

## **2008 Spring GRANTEES**

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### **ORGANIZATION / DESCRIPTION**

### **GRANT AMOUNT**

#### **9to5 Working Women Education Fund (9to5)**

**\$40,000**

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9to5 is a national multi-racial grassroots organization that combines organizing, public education, research, training, and policy advocacy in an effort to end economic and other types of discrimination against women in the workforce. Active since 1973, 9to5 focuses on four main areas: work/family issues, including family and sick leave, and good jobs; nonstandard work such as temporary and part-time work; welfare, wages and income supports; and anti-discrimination including equal pay, efforts against sexual harassment and combating the downsizing of the EEOC. 9to5 has staffed offices in Milwaukee, Atlanta, Denver and San Jose, and activist networks in 200 cities in all 50 states. 9to5 is a recipient of FACT's multi-year organizational development grant for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 grant years.

#### **Center for Civic Policy (CCP)**

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The Center for Civic Policy in New Mexico provides technical support to its five partner organizations among which are community organizing and advocacy groups. CCP's technical assistance includes communications strategy and implementation, support for public policy advocacy, leadership and non-partisan candidate development and non-partisan voter engagement techniques.

#### **Communities for a Better Environment (CBE)**

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CBE works for environmental health and justice for residents of heavily polluted urban communities. The group provides community members with organizing skills, leadership training, and legal, scientific, and technical assistance so that they can successfully confront threats to their health from toxic pollution. CBE sees environmental health as a civil rights and social justice issue because polluting facilities are disproportionately located in or near minority and low-income communities. CBE was created in 1978 and has offices in both Southern and Northern California. In 2005 CBE was instrumental in the adoption of regulations strictly limiting the burning off of toxic chemicals from oil refineries in Richmond, California. In 2006 these regulations were strengthened as a result of continued community organizing work. CBE is a recipient of FACT's multi-year organizational development grant for the 2007, 2008 and 2009 grant years.

**Community Voting Project – Center for Community Change (CCC) \$50,000**

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The Community Voting Project (CVP) of the CCC gives community-based groups the tools and skills to do voter engagement work with low-income voters. In 2004, the CVP provided technical assistance to community organizing groups across the country for ramping up their voter engagement work. A detailed evaluation of this project was completed and provides important lessons for the ongoing work of the CVP and for the field of voter engagement. In 2006, CVP worked with a smaller number of groups in a more comprehensive manner to help them fully integrate their voter and issue-based organizing work. CCC was founded in 1968 and is the most prominent anti-poverty organization in the nation that devotes itself to enhancing the power of low income Americans. It is known for its historic role in building the national and grassroots coalitions that led to the creation of the food stamps program, the Community Reinvestment Act and the large-scale preservation of low-income housing around the country.

**DataCenter \$50,200**

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The DataCenter is a national nonprofit public access research group that has provided social justice activists and organizations with research information and assistance since 1977. The DataCenter helps groups that do not have the ability to perform in-house research by teaching them research skills and including community members in a participatory research process. This ensures that the groups' campaigns are based on solid information and have the data necessary to persuade the public and public officials. Moreover, the DataCenter provides analytical skills to integrate research into campaign strategy from the outset and enables grassroots groups to own the research process. This helps organizations bridge the gap between wanting to create change and actually having the power to do so. Recently, the DataCenter helped FACT grantee Communities for a Better Environment with corporate research, analysis and expert testimony in a successful campaign for limits on refinery flaring in Richmond, CA.

**East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy (EBASE) \$50,000**

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EBASE brings together community, labor and faith-based groups to work for greater economic and social justice for low-wage workers in the San Francisco area's East Bay region. It emerged from the labor/community collaboration that won the Oakland living wage ordinance in 1998. EBASE combines organizing, research, policy analysis and advocacy, and coalition-building in its efforts to end low-wage poverty and secure economic equity for those living and working in East Bay communities. EBASE also is the driving force behind the East Bay Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, which is building partnerships between labor and religious groups, and promoting leadership development among low-wage workers through its Worker Education and Leadership Development program. Among the group's successes have been winning living wage ordinances in the cities of Hayward, Oakland and Berkeley, and at the Port

of Oakland. EBASE was also instrumental in creating a program to monitor the implementation of the city of Oakland's living wage ordinance.

**Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (EBC)**

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The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (EBC) is a strategy and action center working for justice, opportunity and peace in urban America. Its Campaign for Green-Collar Jobs aims to create a model green and sustainable jobs program for marginalized and low-income youth by bringing together city agencies, non-profits, foundations and private builders in Oakland, CA.

**Environmental Health Coalition (EHC)**

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EHC is a base building group founded in 1980 that organizes in communities in San Diego, CA and Tijuana, Mexico. EHC works with a range of constituencies, including low-income people of color and middle class white communities, all trying to protect themselves from exposure to toxic substances in their neighborhoods. EHC members learn leadership skills and gain political education that enable them to become actively engaged citizens working on the public policies that impact their lives. The group is a leader in the use of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping to demonstrate the impact of multiple toxic pollutants on communities. EHC is an advocate of the Precautionary Principle and is involved in toxics reduction efforts at the national level. Locally, EHC is working with other groups on a comprehensive regional economic development strategy.

**Jobs with Justice (JwJ)**

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JwJ is a national campaign for economic justice, consisting of more than 40 local coalitions made up of labor, community, faith-based and student organizations. Formed in 1987, JwJ coordinates technical assistance for its local coalitions in cities throughout the U.S, helping them to develop their capacity and infrastructure. JwJ assists local coalitions to develop and carry out campaigns focusing on workplace justice issues such as living wages, and social justice issues, such as immigrant rights. In addition, JwJ works closely with community, labor, policy and other groups on efforts to promote alternatives to corporate-led globalization. One recent campaign resulted in a living wage for workers at Georgetown University and Washington University.

**Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)**

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LAANE was founded in 1993 to help end working poverty and improve the quality of life for working people in the Los Angeles area. It began by organizing a broad-based coalition to work for a living wage law in Los Angeles. It pioneered a strategy to negotiate legally binding community benefits agreements (CBAs) in which a developer commits to a set of benefits desired by the community (including affordable housing, local hiring and environmental mitigation) in exchange for public subsidies and community support. LAANE also provides technical assistance regarding accountable development to residents and community groups across the country. Since implementing the strategy, 11 CBAs have been approved and the City of Los Angeles now negotiates community benefits standards with developers as a matter of course.

**Miami Workers Center (MWC)**

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MWC was founded in 1999 to empower low income workers and communities of color to advocate for better public policies on their own behalf. MWC's goal is to serve as an umbrella organization to provide organizing skills, political education, technical assistance and campaign strategy development to its constituent groups. These groups, made up of local residents from all racial backgrounds, will have a shared analysis and theory of change as a result of MWC's leadership development and political education programs, and will take action locally in their neighborhoods. MWC's work with multi-racial constituencies is particularly important because racial and ethnic tensions are a powerful and divisive force in Florida.

**Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition (OVEC)**

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The Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition (OVEC) works to ensure environmental justice in the coalfield communities of Appalachia. Active since 1987, OVEC has recently focused media widespread attention on mountaintop removal mining. OVEC has partnered with 13 groups in a regional alliance to devise a broad collaborative strategy to end mountaintop removal mining. The strategy includes base building, raising public awareness through the media, state and national campaigns, and promoting economic alternatives for a just transition away from a coal-based economy.

**Partnership for Working Families (PWF)**

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The PWF is an organization formed in 2002 by the alliance of the Center on Policy Initiatives (CPI), the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy, the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy and Working Partnerships, USA. These four organizations – anchored in the major population centers of California – joined together to build an economic justice movement that calls on developers who receive taxpayer dollars in the form of public subsidies to provide measurable community benefits as defined by local residents in exchange for the subsidy. The group works with community-based organizations, labor unions, city councils, and the developers to come up with plans that will positively affect the local community where a development is proposed. PWF has recently expanded to provide technical assistance to groups with similar goals all over the country.

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Southern Echo is a statewide, grassroots, leadership development, education, and training organization working to develop new grassroots leaders and organizers in African American communities in Mississippi and the surrounding region. It was created in 1990. Through a comprehensive training and technical assistance program Echo builds the capacity of African Americans to hold decision-makers accountable. Among the group's accomplishments is winning the passage of the Mississippi Adequate Education Funding Program, which provides \$650 million over five years to improve education facilities and equalize education spending per pupil statewide. Echo has conducted dozens of workshops to educate parents, students, educators and public officials about how education funding in Mississippi is designed. This has led to a more informed public that can hold the state officials accountable for their actions. During 2005, informed community members prevented the governor's attempt to cut education funding by \$111 million.

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SFL JwJ provides community organizing support to working poor people of color and immigrants and it is a coalition of labor, community, small business and student activists working towards a sustainable economy in the South Florida region. SFL JwJ emerged in 2002. It engages in local policy fights, commissions relevant research, organizes community members for direct action, provides popular education and fosters grassroots democracy. It is one of the few groups working to build solidarity between African Americans and immigrants in the region and is helping to convene and anchor a community benefits coalition which is fighting for residential control on local hiring on subsidized construction projects.

**Strategic Concepts in Organizing & Policy Education (SCOPE)****\$100,000***Contact: Ericka M. Smith, Executive Director**1715 West Florence Avenue**Los Angeles, CA 90047**Telephone: (323) 789-7920 Fax: (323) 789-7939**Web Address: www.scopela.org*

SCOPE seeks to reduce and eliminate structural barriers to social and economic opportunities for poor and disadvantaged communities. Since its founding in 1992, SCOPE has built models of civic participation for disadvantaged communities, worked to develop strategic alliances between diverse communities, equipped poor communities with strategic research and analysis to understand the issues, and provided training to build collaboration at the local, regional, state, national and international levels. SCOPE fulfills its mission through interlocking divisions that include: Action for Grassroots Empowerment and Neighborhood Development Alternatives (AGENDA) which organizes in south Los Angeles communities, the LA Metropolitan Alliance which includes community-based groups and organizes in inner city communities (such as South Los Angeles, East Los Angeles, and Pico Union/Koreatown) and working class suburban communities (such as West Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley), Community Institute for Policy Heuristics Education and Research (CIPHER) which provides research for SCOPE campaigns, and The Environmental and Economic Justice Project (EEJP) which offers technical assistance and trainings both within SCOPE and to allied organizations. The President's Initiatives focus on voter engagement and tax and fiscal policy reform. In 2005, SCOPE's model of organizing low-income communities increased civic participation in those neighborhoods and resulted in over 70,000 contacts with prospective voters.

## **Strategic Press Information Network (SPIN) Project**

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The SPIN Project is a national media training and organizing project created in 1997 to provide technical assistance so that community groups can increase their capacity to conduct effective media and public relations work. Through on-site, interactive trainings, customized strategic media planning sessions, and the “SPIN Academy,” which focuses on advanced media training, the Project unites the critical aspect of media strategy with grassroots organizing strategies. SPIN also produces resource materials, including “*SPIN Works! The Nuts and Bolts of Good PR*” and training videos, as well as customized organizational consultations on strategic communications plans.

## **SouthWest Organizing Project (SWOP)**

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SWOP is a multi-racial, multi-issue, statewide, grassroots organization established in 1981. SWOP seeks to empower the disenfranchised in New Mexico to realize racial and gender equality and social and economic justice. SWOP focuses on increasing citizen participation and building leadership skills in low-income communities (composed predominantly of people of color), so residents can participate in decision-making on issues affecting their lives, including environmental, community, and worker protection. As a member of a local coalition during the 2005 election cycle, SWOP helped to ensure the passage of a clean elections bill for the state of New Mexico. This ordinance provides public financing for candidates and will make it possible for low-income people of color to run in municipal elections in Albuquerque. Similar laws have passed in Arizona, Massachusetts and Maine. As a member of a coalition, SWOP recently helped ensure the passage of a municipal living wage ordinance in Albuquerque. With their allies, they continue to work toward increasing the minimum wage in the state as a whole.

## **Urban Habitat (UH)**

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UH was created in 1989 as an intermediary organization working in partnership with low-income communities and communities of color to advance regional equity in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. The Bay Area with its many municipalities and nine counties is economically bound together. UH founded the Social Equity Caucus (SEC) in 1997. Today the SEC has 75 members throughout the region who represent community development, labor, faith, youth, social justice, and environmental concerns all working together to improve communities. The membership includes organizations with differing strategies – grassroots groups, policy advocates, service organizations, academics, legal services and philanthropists.