of military contractors in shaping national security doctrines and budgets; on new mechanisms for providing transparency and accountability on national security issues; and on the outlines of an alternative "common sense defense" strategy for protecting America in an age of global terrorism. Methods utilized will include publication of a major report; briefings for NGO's, Congress, and the media; and publication of fact sheets and op-ed pieces that will be widely distributed. The project will engage in continuous dissemination not only through op-eds and briefings but also by using its well-established contacts with key journalists to promote coverage of the report and its recommendations in ongoing stories and editorials.

### **Progressive America Fund**

(Brooklyn, NY)

*National Ballot Freedom Project*

**Total Award: \$25,000 over 1 year**

To support the National Ballot Freedom Project, a multi-year project to revive "fusion" voting, or cross-endorsement, in one or more states where it is currently banned. The support requested is for the first stage of this work which includes (1) initial research, (2) coalition-building, (3) communications, (4) on-line work, and (5) education and outreach. The goal is to identify the most promising states for re-legalization of fusion, build support among key institutional players in each state, and begin laying the groundwork for a broad public campaign.

### **Stagewright Unlimited**

(Minneapolis, MN)

*The Trial of Osama bin Laden*

**Total Award: \$2,000 over 1 year**

To support the play *The Trial of Osama bin Laden*. This theatrical production will be a catalyst for citizens and communities to confront the moral and political issues of terrorism and the international forces surrounding it. The play uses the reality of competing worldviews to draw the audience into the drama. It invites them to participate, not as actors or critics, though they may serve in those capacities, but as co-creators. *The Trial of Osama bin Laden* is a community work in progress that will evolve each time and in each place the play is performed. The goal is to have community reaction to the play ignite the conscience of the people.