



NATIVE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

1 | Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC), Barrow, Alaska
 In 1971 the Arctic Slope Regional Corporation (ASRC) was awarded a grant to assist the native people of Alaska in a land rights case. This was among the first grants made by the newly constituted National Committee on the Self-Development of People of the United Presbyterian Church. Edith Nageak, who also worked for ASRC, said, "Self-Development of People really helped in our people's self-determination. Keep doing what you're doing, helping in people's self-development and determination."

2 | Ekvv-Yefolecv Indigenous Maskoke Ecovillage, Weogufka, Alabama
 Ekvv-Yefolecv (pronounced "ee-gun-yee-full-lee-juh") is creating an ecovillage community that provides the opportunity for project members to efficaciously revitalize the Maskoke (pronounced "mus-ko-gee") language, traditions and worldview while embodying a collective commitment to environmental sustainability, and to serve as a replicable archetype for other indigenous communities to manifest similar models. The ecovillage has a trifold focus: language and cultural preservation; ecological living; and sustainable economic development.

LIVING WAGE/ADVOCACY/SOCIAL JUSTICE/ HOMELESSNESS/HOUSING

3 | Youth Advisory Board, Detroit, Michigan
 This project focuses on providing training in leadership development and civic engagement, including speaking with politicians and education enrichment for 15 youth. The project helps them better understand the political forces that shape their community, improve the project members' learning capacity and enable them to serve as quality leaders to their peers and families.

4 | Chadsey Condon Community Organization, Detroit, Michigan
 This project is an anti-displacement/neighborhood inclusion task force through training and the creation of a community benefits agreement request to offer to all of the developers who will enter their neighborhood. Group members live near an area that is being developed and will be impacted by the economic investment in the neighborhood. They want to empower themselves with the knowledge and tools necessary to ensure gentrification without displacement. They work and train themselves to promote policies that support both their neighbors and themselves for the long term while staying in their homes. They need extensive training on advocacy, community engagement, gentrification and creating community benefit agreements.



5 | National Day Laborer Organizing Network, Pasadena, California

This project is Radio Jornalera (“jornalera” translates to “day laborer”), a community radio station focused on defending low-wage workers and migrant rights, bringing awareness of the barriers and injustices existing in these communities. There is a need to create an inclusive communication and informative space by and for migrant and jornalera communities. The radio station also educates community members on issues like labor abuses and wage theft. The community radio station was formed by day laborer leaders from different countries. The Jornaleros Communicator’s training model is innovative in the sense that the first cohort of Jornalero Communicators will train a group of community communicators and they then will train other new members of the community who want to be Jornaleros Communicators.



6 | Alianza Agricola, Rochester, New York, New York

Alianza Agricola is an organization of farmworkers in rural Rochester, New York. Its main goal is to work in collaboration with the statewide Green Light NY: Driving Together campaign to attain access to driver’s licenses for all New York residents regardless of their immigration status.



7 | A Brighter Day Youth Program, Belmont, California

The Brighter Day Anti-Vaping Youth Team was organized recently and was drawn from the larger “Brighter Day” program. The project’s focus is supporting youth and providing opportunities to overcome the problematic circumstances of their young lives. The teens themselves have identified vaping as a major problem in their own communities, which adds yet another barrier to becoming productive citizens and adults and may cause lifelong health problems and early death.



8 | Panamanian Women’s Center (CEMP), Panama City, Panama

This project involves the planning and launching of microbusinesses for and by 20 Afro-Panamanian women.



FOOD JUSTICE

9 | Sandy Beach, Stann Creek District, Belize

This project consists of a group of women trying to restore a restaurant and re-employ themselves. They have added cabanas to complete a bed and breakfast service, and expanded, remodeled, and equipped the restaurant kitchen. The project increases the group's capacity to successfully operate the cooperative within the developing tourism industry.



10 | The Geiger Live Well Faith Community, Emelle, Alabama

The overall goal of this project is to increase the number of families who are engaging in healthy dietary behaviors and improved physical activity efforts to reduce incidences of child and adult obesity. The goals include: (1) Health — Teaching community members how to eat healthy food, working in the garden and orchard with community members and developing an office and operations building. (2) Wellness — Providing easy access to wellness equipment and the walking facility for residents of Geiger and neighboring towns as well as outdoor exercise equipment, slides and a basketball court for students.



11 | Agri-Cultura Cooperative Network, Albuquerque, New Mexico

The mission of La Cosecha, a project of the Agri-Cultura Cooperative Network, is to ensure that low-income families have adequate and sustainable access to healthy and affordable locally grown food and nutrition education, strengthening the local economy by providing a stable market for local farmers and connecting them with families struggling with hunger and poor nutrition.



IMMIGRATION/REFUGEE ISSUES/REFUGEE CRISIS

12 | Tenant Coalition Training of Fargo-Moorhead Area, Moorhead, Minnesota

This group of low-income refugees seeks to become economically self-sufficient and to improve their financial skills. They receive training in facilities management, business plans, tenants' rights and microenterprise. Long-term goals are aimed at sustaining their financial security, workforce development and cultural marketing by preventing conditions that perpetuate joblessness, homelessness and poverty. The project helps reduce poverty among the group members and their dependency on public assistance and make the transition of living in a new country less frightening and somewhat easier for them as new refugees.

13 | Projecto Faro (The Lighthouse Project), Stony Point, New York

This project consists of a group of low-income, undocumented people seeking safety and sufficiency in communities of trust. Group members plan to hold community gatherings and other peaceful actions for immigration justice and to teach and equip fellow group members.



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POVERTY

14 | **Group of Women of Value, S.A., Panama City, Panama**

This project is a catering service that provides high-quality products at affordable prices. The project also provides employment and training to group members, thus helping to provide an income and improve their standard of living.

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15 | **Goat Herd Expansion, Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

The project involves expanding the raising and selling of goats, which helps get them a better price at market and increase the group's income.

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16 | **Craft Art and Beauty, Las Tablas, Panama**

This project is comprised of a group of artisans who partnered to create a workshop and a warehouse for the preparation and sale of traditional Panamanian clothing. Project members seek to create a workplace for craftswomen and a selling site for handicrafts, which will also be a location where people can find their traditional garments and information about their traditions and customs. The group is also dedicated to training new generations and passing on their traditions as well as to improving their incomes and thereby creating a better quality of life.

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17 | **VEGGI Farmers Cooperative, New Orleans, Louisiana**

This project is a multi-ethnic farmer's cooperative growing fresh vegetables to sell to the public as well as grocers in East New Orleans. The cooperative members share equally in the work, liability and distribution of profits. The grant assists the cooperative by creating sustainable income for the members through sustainable agriculture. Daniel Nguyen of the VEGGI Farmers Cooperative said, "With funding from SDOP, VEGGI Farmers Cooperative will be able to continue our mission of providing jobs to community members through urban farming and increasing local, healthy food access. The funds will also allow us to complete several projects on our site, including a processing facility, and help us buy seeds to plant for the coming year."

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18 | Presbyterian Church of Rwanda Project, Rwanda

An intermediary partnership supporting agriculture, handicrafts, saving and loan associations, income-generating activities, water supply and electricity projects. The beneficiaries of these projects are from the poorest and most undeveloped regions in Rwanda.

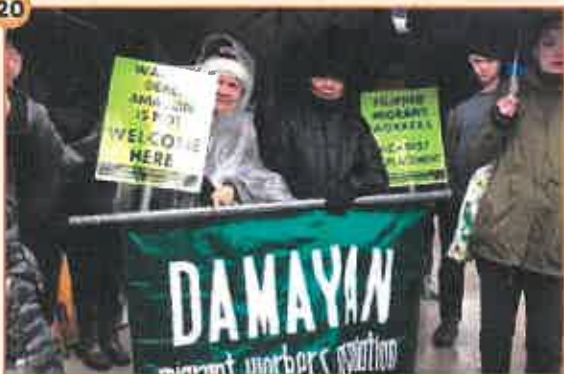
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19 | Centro de Solidaridad Para el Desarrollo de la Mujer, Inc. (CE-MUJER) — Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

An intermediary partner committed to improving the quality of life of those living in economically poor communities by assisting in their empowerment through self-management, education, training in technical skills, income generation, health and public politics with influence on both the national and local level.

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RACE AND WOMEN'S ISSUES

20 | Damayan Workers Cooperative, New York City, New York

This is a Filipino domestic workers business cooperative, owned and managed by the workers. This project empowers migrant workers and provides a community of mutual support. Migrant and undocumented workers face insurmountable barriers to finding basic employment due to lack of immigration status, lack of work references and being disconnected from supportive communities.

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21 | Black Women's Blueprint, Bronx, New York

The project seeks to bring to the forefront the injustices that African-American women receive from the police and how to deal with their actions when confronted with such injustices.

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MASS INCARCERATION/PRISONER RE-ENTRY

22 | E.P.O.C.A. (Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement), Worcester, Massachusetts

This group provides leadership and organizing training for formerly incarcerated people. The training provides participants with skills and resources that enable them to build capacity through community networks and by connecting those formerly incarcerated to greater employment opportunities. Group members also partner with other community organizations in organizing campaigns to make major legislative policy changes at the state and local level regarding formerly incarcerated people. E.P.O.C.A. recognizes that those who are formerly incarcerated struggle with intersectional issues such as homelessness, the need for driver's licenses, navigating the criminal justice system and exploring models of restorative justice, so the group pays special attention to these issues.

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23 | The Genesis Youth Organizing Internship Project, Oakland, California

This project is comprised primarily of low-income minority youth seeking to disrupt School-to-Prison-Pipeline-related problems in Oakland. The project creates a platform for youth to engage in the public arena, and particularly in juvenile incarceration policy development. The Genesis Youth Organizing Internship Project will train low-income youth, many affected by suspension, expulsion and/or incarceration, in leadership skills and expose them to opportunities to develop and influence local county criminal justice budgets, programs and policies.

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24 | Created to Create, Miami, Florida

This project is about teaching youth and young adults how to use their skills to provide an income for themselves and avoid encounters with the law and juvenile justice system.

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25 | VOTE (Voice of the Ex-Offender), New Orleans, Louisiana

This is a well-organized group of ex-offenders, some of whom are living in a transition home and working together to improve their lives and support their families. They received training in entrepreneurship and marketing and have come together to create a co-op. The project provides the men with a means of making a sustainable income.

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26 | Welcome Back Project, Missoula, Montana

Welcome Back is a group of formerly incarcerated and recently returned citizens who have banded together to advocate for increased housing and job opportunities. Social stigma and bureaucratic policies make it incredibly difficult for returning citizens to be reintegrated into the community. The group seeks funding for training opportunities in advocacy and leadership skills to help expand the group's capacity and effectiveness.



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27 | Women Committee at Villa Nueva and Water Council, Comarca Indígena Emberá, Panama

This project calls for construction of a rural aqueduct in a remote indigenous community. A 1,500-gallon cement tank container for water is being built, and connections will be made from the tank on several supply routes, providing each house with a spigot. There are 52 houses and a school. This way, each house in the area will have access to clean water for human consumption.

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28 | We the People of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan

This is an advocacy project to provide short-term water supplies for members to avert a public health crisis, restore water to affected and high-risk members and implement policy to ensure that fresh, clean water is delivered to low income residents at an affordable cost.

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29 | Northern Cheyenne Utilities Commission, Lame Deer, Montana

This project is to assist with upgrades and long-term delayed maintenance needs for fresh potable water and sewer lines throughout the five districts of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

FARMING/LAND

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30 | Strength to Love II, Baltimore, Maryland

Strength to Love II is an urban farm owned and maintained by returning citizens and other community members. It also addresses the issue of a food desert in the neighborhood.

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31 | City Roots Community Land Trust, Rochester, New York

This project provides affordable homeownership opportunities to income-qualifying buyers, who earn less than 50% of the area median income. A vacant home has been purchased and is in the final stages of rehabilitation. Funds will be used to purchase the materials necessary for neighborhood volunteers to complete the rehabilitation of the home. Once the rehabilitation is completed, the home will be resold at an affordable price to income-qualifying buyers who agree to a "pay it forward" approach to homeownership. With this approach, the initial buyer purchases a home at a subsidized price and then passes the value of that subsidy on to the next homeowner at the time of resale, thereby ensuring the permanent affordability of the property and helping to avoid gentrification.