The Catalyst Fund

Groundswell’s Catalyst Fund resources the nation’s strongest reproductive justice (RJ) organizing led by women of color, low-income women, and transgender people. The Catalyst Fund supports efforts that use grassroots organizing to advance reproductive justice policy and systems change. Centering efforts led by women of color, Catalyst also supports work led by low-income white women and transgender people, who together make up the constituencies that experience the greatest reproductive health disparities and the largest barriers to reproductive freedom in the U.S.

Catalyst awards grants directly to grassroots organizations, including matching grants designed to bolster organizations’ efforts to raise new money from other sources. Particular attention is paid to organizations building cross-movement alliances between reproductive justice efforts and other social justice organizations, such as labor unions or environmental and economic justice groups. Catalyst also awards matching grants to public foundations and women’s funds who make grants to organizations led by women of color and transgender people of color.
Taking stock: Where are we now?

Where are you sitting now? What is happening in the place where you are reading this? How are your communities and the land you are on? 2018 has been a deluge of news cycles, scandals, and heartbreaking losses. It is challenging most days to remember what we were worried about last week, let alone last month. For many of us, the daily political emergencies make it hard to slow down, take a breath, and ask ourselves, “When we look back in ten years, what will we wish we had done and paid attention to right now?”

Since the 2016 presidential election, the U.S. has witnessed unprecedented assaults on reproductive justice and decades of progressive wins. Much like the devastation wrought by hurricanes and wildfires in Puerto Rico, Florida, Texas, North Carolina, and the West coast, the current U.S. political climate reveals the man-made disasters of white supremacy, patriarchy, colonization, and capitalism. The most vulnerable communities — particularly people of color, women and transgender people, as well as low-income communities — pay the price of this devastation with their bodies, dignity, and lives.

Change the Game: The Year of the Woman

It is in this context that women, led by the visionary leadership of Black women and other women of color, brought about the #MeToo movement and an unprecedented wave of women-led organizing. Fueled by fury, vision and love, women of color are leading the resistance. Nowhere is that more evident than in the reproductive justice (RJ) movement, where RJ organizations are linking hands with allies across movements to confront increasing attacks on reproductive freedom, and to ensure that family separation, mass incarceration, workplace sexual harassment, attacks on abortion access, and the epidemic of disappearances and violence against Indigenous, Black, and trans women are not swept under the rug.

Dubbed The Year of the Woman, 2018 saw more women of color, white women, and trans people run for office — and win — than any other year in recorded U.S. history. Women of color candidates from Georgia to Minnesota, Michigan, and New York electrified the national debate, unapologetically pushing for radical solutions over piece-meal compromises. From taking visible leadership at the Women’s March to Kavanaugh protests, local townhalls, and the voting booth, women of color are making their
voices heard. In response to the Parkland shooting, voter suppression, and threats to Title IX protections, hundreds of thousands of young people have become politically engaged nationwide, with young women of color and trans youth at the fore.

**Yet Representation Is Not Enough**

In September, Serena Williams walked onto the U.S. Open Women’s Singles finals tennis court and played one of the worst games of her career. During and after the game, Williams called out the sexism of the umpire who penalized her for behavior that would never be held against a male player. In response, the most successful female tennis athlete in modern history was swiftly reduced to racist memes, punished by the white-dominated institutions that govern the sport, and shamed as an angry Black woman. One cartoon even whitewashed her opponent, another woman of color, rising star Japanese-Haitian Naomi Osaka, to serve this narrative.

Later that month following in the courageous footsteps of Anita Hill, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford told her story of surviving sexual violence at the hands of a U.S. Supreme Court nominee, confronting the country and its top governing institutions with a moral choice. While much was said about the role of women senators on both sides, at the end of the day there wasn’t a critical mass of elected officials committed enough to gender justice over their allegiance to patriarchy, white supremacy, and capitalism. Both cases demonstrate that representation alone is not enough to create social change; it is not enough to simply have women leaders in positions of social and cultural significance. Representation matters, but unless there is a fundamental shift in power, our laws, systems, and culture will remain rotted through by white supremacy, capitalist greed, and misogyny.

**Life after Roe: Why Organizing Matters**

The reproductive justice movement is the most prominent movement in the U.S. that is led by women of color and that centers a race, class, gender, and decolonization analysis. RJ offers lessons about how to create a fundamental shift in power that can confront the interlocking threats of white supremacy, patriarchy, capitalism, and colonization.

RJ is rooted in a deep understanding that our fates are woven together and that in order to achieve reproductive justice, the communities most impacted by reproductive health disparities must organize for intersectional solutions that leave no one behind.

We are at a terrifying juncture. The current Supreme Court stands poised to dismantle many vital protections and guarantees, including *Roe v. Wade*. In the next generation, communities of color, women, immigrants, working people, and LGBTQ people may witness hard-won rights unravel in the courts and at the federal level. As the country faces renewed threats, it is clear that laws and policies alone cannot protect us. Legal and policy protections remain vulnerable to changing courts and administrations, unless there is systemic change and an organized base of people who are ready and willing to defend our rights. It’s important to remember that the Supreme Court upheld slavery, Jim Crow, and the denial of the vote to many groups, among many other injustices. Our government’s decisions did not shift on their own; they were *shifted* by the people of this country who organized to change the cultural and political context, forcing the Court to respond. RJ organizations understand the critical importance of organizing today and into the future.

“Movements are not stumbled upon: you do not stagger your way into freedom. You do not wake up to liberation. This is hard won.”

— M. Adams, Catalyst grantee Freedom, Inc., Madison, WI
Reproductive Justice in Action: Highlights from the 2018 Catalyst Docket

The organizations featured in this docket are at the forefront of defending reproductive justice through base building, leadership development, educating communities on RJ issues, organizing on issue-based campaigns, policy advocacy, voter engagement, culture change, and creating new transformative models.

- **Base Building and Leadership Development:** The focus of Groundswell’s funding is on the organizational and movement infrastructure that enables historically marginalized people to engage and organize their communities around key RJ issues that impact their lives. While this docket cites grantee policy wins, Groundswell believes that policy wins are only one small part of the equation toward solving for reproductive justice. The grantees featured in this docket focus primarily on organizing, engaging people, educating them about reproductive justice issues, motivating them with storytelling, and teaching them how to exercise their individual and collective power in society. Policy wins can be critical indicators of power, but the ability to make policy wins, defend those wins, and gain more ground only comes through an organized base. The RJ organizations featured in this docket demonstrate why base building and leadership development are essential components of building grassroots power.

- **Abortion Access:** RJ organizations mobilize communities to defend reproductive healthcare access, particularly on the local and state levels. In Oregon, **Western States Center** is working in a broad coalition that includes Forward Together to defeat Measure 106, a ballot measure to ban public funding for abortion that threatens the landmark **2017 Reproductive Health Equity Act** (the RHEA ensures that people have access to reproductive healthcare, regardless of citizenship status, gender identity, income, or type of insurance). **West Virginia Free** is opposing an amendment to the state constitution that would end public funding for access to safe, affordable abortions in West Virginia, one of only 17 states that allows Medicaid coverage for abortion. Catalyst grantees also saw the importance of taking a proactive stance on abortion and reproductive healthcare access issues. **New Voices for Reproductive Justice** began working with Pennsylvania legislators to draft two proactive bills to remove state coverage bans for abortion and to codify essential preventative health and “well-woman” care provisions of the Affordable Care Act in state law. **National Network of Abortion Funds** expanded its successful Southern Cohort model to other regions in order to build the capacity of grassroots abortion funds to ensure abortion access by integrating quality service delivery, organizing, and regional collaboration. This includes supporting the capacity of Catalyst grantee **ARC–Southeast** in Georgia as it wages a billboard campaign to destigmatize abortion and raise the issue during the gubernatorial race, and new Catalyst grantee **West Fund** as it begins a campaign for comprehensive sexual health education in El Paso, Texas.

- **Healthcare Access:** After a protracted fight, **National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health** contributed to the large-scale coalition effort that secured Medicaid expansion in Virginia, extending essential healthcare coverage to 400,000 people. **Transgender Law Center** is working to block a rewrite of Affordable Care Act regulations that would remove anti-discrimination protections for trans people and jeopardize their ability to secure health insurance. Additionally, Transgender Law Center is working to safeguard transgender and other vulnerable communities in the face of a new “religious freedom” division at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that will allow discrimination by healthcare providers who cite religious or moral reasons for denying care to transgender people and other communities.

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1 **NOTE:** All voter education, get out the vote, and election and voter protection activities supported by Groundswell Fund will be conducted in a nonpartisan manner in compliance with IRS rules and regulations and will not constitute prohibited political activity. Groundswell Fund and the organizations it supports will not express support or opposition for any particular candidate or party and will not target potential voters by appealing to issues that divide the candidates. Groundswell Fund and the organizations it supports will review proposed activities with its outside legal counsel to ensure that all activities are consistent with the Internal Revenue Code.
Criminalization: In Louisiana, Women With A Vision helped to pass the Dignity for Incarcerated Women bill, which removed cruel monthly quotas on health supplies and gave incarcerated women unlimited access to menstrual pads, tampons, toilet paper, soap, and toothpaste. In North Carolina, SisterSong secured an administrative win, preventing the shackling of pregnant women in prison during labor. In the wake of the Parkland shooting, Power U Center for Social Change worked to shift the response narrative away from spending millions of dollars on increased policing in Florida schools, and towards a conversation around the lack of funding for supportive school programs, such as comprehensive sex education and restorative justice.

Immigrant Justice: In Long Beach, California, Khmer Girls in Action forced the city council to divest from the criminalization of youth and migrant communities and to invest $450,000 to seed the first-ever Long Beach Youth Fund, as well as a universal deportation legal defense fund. Youth canvassers with ACT for Women and Girls collected almost 1,000 signatures in rural, conservative Tulare County, California, and successfully petitioned a local school district to become a sanctuary school district. Piloting alternatives to state-dependent healthcare models for Arizona's undocumented LGBTQ community, Trans Queer Pueblo took steps to engage patients of its free weekly Clínica Liberación health clinic in grassroots organizing around immigration and police violence, while inviting patients to be leaders of the clinic themselves.

Economic Justice: In major victories for working women, Organization United for Respect (OUR) won paid parental leave for 500,000 Walmart employees, quickly followed by similar wins with Dollar General and other retailers, and secured workplace accommodations for Walmart workers who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or recovering from childbirth, that were previously only granted to workers who had been injured on the job. Additionally, as part of the Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan, Mothering Justice secured enough signatures to put earned paid sick time on the ballot.

Direct Action: RJ organizations are growing their capacity to engage in direct actions. New Catalyst grantee Reproaction holds direct actions across the country at new store openings and corporate headquarters to pressure major retailers like Harris Teeter supermarkets to stock emergency contraception. Women’s Voices for the Earth, alongside Catalyst grantees COLOR and Black Women for Wellness, protested the makers of Summer’s Eve products to end its use of toxic chemicals, greenwashing tactics, and racist, sexist body-shaming advertising targeted against women of color. Catalyst grantees were also among those arrested while occupying U.S. Senate buildings and while speaking up during the Kavanaugh hearings.

The Catalyst Fund docket features the stories of 68 grantees working in 47 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington, D.C. to advance reproductive justice. This includes 8 new grantees and 38 returning grantees, as well as 7 grantmaking partners and their 23 subgrantees. In 2017, the Catalyst Fund launched multiyear grants, awarding 10 of the strongest RJ organizations two-year grants for the first time. In 2018, the Catalyst Fund is proud to award multi-year support to 7 additional grantees.

As we look towards 2019 and beyond, it is clear that the brilliant thinkers and powerful organizers featured in this docket are exactly who we need to rally behind. This is the work that will power us to fight the great challenges in front of us. We must invest in intersectional solutions that leave no one behind. The RJ organizations featured in this docket are leading the fight to organize and build the power of communities most impacted by reproductive injustice so that institutions ultimately become accountable to the will of the people — not to other interests. The reproductive justice movement centers a solid commitment to intersectionality. As funders, we are called to deepen our investment in organizing and organizations that build power for reproductive justice.
In 2017, these strong reproductive justice organizations received two-year Catalyst Fund grants for work in 2018 and 2019.

- Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) | Anchorage, AK
- California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative | Oakland, CA
- COLOR | Denver, CO
- Forward Together | Oakland, CA
- Legal Services for Prisoners with Children | Oakland, CA
- National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) | New York, NY
- National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH) | New York, NY
- Raising Women’s Voices | Washington, D.C.
- URGE | Washington, D.C.
- West Virginia Free | Charleston, WV
- Young Women United | Albuquerque, NM
ACCESS Women’s Health Justice

Location: San Leandro, CA  
Geographic Focus: State  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2016  
Grant Amount: $40,000  
Other Groundswell Support: GOI Program Participant  

ACCESS Women’s Health Justice combines direct services, community education, and policy to promote real reproductive options and access to quality healthcare for California women. ACCESS advances proactive legislation in California, modeling for other abortion funds how to incorporate the experience and expertise of its member callers in advocacy efforts. ACCESS is building momentum from its work on SB 320, the College Student Right to Access Act, to push reproductive justice reform and organize to repeal the Hyde Amendment as part of All’s coalition efforts. ACCESS is a member fund of the Catalyst grantee National Network of Abortion Funds, and in 2018, ACCESS supporters raised $150,000 via the Abortion Access Bowl-a-Thon. ACCESS also used text technology for participants to support its policy agenda through call-to-action texts. Recently, ACCESS and Restaurant Opportunity Center (ROC)–The Bay partnered to host Safe Bars trainings that address reproductive justice issues within the hospitality industry and create safe workplaces for bar workers. As part of Groundswell’s Grassroots Organizing Institute, ACCESS will create an engagement activity calendar, formalize its outreach strategy to callers, and establish organizing goals for 2019.

ACT for Women and Girls

Location: Visalia, CA  
Geographic Focus: Local; State  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2017  
Grant Amount: $40,000  
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant  

ACT for Women and Girls develops leadership among young women to eradicate the injustice that lies deep in the roots of conservative Tulare County and the Central Valley in California. Through its multiple leadership development programs, ACT engages young women in campaigns to advance reproductive justice. In 2018, ACT for Women and Girls graduated 18 young women ages 15 to 25 from its Feminist Leadership Academy, where they received political education and organizing training. ACT also led a successful Billboard Revolution Campaign, placing reproductive justice–centered messaging on three billboards in Tulare County and reaching over 250,000 local residents. ACT co-sponsored three statewide bills on RJ issues and contributed to the passage of AB 2289, the Young Parents’ Right to Education Act, which ensures the right to parental leave for pregnant and parenting students. ACT’s environmental justice ACTion team successfully petitioned Visalia Unified School District to remove glyphosate, a pesticide, from their school campuses. In addition to its leadership development programs, ACT also engages young people in integrated voter engagement work. In 2018, ACT’s youth canvassers collected 966 signatures and successfully petitioned the Woodlake Unified School District to become a sanctuary school district. In 2019, ACT for Women and Girls will engage over 150 participants in its programming, implementing three RJ-focused campaigns and training at least 50 youth in campaign leadership to advance local policies in the areas of immigration, LGBTQ+ rights, sexual health education, and environmental justice policy.

Afiya Center

Location: Dallas, TX  
Geographic Focus: State  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2016  
Grant Amount: $40,000  
Other Groundswell Support: GOI Program Participant  

Afiya Center is a Dallas-based reproductive justice organization that centers low-income Black women and girls in its work around the issues of HIV/AIDS, reproductive justice, and abortion access. The Afiya Center brings awareness to the connections between reproductive oppression and HIV transmission to cis and trans Black women. Black women have 37 percent of abortions in Texas, yet face formidable barriers to accessing reproductive healthcare, including a lack of everything from abortion access to comprehensive sex education, contraception, and health insurance. Afiya Center is a co-plaintiff alongside Catalyst grantee West Fund and other local partners in The People’s Lawsuit, which was filed in 2018 in the state of Texas, challenging several anti-abortion laws that disproportionately harm women of color, immigrants, and low-income women. In 2019, Afiya Center will challenge the economic impacts of HB 214, a recent bill that bars use of private health insurance and Affordable Care Act insurance to pay for an abortion in Texas, and will work with other reproductive justice organizations to advance proactive work for abortion access. In 2019, Afiya Center will continue to lead the fight against attacks on women’s bodies through its Young Black Women for Choice (YBW4C) program, hosting three sessions of its YBW4C Leadership Institute and organizing a Black Legislative
Caucus weekend in which participants will have a chance to utilize their new advocacy skills. Afya Center will grow its reach from Dallas and Austin to Waco, Houston, and East Texas.

Access Reproductive Care–Southeast

**Location:** Atlanta, GA  
**Geographic Focus:** State; Regional with focuses in GA, AL, FL, MS, SC, and TN.  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2017  
**Grant Amount:** $40,000 ($15,000 match)  
**Other Groundswell Support:** GOI Program Participant

Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Access Reproductive Care–Southeast (ARC–Southeast) is a regional organization that works at the intersection of reproductive justice and abortion access in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, South Carolina, and Tennessee. ARC–Southeast provides gap funding and logistical support to ensure that Southerners receive safe and compassionate reproductive care, including abortion. ARC-Southeast builds power among Southern communities through education, leadership development, and organizing to change the material conditions facing communities of color. In 2018, ARC–Southeast completed a strategic plan and identified two priority areas of work: shifting culture around abortion and becoming the political home for Southerners who want to eliminate barriers to abortion access as its priority. In an effort to increase its reach statewide, ARC–Southeast put up 15 billboards across the state of Georgia with affirming, abortion-positive reproductive justice messaging. This is part of a larger digital and online organizing campaign timed alongside the heavily contested 2018 gubernatorial race in Georgia. With support from Groundswell’s Grassroots Organizing Institute, ARC–Southeast will create a support group for its Healthline callers and host monthly Reproductive Justice: Ask, Talk, Listen (RJ:ATL) meetings as a way to engage community members more deeply around abortion. As part of the Amplify Georgia campaign, ARC–Southeast partners with Catalyst Fund grantee National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) to educate communities about the value of abortion and its connection to other social justice issues. Amplify Georgia recently announced plans to establish Reproductive Justice Commissions in Clarkson, Atlanta, and South Fulton. ARC–Southeast looks forward to deepening relationships and its presence outside of the Atlanta metro area, specifically in Mississippi. ARC–Southeast is a member of Groundswell Catalyst grantee National Network of Abortion Funds’ Southern Funds Cohort.

Asian American Organizing Project

**Location:** Minneapolis, MN  
**Geographic Focus:** State  
**Grant History:** New Catalyst Grantee  
**Grant Amount:** $20,000

The mission of Asian American Organizing Project (AAOP) is to advance Asian American and Pacific Islander participation in our democracy toward a more equitable and just society. Founded in 2014, the organization provides leadership development opportunities and political education for young women and LGBTQ youth in Minnesota; and uses voter engagement, canvassing programs, and non-violent direct action to build and mobilize collective power, particularly on immigration issues impacting Asian communities in the state, such as fighting deportation. In 2018, AAOP and its partners launched the Ignite Minnesota Asian Power (IMAP) Coalition, which will organize and engage a diverse coalition of Asian organizations across the Twin Cities in year-round outreach to encourage participation and civic engagement in AAPI communities. AAOP also seeks to reduce sexual assault among Hmong/Asian youth and young women, and will work to...
address rape culture and toxic masculinity and to provide support for survivors of sexual violence and assault through its youth programming. In 2019, AAOP will further this work by integrating a reproductive justice framework into its organizing efforts. The group will develop culturally and politically relevant materials and terms in four commonly spoken Asian languages, conduct a story gathering and issue identification campaign, and will build a leadership corps of youth in the community who will start an organizing committee to advance reproductive justice campaigns. AAOP’s language justice approach will enable intergenerational conversations and education about reproductive justice, as well as empower youth leaders in several communities to identify culturally specific solutions to reproductive inequities.

Black Women for Wellness

Location: Los Angeles, CA
Geographic Focus: Local; State
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2014
Grant Amount: $100,000 (two-year grant)
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant

Black Women for Wellness (BWW) supports Black women and girls to organize for sexual and reproductive health education and rights in Los Angeles and at the state level. BWW employs a range of strategies, including political education, community organizing, and integrated voter engagement to reach and mobilize Black women and girls in support of reproductive and environmental justice. BWW works to change Black girls’ health outcomes in Los Angeles; in 2017, BWW reached over 750 local high school students through comprehensive sex education classes delivered in schools and through workshops on sexual harassment, consent, and healthy relationships. During the grant period, BWW will expand its base of youth leaders and address health barriers facing Black women through its Black Women Deserve Better policy platform, which focuses on reducing maternal and infant health disparities and income inequality, as well as focusing on improving environmental health. BWW will launch an innovative Afro-futuristic media campaign to reach one million Californians, inviting community members to think more expansively about what health and wellbeing can look like for Black women and girls. BWW participates in several statewide and national coalitions focused on RJ or environmental justice. Thanks to its long-term participation in Groundswell’s Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) program, BWW became the only RJ organization invited to be part of California Calls, the premier formation of voter engagement organizations across California, where BWW contributes to building the power of Black communities.

Brave Space Alliance

Location: Chicago, IL
Geographic Focus: Local
Grant History: New Catalyst Grantee
Grant Amount: $20,000

Founded in 2016, Brave Space Alliance (BSA) is the first Black trans–led organization located on the South Side of Chicago, where few LGBTQ organizations operate. BSA organizes transgender people of color on the South and West sides of the city using a two-fold approach that couples service provision with grassroots organizing to change the conditions that allow structural inequalities to persist. In 2017, after the Chicago Department of Education’s rollbacks of protections for trans and
gender non-conforming youth, BSA helped to mobilize over 3,000 people to march in protest in zero-degree weather. In 2018, BSA conducted the first needs assessment of the trans community in Chicago, which helped it identify where the majority of its base was located. BSA will follow up on that research in 2019 by opening pop-up locations in five neighborhoods where the majority of its community lives and by conducting townhalls to identify local organizing priorities. BSA aims to make trans rights a central issue in the 2019 Chicago aldermanic and mayoral elections, ensuring that candidates are aware of the transphobic incidents in their community, have met their trans constituents, and feel pressure to propose or adopt legislation to address trans rights, especially around public safety, healthcare access, and education. BSA also provides trainings for other organizations and service providers in Chicago to better understand the reproductive justice needs of trans people. In 2019, BSA will work with 10 local clinics, hospitals, and healthcare providers to provide sensitivity trainings and to propose policy changes to create more supportive environments. Additionally, BSA contributes on-the-ground support to interACT Advocates for Intersex Youth’s campaign to pressure Lurie Children’s Hospital to stop performing genital reassignment surgeries on intersex infants and children.

California Latinas for Reproductive Justice

Location: Los Angeles, CA
Geographic Focus: State
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2007
Grant Amount: $30,000

California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ) is a statewide policy and advocacy organization committed to promoting the reproductive and sexual health, rights, and justice of California Latinas through policy advocacy, community education, and community-informed research. In 2018, CLRJ led in-person advocacy days in which community members spoke with their legislators about such issues as young parent’s rights and budget priorities. Its advocacy efforts helped move Governor Brown to sign AB 2289, a bill that protects young parents’ rights to bond with their children while continuing with their education. CLRJ honed in on the development of the 31 leaders in its Latinas4RJ chapters in Los Angeles and San Diego in an effort to more deeply engage supporters in local actions aligned with CLRJ’s mission and policy priorities. In 2019, CLRJ will continue to work towards integrating organizing strategies into its current advocacy programming by providing additional skills training to members and supporting chapters to initiate three actions in 2019 in support of CLRJ’s campaigns for reproductive justice and immigrant rights. Through its two Latinas4RJ chapters and its Young Parent Leaders Council, CLRJ will recruit and maintain 300 base supporters and aims to double its membership to 60 leaders. CLRJ will lean into its strength of collaboration, partnership, and skillful convening to work with key allies on legislative work in 2019 on issues like comprehensive sex education, access to reproductive healthcare, and supporting pregnant and parenting youth.

El Pueblo

Location: Raleigh, NC
Geographic Focus: State
Grant History: New Catalyst Grantee
Grant Amount: $30,000
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant

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Freedom, Inc.

Location: Madison, WI
Geographic Focus: State
Grant Amount: $30,000
Grant History: New Catalyst Grantee
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant

Freedom, Inc. (FI) uses a blended service and organizing model, inclusive of deep leadership development, to build power within low- to no-income communities of color in Dane County, Wisconsin. FI develops linguistic-, cultural-, and gender-specific programming for Black, Cambodian, and Hmong women, youth, gender non-conforming, and transgender community members. Freedom, Inc. uses a Linked Liberation political education framework to organize in Black, refugee, and immigrant communities in North Carolina around a range of issues, including reproductive justice and immigrant rights. El Pueblo runs several leadership development programs, including: Líderes en Justicia Reproductiva, which develops and supports the leadership and organizing of adults on reproductive justice issues; PARE, which is focused on Latinas who are survivors of, or have a strong interest in, ending domestic violence and sexual assault; and Pueblo Power Program, which develops the leadership of youth ages 13 to 19. El Pueblo is an active member of Blueprint, North Carolina, and the Repro Policy Table, ensuring that Latinx community members are included in policy education and voter engagement efforts. In 2018, El Pueblo’s membership was most engaged around the fights for tuition equity for undocumented students and to end the practice of shackling pregnant people who are incarcerated. Much is at stake in the 2018 election in North Carolina, and the balance of power in the state may shift; thus, El Pueblo’s 2019 campaign focus areas are yet to be determined. In the coming year, El Pueblo plans to contact 2,000 community members, at least 400 of whom (20%) will agree to take action in one of its legislative campaigns or will sign up to volunteer with the organization.

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Freedom, Inc. (FI) uses a blended service and organizing model, inclusive of deep leadership development, to build power within low- to no-income communities of color in Dane County, Wisconsin. FI develops linguistic-, cultural-, and gender-specific programming for Black, Cambodian, and Hmong women, youth, gender non-conforming, and transgender community members. Freedom, Inc. uses a Linked Liberation political education framework to organize in Black, refugee, and immigrant communities in North Carolina around a range of issues, including reproductive justice and immigrant rights. El Pueblo runs several leadership development programs, including: Líderes en Justicia Reproductiva, which develops and supports the leadership and organizing of adults on reproductive justice issues; PARE, which is focused on Latinas who are survivors of, or have a strong interest in, ending domestic violence and sexual assault; and Pueblo Power Program, which develops the leadership of youth ages 13 to 19. El Pueblo is an active member of Blueprint, North Carolina, and the Repro Policy Table, ensuring that Latinx community members are included in policy education and voter engagement efforts. In 2018, El Pueblo’s membership was most engaged around the fights for tuition equity for undocumented students and to end the practice of shackling pregnant people who are incarcerated. Much is at stake in the 2018 election in North Carolina, and the balance of power in the state may shift; thus, El Pueblo’s 2019 campaign focus areas are yet to be determined. In the coming year, El Pueblo plans to contact 2,000 community members, at least 400 of whom (20%) will agree to take action in one of its legislative campaigns or will sign up to volunteer with the organization.
used by the Madison Metropolitan School District to place police officers on high school campuses through its No Cops in Schools campaign. As a new grantee partner in Groundswell’s Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) program, FI is integrating voter engagement into its multiple leadership development programs to educate and mobilize its base in 2018 and beyond.

**Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health**

**Location:** Chicago, IL  
**Geographic Focus:** Local  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2006  
**Grant Amount:** $100,000 (two-year grant)  
**Other Groundswell Support:** GOI Program Participant

Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH) advocates to promote access to sexual healthcare, comprehensive sex education, and comprehensive support for pregnant and parenting youth. Using a youth and adult ally partnership model, ICAH’s Change, Heal, Act, Together (CHAT) Network builds intergenerational leadership for reproductive justice through political education and campaign development and implementation work. As part of Groundswell’s Grassroots Organizing Institute, ICAH is significantly increasing its outreach and base-building capacity, helping to fuel its organizing campaigns. In 2017, ICAH youth leaders contacted over 5,700 people to help secure passage of HB 40 to strike a “trigger” provision in the Illinois abortion law, a law which otherwise would have immediately banned abortion if Roe v. Wade were overturned. HB 40 also removes discriminatory provisions denying insurance coverage of abortion for people with Medicaid and State Employee Health Insurance. ICAH has parlayed the momentum from the HB 40 win into its organizing to repeal parental notification of abortion (PNA) for minors and toward establishing and co-leading a PNA taskforce in Illinois, a state that routinely receives an influx of Midwesterners seeking abortion care in a region with limited abortion access. In its three-year strategic plan, ICAH aims to build regional alliances to decentralize the coasts and to make the U.S. Midwest an RJ hub.

**International Indian Treaty Council**

**Location:** San Francisco, CA  
**Geographic Focus:** Tribe; International  
**Grant History:** Catalyst grantee since 2013  
**Grant Amount:** $30,000 ($15,000 match)

International Indian Treaty Council (IITC) is an organization of Indigenous people working for self-determination and the recognition and protection of human rights, treaties, traditional cultures, environmental justice, and sacred lands. IITC is an international leader in the fight for the rights of Indigenous women to live free from environmental reproductive toxins. In 2018, IITC brought together 120-plus Indigenous women, UN mandate holders, and academics at the third International Indigenous Women’s Symposium on Environmental and Reproductive Health, to build consensus and develop recommendations to combat environmental violence. The symposium created a vital space for Indigenous elders and youth leaders to share knowledge and build solutions together. In addition to hosting the symposium, IITC developed a matrix to effectively document environmental violations and to communicate the long-term impacts of toxins to an international audience. IITC has already proven successful in collecting compelling testimony, and in 2019, IITC plans to use this tool to strengthen community campaigns and to better equip advocates in its local efforts. IITC’s advocacy in 2019 will focus on amending the Rotterdam Convention, which allows the manufacturing and transport of banned and restricted pesticides and limits the need for consent from the Indigenous communities impacted by illicit movement and dumping of toxic materials. IITC plans to engage 1,200 Indigenous women through trainings and educational events and expand its partnerships to include 10 new tribes and organizations. In collaboration with strategic partners, including fellow Catalyst Fund grantees Alaska Community Action on Toxics, IITC will double the members of its premier capacity-building program, the International Indigenous Women’s Initiative on Environmental and Reproductive Health.

**Khmer Girls in Action**

**Location:** Long Beach, CA  
**Geographic Focus:** Local; State  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2017  
**Grant Amount:** $40,000  
**Other Groundswell Support:** IVE Program Participant

Khmer Girls in Action (KGA) is a community-based gender, racial, and economic justice organization led by Cambodian and Southeast Asian young women working to build a progressive and sustainable Long Beach community. In 2018, KGA celebrated a historic victory in its Invest in Youth campaign, an organizing effort to divert public funds away from criminalization and into intervention and prevention initiatives for young people in Long Beach, particularly girls of color, LGBTQ youth, and trans youth. KGA successfully advocated for City Council leaders to approve a $200,000 allocation of city funding to seed the first-ever Long Beach Youth Fund, and $250,000 for a universal deportation legal defense fund. As a participant in Groundswell’s Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) program, KGA engaged millennial and Khmer-speaking voters in the city budgeting process, specifically lifting up the perspectives of young women of color during budget hearings. In 2019, KGA seeks to grow its base to 2,000, with a focus on Southeast Asian young women and youth across the gender spectrum. Known for its holistic youth development programs, KGA will expand its multi-tiered leadership development program, matriculating 60 youth leaders in the grant period. KGA will move into the second phase of the Invest in Youth campaign, launching a signature collection effort to qualify a local measure for the Spring 2020 election in Long Beach that would secure additional dedicated funding for the Long Beach Youth Fund. Youth members will lead the campaign effort, which will include political education and budget advocacy trainings across the city.
The Knights and Orchids Society

Location: Selma, AL  
Geographic Focus: Local  
Grant Amount: $20,000  
Grant History: New Catalyst Grantee

The Knights and Orchids Society (TKO) is a Southern-centered grassroots organization led by Black trans and queer people in Selma, Alabama. TKO works at the intersections of racial and gender justice to empower its mostly rural, Black, low-income trans community through HIV and sexual health service provision, including Affordable Care Act enrollment and name change legal clinics, voter engagement, and advocacy. According to the Williams Institute, 78,000 transgender people who live across eight Southern states with strict voter ID laws report not having any identification that matches their gender. This not only severely constrains their ability to vote, not having correct identification also impacts their experiences with law enforcement and their ability to access healthcare, employment, education, and housing. TKO prioritizes civic engagement in Selma to educate and activate Black trans people, youth, and people living with HIV. During the 2017 Doug Jones / Roy Moore election, TKO waged a get out the vote (GOTV) campaign to mobilize Black trans and queer communities to the polls. In 2019, TKO will host regional community conversations for grassroots trans leaders to learn how to organize and use media to combat hate speech in Alabama, Tennessee, and South Carolina. In 2019, TKO will leverage its relationship with Selma city council members to advocate for the passage of a Nondiscrimination Ordinance that protects trans people from employment, public accommodations, and housing discrimination, modeled after a recent ordinance that includes sexual orientation and gender identity that passed in Birmingham, Alabama.

Miami Workers Center

Location: Miami, FL  
Geographic Focus: Local  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2017  
Grant Amount: $30,000  
Other Groundswell Support: GOI Program Participant; FL Ecosystem Initiative Participant

Miami Workers Center (MWC) is a strategy and action center that builds the power and self-determination of South Florida’s low-income women, girls, and femmes of color. MWC helps to build a progressive voice and platform that can nurture the growth of movements for social change in Florida and the U.S. In 2018, MWC surpassed its base-building goals, contacting over 5,000 Black women and femmes, Black and Latinx domestic workers, and others, and now has over 500 dues-paying members. MWC and its members advocated to defend the Affordable Care Act and to protect domestic workers from wage theft, trafficking, and related crimes. MWC’s Femme Agenda Coalition hosted the 2018 Regional Feminist Organizing School, which 20 organizations from central and South Florida participated in, and worked with partners to host Here Comes the Boom: An Assembly for Black Women and Girls, with over 500 participants. In 2019 MWC will continue its partnership with Power U and New Florida Majority to advance comprehensive sexuality education in the Miami-Dade school district. MWC will also continue its campaign to organize and support vulnerable domestic workers, including trafficked workers, to win a county-funded vulnerable workers outreach and assistance program and make it easier for workers who experience labor and other human rights abuses to attain certain visas. MWC will then help Miami-Dade County develop appropriate protocols and practices for these new programs.
Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative

Location: Biloxi, MS  
Geographic Focus: State  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2014  
Grant Amount: $30,000

Access to child care is an important issue in the Mississippi community. Mothering Justice is working on the issue of access to child care subsidies, which makes the biggest difference in moving low-wage families closer to economic self-sufficiency. Toward this end, Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative (MLICCI), an organization of child care providers, parents, and community members, advocates for improved child care policies and greater public investment in child care subsidy programs for poor families. In 2018, MLICCI successfully pressured the state Department of Human Services (DHS) to direct more than $40 million to child care assistance for low-income working families in Mississippi. MLICCI advocated for additional federal TANF funding to come to the state for child care, and helped identify additional revenue sources that DHS could draw from to fund the program. To date, DHS has used these new funds to reduce the waiting list for child care assistance from over 21,000 down to 1,600. Also in 2018, MLICCI released several policy briefs and research reports to educate the public and advance policies that would support low-income families. The organization also launched a new Child Care Leadership Team this year to provide a vehicle for parents and child care providers to organize together for better child care policies at state and systemic levels. In 2019, MLICCI will continue to push DHS to access more federal resources so it can serve more low-income families, and will develop an advocacy strategy to make child care for low-income working moms a major issue in the upcoming 2019 gubernatorial race.

Mothering Justice

Location: Royal Oak, MI  
Geographic Focus: State  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2006  
Grant Amount: $80,000 (two-year grant)  
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant

Mothering Justice is a statewide organization that uses member-led advocacy, leadership development, and nonpartisan voter engagement to make sure that Michigan moms, particularly low-income women of color, have a seat at the decision-making table. Mothering Justice employs a holistic leadership development model in its robust fellowship programs to politicize Michigan mothers, provide basic organizing trainings, and recruit women of color into campaigns to shift the conditions they face. As a founding member of the Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan, Mothering Justice ran an effective education campaign around Michigan’s 2018 Earned Paid Sick Time ballot initiative by gathering signatures, conducting media and spokesperson trainings, and collecting stories of mothers impacted by not having earned sick time. In coordination with local doulas, midwives, doctors, and other organizations, Mothering Justice will conduct focus groups and research to identify new 2019-2020 organizing priorities around maternal and infant health disparities affecting communities of color. Mothering Justice also began organizing around incarceration issues, drafting a Mothers’ Bill of Rights to address maternal and infant health of incarcerated women. In 2019 and 2020, Mothering Justice will work closely with racial justice organizations in Detroit, including Groundswell Action Fund grantees Restaurants Opportunities Centers (ROC)—Michigan, around affordable child care, democracy reform, and maternal and infant health. As part of Groundswell’s Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) program, Mothering Justice is expanding its capacity to engage Michigan moms of color around the issues that most impact them. Mothering Justice will work with 80 part-time fellows to conduct outreach in their communities and advance campaigns around reproductive and economic justice.

National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum

Location: Chicago, IL  
Geographic Focus: National; State with focuses in AZ, CA, DC, GA, IL, MA, MN, NY, PA, TN, and WA.  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2017  
Grant Amount: $40,000  
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant; Rapid Response Fund Grantee

National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF) is building a movement to advance social justice and human rights for API women, girls, and trans people through multi-issue advocacy across the U.S. NAPAWF plays a unique role in the reproductive justice movement as the only API-led and API-focused national organization working to advance reproductive justice. With the support of Groundswell’s Integrated Voter Engagement (IVE) program, NAPAWF is developing its base-building capacity in Atlanta, Georgia, and has created local member-led organizing committees, called FIERCE committees, in key states: Georgia, Illinois, New York, and Pennsylvania. Each FIERCE committee will conduct participatory action research to identify local reproductive justice priorities for API communities and to design local campaigns led by API women on issues that disproportionately impact their lives, such as comprehensive sex education or “prenatal nondiscrimination” anti-abortion laws. In response to the Supreme Court nomination of Brett Kavanaugh, NAPAWF, along with Groundswell Action Fund grantees All* Above All and Groundswell Catalyst grantee URGE, led their first direct action protest in August that drew over 50 members from NAPAWF’s key states and 100 participants overall. In 2019, NAPAWF and the Southeast Asia Resources Action Center will release a national report on the impact of detentions and deportations on API women and families, particularly in the Southeast Asian community. NAPAWF will partner with
Groundswell grantees National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health and In Our Own Voice, to build the first woman of color-led National RJ Policy Roundtable to support RJ leaders and organizations in taking collective action to impact state and federal policy.

**National Network of Abortion Funds**

**Location:** Boston, MA  
**Geographic Focus:** National  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2016  
**Grant Amount:** $150,000 (two-year grant; $50,000 match)

National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF) mobilizes resources to ensure abortion access for communities that experience ever-increasing barriers to care, including low-income women, people of color, young people, immigrants, and trans and gender non-conforming people. NNAF provides capacity-building support to its 70 member funds and centers people who have abortions within culture change efforts and intersectional organizing campaigns that address the systemic conditions that create the need for abortion funds in the first place. In 2018, inspired by the success of its Southern Funds Cohort, NNAF grew its regional cohort model, working with established and emerging abortion funds to explore shared approaches to data management, practical support and developing the leadership of people of color within abortion funds. NNAF also launched its draft Organizing Playbook at its annual conference of 300-plus participants; the Playbook was largely generated by member leaders, offers a guiding framework for organizing, and features case studies from Catalyst grantee ACCESS Women’s Health Justice and other member funds, as well as how-to guides for hosting successful organizing events. In 2019 and 2020, NNAF will both invest in over 500 abortion access activists through individual leadership development trainings and provide dedicated organizational development support for local abortion funds, including incubating new funds. NNAF will also support member funds to engage in cross-movement issue campaigns with a particular focus on repealing the Hyde Amendment; ensuring living wages and workers protections; ending the criminalization of pregnancy, miscarriage, and abortion; eliminating family caps in welfare; ending public funding for Crisis Pregnancy Centers; and repealing or preventing Parental Notification laws that make abortion less accessible to youth.

**New Voices for Reproductive Justice**

**Location:** Pittsburgh, PA  
**Geographic Focus:** State, with focuses in PA and OH; Regional  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2013  
**Grant Amount:** $50,000 ($15,000 match)  
**Other Groundswell Support:** IVE Program Participant

New Voices for Reproductive Justice (NVRJ) is building a social change movement dedicated to the health and wellbeing of Black women and girls in Pennsylvania and Ohio through four core strategies: leadership development, community organizing, policy advocacy, and culture change. NVRJ’s core issues include reproductive justice, environmental justice, and ending mass incarceration. In 2018, NVRJ began working with Pennsylvania legislators to draft two proactive bills in support of reproductive justice: a Reproductive Equity Act that would remove state coverage bans for abortion, as well as a Preventive Care Bill that aims to codify the Essential Preventative Health and “well-woman” care provisions of the Affordable Care Act in state statute. Through combined efforts in Cleveland, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh this year, NVRJ expanded its base by 1,184 new supporters. In 2019, New Voices will continue its leadership role within the In Our Own Voice coalition, which will continue to advocate at the federal level for the EACH Woman Act, which would ensure coverage for abortion for all women regardless of income level or insurance

**Native American Community Board**

**Location:** Lake Andes, SD  
**Geographic Focus:** Local; Tribe; State, with focuses in SD, OK, and NM  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2006  
**Grant Amount:** $40,000  
**Other Groundswell Support:** Ms. Foundation Catalyst Fund Subgrantee

Native American Community Board (NACB) was created in 1985 by Indigenous people living on or near the South Dakota Yankton Sioux Reservation in order to protect and sustain the rights, sovereignty, Life Ways, and natural resources of Indigenous peoples. NACB’s Indigenous Women’s Health and Reproductive Justice Program improves the health of low-income, reservation-based Indigenous women through community education, activist training, leadership development, voter engagement, and federal advocacy to facilitate legal access to emergency contraception, appropriate sexual assault emergency care, abortion and pregnancy prevention, and other reproductive health services. In 2018, NACB raised awareness about sexual violence through its Break the Silence campaign, supporting community members to designate their homes and other spaces as safe spaces for people experiencing sexual violence. In 2019, the campaign will expand to engage at least 90 Indigenous women and girls in South Dakota, Oklahoma, and New Mexico as ambassadors for ending sexual and relationship violence against Indigenous women in tribal communities. A recent Department of Justice report finds that four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women have experienced violence in their lifetimes, including sexual violence (over 56%), intimate partner violence (over 55%), and stalking (over 48%). NACB will hold Indian Health Service (IHS) accountable to the full implementation of the 2010 Tribal Law and Order Act, which mandates that IHS must develop standardized sexual assault protocols and policies to support Indigenous women and child survivors. Building on its 2015 victory that forced IHS to provide over-the-counter emergency contraception (EC) to Indigenous women and girls regardless of age, NACB’s Break the Silence campaign will also pressure the remaining 10 percent of non-compliant IHS units to adhere to NACB’s policies and the law by providing EC without a minimum age requirement or requirement to see a healthcare provider.
status, and the Real Education for Healthy Youth Act, which would make federal funding available to train comprehensive sex educators, as well as host policy briefings in Pennsylvania and Ohio focused on the coalition’s national policy report, Our Bodies. Our Lives. Our Voices: The State of Black Women and Reproductive Justice. NVRJ plans to scale up its Voice Your Vote! integrated voter engagement program by developing networks outside of its three core cities in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and will continue to expand its base via three currently running leadership development programs (the SistahSpeak! Youth Project, Patients to Advocates fellowship, and the Environmental Justice Leadership Network) and by relaunching its Reproductive Justice Leadership Network and launching the Lorde-Baldwin Leadership Institute for LGBTQ+ youth of color over age 18.

Organization United for Respect (formerly OUR Walmart)

Location: Washington, D.C.
Geographic Focus: National; State, with focuses in GA, FL, LA, MS, NC, TN, VA, and WV.
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2017
Grant Amount: $40,000

The Organization United for Respect (OUR) elevates the voices of those employed in the retail economy to ensure industry leaders and policymakers provide jobs that enable people to live a safe and economically secure life. OUR leverages technology — social media and a digital platform, Workit — to support people working in retail and to bring them into community with one another. Through online peer networks and on the ground base building strategies, OUR builds the leadership of working people to share their stories and advocate with allied organizations for real solutions to the pressing needs of the country’s massive low wage workforce. In 2018, OUR scored two major victories through the Walmart Women initiative: winning paid parental leave for 500,000 full-time employees that was quickly followed by Dollar General and other retailers and winning better accommodations for workers who are pregnant, breastfeeding, or recovering from childbirth by providing them with access to Temporary Alternative Duty, a program previously reserved only for workers with job injuries. Over the past year, OUR has expanded into retailers beyond Walmart and transitioned to co-anchor the national Fair Workweek Initiative (FWI) with the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD). As part of this expansion, OUR will seek to expand its national network and target its local base building in the U.S. South, California, the Northeast, and Washington state. In 2019, OUR will continue to push for further policy change at Walmart, including expanding the paid parental leave program to part-time workers, and winning a public commitment from Walmart to change its earned sick time and sexual harassment policies. OUR will also work towards achieving paid family leave at one to two other retailers and make headway on a Fair Workweek that ensures predictable and sufficient hours and scheduling that takes into account the needs of working families at Walmart, Target, and at least one other retailer.

Positive Women’s Network—USA

Location: Oakland, CA
Geographic Focus: National; Local; State, with focuses in CO, GA, LA, NY, PA, SC, and TX.
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2016
Grant Amount: $100,000 (two-year grant)
Other Groundswell Support: GOI Program Participant

The mission of Positive Women’s Network—USA (PWN—USA) is to prepare and involve women living with HIV (WLHIV), including transgender women, in all levels of policy and decision making to improve the quality of women’s lives, by: combating HIV-related stigma and demonstrating that women living with HIV are part of the solution; training and supporting HIV-positive women leaders; creating and sharing tools for women and HIV advocates; and mobilizing for strategic campaigns to change policies. PWN provided skills training and political education to 350 women living with HIV, including about 50 women of trans experience, at its National Leadership Summit SPEAK UPI in April of 2018. Prior to the formal opening of the summit, PWN also hosted a daylong electoral organizing training for 35 members from 12 states; this led to deeper engagement with organizers in five states to develop and implement a six-month get out the vote (GOTV) strategy, including voter registration, education, contact, and turnout. This pilot program will help inform PWN’s approach to electoral work in future years. PWN also fought the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, and PWN Executive Director Naina Khanna was one of several women of color sexual assault survivors who confronted Senator Mitch McConnell and disrupted Senator Susan Collins’s speech in which Collins announced her plan to vote in favor of confirmation. In 2019 and 2020, PWN will expand its state presence to include a ready-to-mobilize base in 20 states by continuing to support its existing chapters and expanding its State Leads program to reach community members in states without an active chapter. State-level organizers and advocates will advance PWN policy agenda priorities, with a focus on universal healthcare; reproductive justice; trans rights; safety, and justice; immigrant sanctuary; and decriminalization of HIV, sex work, and drug use. By the end of 2020, PWN members will be influencing policy in 10 states.

Power U Center for Social Change

Location: Miami, FL
Geographic Focus: Local; State
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2015
Grant Amount: $30,000
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant; FL Ecosystem Initiative Participant

Power U Center for Social Change organizes Black women and Black and Brown youth in Miami to resist state violence and advance school- and community-based restorative justice, an approach that brings wrongdoers, victims, and the community together to heal harm and prevent future harm. Power U equips youth leaders with an analysis of how reproductive control and criminalization combine to limit opportunities and democracy for
Black women and youth. In the wake of the Parkland shooting, Power U worked to shift the response narrative away from spending millions of dollars on increased policing in schools, and towards a conversation around lack of funding for supportive systems in school, such as comprehensive sex education and restorative justice. Power U worked with allies to hold a Sexual Health Summit, with over 50 young people, community leaders, service providers, and educators coming together to discuss how to improve the quality of sex education across Miami schools. In 2019, Power U will continue to cultivate and deepen the skills of youth leaders, teachers, and community members to advance its sex education campaign, as well as further establish Power U as a force within the broader progressive movement in Florida.

**Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada**

**Location:** Las Vegas, NV  
**Geographic Focus:** State  
**Grant History:** New Catalyst Grantee  
**Grant Amount:** $30,000

Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada (PLAN) brings together 30-plus multi-issue organizations from across Nevada into one coordinated force for social and environmental justice. Founded in 1994 with an explicit pro-choice stance, PLAN has helped to defeat attacks on reproductive healthcare access in Nevada, including parental notification for abortion, and continues to collaborate with local reproductive rights organizations to mobilize its base around RJ issues. PLAN seeks to deepen participation in democracy by people of color, Indigenous people, youth, and working class people at a time when Nevadans are highly energized around the Black Lives Matter movement, the Fight for $15, immigration reform, and climate change reform. In 2019, PLAN will provide deep leadership development supports to a core team of 200 leaders of color (150 of whom will be women) to help shape and mobilize around its campaigns. This will include sending 15 leaders to Catalyst grantees Western State Center’s Activists Mobilizing for Power (AMP) convening. In 2019, PLAN members will work to advance legislation that would increase the state minimum wage, support fast food workers to make $15 per hour and win the right to unionize, mandate paid sick leave, and close the gender pay gap. As a leading voice for environmental justice, PLAN will continue to call for government regulations and community oversight of the extractive hard-rock mining industry. PLAN will advance a campaign by Black and immigrant women to end the cash bail system that criminalizes poverty and to tackle the issue of unpaid traffic tickets that leads to the arrest, detention, and deportation of immigrants in Nevada. In addition, PLAN will pressure local governments to implement sanctuary policies that protect immigrants from deportation. Under a program staffed by an Indigenous woman based in the Pyramid Lake Paiute reservation, PLAN will partner with Tribal councils and leaders to increase Indigenous participation in PLAN’s campaigns and legislative advocacy on Indigenous issues, as well as increase turnout for the 2020 election.

**Reproaction**

**Location:** Arlington, VA  
**Geographic Focus:** Local; State, with focuses in AR, MO, WI, and VA; Regional, with focus in the U.S. Midwest; National  
**Grant History:** New Catalyst Grantee  
**Grant Amount:** $30,000

Founded in 2015, Reproaction’s mission is to increase access to abortion and advance reproductive justice. Reproaction is focused on building the direct action capacity of the reproductive rights and justice movements, making it impossible for decision makers to ignore movement demands. The organization is co-directed by Erin Matson and Pamela Merritt, two experienced pro-choice organizers, and its Advisory Board is largely comprised of women of color reproductive justice leaders. Reproaction’s leadership is based in Virginia and Missouri, and Reproaction focuses much of its local work in the Midwest, with organizers in Missouri, Wisconsin, and Arkansas, as well as Virginia. In 2019, Reproaction will continue its work to pressure Harris Teeter retail stores to stock Plan B via direct actions at new store openings and at Harris Teeter’s corporate headquarters in North Carolina. Reproaction will continue its ongoing work to expose fake clinics, fight the criminalization of self-managed abortion, and combat maternal and infant health disparities experienced by Black women and families. In partnership with National Advocates for Pregnant Women, Reproaction’s local Wisconsin organizers will engage in public education and direct action around the Unborn Child Protection Act, which has been ruled unconstitutional but remains in place thanks to the support of the governor and state attorney general.

**SisterSong**

**Location:** Atlanta, GA  
**Geographic Focus:** Regional, with focus in GA, NC and U.S. South  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2008  
**Grant Amount:** $50,000  
**Other Groundswell Support:** GOI Program Participant

SisterSong is a membership organization that strengthens and amplifies the collective voices of Indigenous women and women of color to achieve reproductive justice. SisterSong is an important movement-building and political-education organization in the RJ movement, helping to play a thought leadership and culture change role through its RJ framework trainings and online webinars that reach hundreds of people each year. In 2016, SisterSong opened its first regional office in North Carolina and with support from Groundswell’s Grassroots Organizing Institute has taken steps towards strengthening its base-building capacity. In 2018, SisterSong helped to win an administrative victory to stop the shackling of incarcerated pregnant people during labor. SisterSong will continue its RJ work in North Carolina in 2019, focusing on anti-shackling compliance, RJ trainings, participation in the state reproductive rights and health policy table, and developing its own RJ Roundtable. In 2019, SisterSong has an
ambitious plan to advance the Southern RJ Cohort, a coalition of 15 RJ organizations operating across 10 states, to determine shared priorities and launch a Southern RJ Policy Initiative to take collective action across the U.S. South. In 2018, SisterSong will lead Trust Black Women convenings in the U.S. South and Midwest to train organizations led by Black women and trans people in physical and cyber security. During the coming year, SisterSong will launch a new national RJ Policy Platform, modeled after the Movement for Black Lives’ policy platform, which will center reproductive justice issues and engage grassroots RJ groups in a shared vision for the future. Through its Artists United for Reproductive Justice program, SisterSong will also continue to support artists of color to produce replicable artwork that can reach new audiences and shift cultural perceptions around reproductive issues.

Sylvia Rivera Law Project

Location: New York, NY
Geographic Focus: State
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2013
Grant Amount: $120,000 (two-year grant; $40,000 match)
Other Groundswell Support: GOI Program Participant

Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) was created to guarantee that all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence. SRLP views the policing of gender identity, including discrimination based on gender identity and expression, as a form of reproductive oppression, because it denies the freedom of all people to maintain bodily autonomy, access to necessary healthcare, and meaningful control over their reproductive lives. In 2018, SRLP continued its campaign to increase access to gender-affirming healthcare under New York State Medicaid, and successfully pushed the Department of Health (DOH) to clarify that affirming care should be provided to non-binary and gender non-conforming individuals who were being denied coverage per an administrative judge’s previous ruling. While continuing to monitor implementation of the Medicaid policy, SRLP will launch a new campaign aimed at securing safe housing for transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) New Yorkers in 2019. SRLP will also continue its work to improve the experiences of incarcerated and immigrant TGNC people through advocacy with relevant state agencies, including the New York Department of Corrections and Community Services; know your rights trainings and representation and support of impacted clients; and trainings and partnerships with a range of supporting providers, such as Legal Aid Society, NYCLU, and the Anti-Violence Project. SRLP will continue to grow a powerful base through its service work, general outreach, and Prisoner Advisory Committee, all in order to apply mounting pressure on its targets to achieve its goals.

Transgender Law Center

Location: Oakland, CA
Geographic Focus: National
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2017
Grant Amount: $50,000

Transgender Law Center (TLC) works to change law, policy, and attitudes so that all people can live safely, authentically, and free from discrimination regardless of their gender identity or expression. TLC is a leading trans voice in the fight to preserve healthcare access, Medicaid, and funding for reproductive healthcare clinics, many of which are at the forefront of providing medically and culturally competent care to trans communities. TLC advances legal and policy advocacy on healthcare access, HIV/AIDS, immigration, and criminalization, including freedom from abuse and sexual violence for trans people in detention.
2018, TLC monitored implementation of California’s conditions of confinement settlement for incarcerated transgender women that ensures access to transition-related healthcare, and is currently awaiting results from an inmate survey to learn more about what violations people may be experiencing. TLC is building towards an impact litigation case against ICE in partnership with MALDEF on behalf of TGNC immigrants to challenge conditions of confinement. In 2019, TLC will build on the success of its Positively Trans program by transforming the program’s national advisory board into a larger autonomous national network and by working in at least two statewide collaborations to repeal HIV criminalization laws. TLC will support grassroots trans-led groups in South Florida, Detroit, and New Orleans to launch local campaigns based on the findings of TLC’s needs assessments about trans people living with HIV (TPLHIV). TLC will work to protect insurance and healthcare access gains for TGNC communities in the face of two new threats: a recently opened “Conscience and Religious Freedom Division” by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Civil Rights that will leave transgender people vulnerable to discrimination by healthcare providers who cite religious or moral reasons for denying care, as well as federal attempts to rewrite Affordable Care Act regulations that currently protect TGNC people from discrimination in healthcare.

Trans Queer Pueblo

Location: Phoenix, AZ
Geographic Focus: Local
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2017
Grant Amount: $40,000
Other Groundswell Support: GOI Program Participant; Rapid Response Fund Grantee

Trans Queer Pueblo (TQP) cultivates the leadership of undocumented trans and queer Latinx people in Phoenix, Arizona. TQP is rooted in radical wellbeing practices, integrating direct services that include political education as a pathway to organizing. Through weekly Clínica Liberación clinics, TQP provides free culturally competent primary healthcare and transition-related care to undocumented LGBTQ immigrants. In 2018, TQP began to create an autonomous community governance model in its clinics as an alternative to state-dependent healthcare models, by incorporating traditional healing practices and engaging 30 percent of its patients in grassroots organizing. With support from Groundswell’s Grassroots Organizing Institute, TQP increased its outreach to immigrant communities, both in and out of detention, and plans to expand “Know Your Rights” trainings and engagement of sex workers after hearing about planned police raids. As part of its #NoJusticeNoPride campaign, TQP mobilized 75 to 100 people for a direct action that temporarily stopped the 2018 Phoenix LGBTQ Pride Parade in an effort to hold mainstream LGBTQ organizations accountable for partnering with police departments despite heightened police violence and racist profiling. TQP is part of the Freedom Phoenix Coalition, which works at the intersections of immigration, state violence, environmental racism, and reproductive justice to address the crisis of police shootings, criminalization, and mass incarceration in Phoenix. In 2019, TQP will launch a new narrative shift campaign that advocates for communities to decrease reliance on federal protections and proposals, like the Affordable Care Act, DACA program, and DREAM Act, and to build creative community-driven solutions to the challenges undocumented immigrants face in Arizona, such as training undocumented people to establish LLCs in the face of employment uncertainty after DACA was rescinded, allowing them to work legally in the U.S.

West Fund

Location: El Paso, TX
Geographic Focus: Local; State
Grant History: New Catalyst Grantee
Grant Amount: $20,000
Other Groundswell Support: Third Wave Fund Catalyst Fund Subgrantee

Embedded in the border community of El Paso, Texas, West Fund is a volunteer-led abortion fund headed by young women of color and queer people rooted in reproductive justice values. Through education, community building, and gap funding, West Fund empowers West Texans to access abortion care and the healthcare they deserve. West Fund strives to be more than an abortion fund, taking a stance on intersectional issues that impact access to abortion for its local communities, such as gentrification and displacement and immigrant rights. West Fund is a co-plaintiff alongside Catalyst grantee Afifa Center and other local partners in The People’s Lawsuit, which was filed in 2018 in the state of Texas, challenging several anti-abortion laws that disproportionately harm women of color, immigrants, and low-income women. In 2019, West Fund will invest in the leadership of people who have had abortions through its Caller-to-Leadership pipeline by hosting trainings on advocacy and the reproductive justice framework; creating safe spaces for callers to discuss their reproductive health experiences; and using storytelling to build a cadre of young leaders willing to testify at city council meetings and the Texas legislature. West Fund plans to establish a youth-led advocacy group to fight for changes to the sexual health education policies of local School Health Advisory Councils, with the goal of securing support and funding to implement evidence-based, culturally appropriate comprehensive sex education in one regional school district in 2019. West Fund is a member of Catalyst grantee National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF) and participates in NNAF’s regional network and movement-building efforts.

Western States Center

Location: Portland, OR
Geographic Focus: Local; Tribe; State; Regional
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2006
Grant Amount: $50,000
Other Groundswell Support: Rapid Response Fund Grantee

Based in the Pacific Northwest and Mountain States, Western States Center (WSC) works nationally to strengthen inclusive democracy. For 30 years, WSC’s work has advanced social, racial,
and economic justice by convening, developing, organizing, and supporting the communities most affected by inequities. Under the leadership of new Executive Director Eric Ward and in response to the current climate of heightened threats to inclusive democracy and reproductive justice, WSC refocused its work into four pillars: Movement Building, Leadership Development, Shifting Culture, and Defending Democracy (WSC’s RJ work primarily falls under the first two pillars). WSC has clarified its geographic focus as well, with roots and a programmatic focus in the Pacific Northwest and Mountain States, and with the ability to advance analysis and thought leadership in the national movement to defend democracy. In 2018, WSC continued expanding its We Are BRAVE reproductive justice program to Marion County, Oregon, working with several Latinx organizations to identify RJ priorities in the community via a community scanning process. After years of deep and methodical organizing through its tribal sovereignty program, WSC saw more inclusive policies honoring Two-Spirit and LGBTQ tribal citizens passed by six northwest Tribes and tribally affiliated organizations, and unanimous legislative passage of a new law requiring that Tribal history and sovereignty be taught in all Oregon schools. As 2018 comes to a close, WSC is working in coalition with several BRAVE organizations and other partners to defeat Oregon’s Measure 106, which proposes to ban public funding for abortion; the results of this ballot contest will help determine WSC’s policy strategy around RJ in 2019. WSC will develop the leadership of RJ leaders in Marion County and East Multnomah County through continued collaboration with local organizational partners and by supporting two LGBTQ/trans leaders of color to advance through its Fellows program. Also in 2019, WSC will step into newer work that seeks to advance more nuanced understanding amongst donors, media, and organizers of the intersections among gender, reproductive justice, white supremacy, and white nationalism.

Women Engaged

Location: Atlanta, GA  
Geographic Focus: Local; State  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2016  
Grant Amount: $40,000  
Other Groundswell Support: IVE Program Participant

Women Engaged (WE) is a reproductive justice organization working to advance Black women’s rights, youth of color empowerment, and civic engagement efforts in Georgia. A trusted leader in Atlanta’s civic engagement space and the chair of ProGeorgia, the state’s 501(c)(3) civic engagement table, Women Engaged is able to promote reproductive justice to a wide variety of grassroots organizations. In 2018, Women Engaged worked with its allies to defeat SB 375, a discriminatory adoption bill that would have restricted adoption for same-sex couples, as well as defeating SB 452, an immigration bill that would have required police to notify ICE when law enforcement officers detained suspected undocumented people. In 2019, Women Engaged will continue to expand its base of young Black women in the greater Atlanta metro area. Black women make up the majority of registered voters in 29 Georgia counties and can be a decisive voting bloc. Through its voter engagement efforts, Women Engaged hopes to educate Black women to become routine voters, to remain active on issues affecting their lives, and to use their voices to champion reproductive justice issues, ranging from affordable healthcare to safe neighborhoods and access to employment and living wages. In 2019, Women Engaged will partner with Equality Federation of Georgia, SisterSong, and Atlanta Jobs with Justice in a long-term cross-movement messaging campaign to reclaim religious freedom as a progressive value and put an end to the nearly annual re-introduction of the Religious Freedom Reform Act into the legislature.

Women’s Policy Institute

Location: Oakland, CA  
Geographic Focus: State  
Grant History: Catalyst Grantee since 2016  
Grant Amount: $75,000

A leadership and public policy training program of the Women’s Foundation of California, Women’s Policy Institute (WPI) trains cis and trans women, non-binary and genderqueer people, and transgender men to champion state and local policies in California. Nearly 500 women and trans grassroots leaders participate in WPI and its Alumni Network, including several Groundswell grantees. WPI supports leaders to engage in the legislative process and to become community-based policy experts to address the injustices facing California women, trans folks, low-income communities, and communities of color. Fellows are developed as leaders and work together on issue-based teams to advance policy change together. In 2017, the WPI State Reproductive Justice team advanced the Student Right to Access Act (SB 320) that would require California State University and University of California health centers to provide access to medication abortion in university health centers. The 2017-2018 WPI State RJ cohort then advanced a statewide campaign to develop student leadership to support reproductive health access within the public university system. This led to partnerships with healthcare providers and researchers, student activists, RJ movement leaders, and a funder collaborative in support of this effort. The bill passed both the State Senate and Assembly before being vetoed by the Governor; this is the most progress a bill of its kind has made in any state legislature. In 2019, the WPI plans to induct 40 to 60 fellows working at the state and local levels, and the WPI State RJ team will continue advocacy on this issue until SB 320 is signed into law. In 2019, the WPI will distribute Building a Proactive Reproductive Justice Policy Vision for California, a playbook of over 50 intersectional RJ policy recommendations created in collaboration with RJ movement leaders.
**Women With A Vision**

**Location:** New Orleans, LA  
**Geographic Focus:** Local and State  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2014  
**Grant Amount:** $100,000 (two-year grant)  
**Other Groundswell Support:** IVE Program Participant

Women With A Vision, Inc., (WWAV) improves the lives of marginalized people, including Black women and girls, LGBTQ people, formerly incarcerated people, people who use drugs, and sex workers, by addressing the social conditions that hinder their health and wellbeing. WWAV views immediate survival and systemic change as interdependent goals and addresses both through a combined services-to-advocacy model. In 2017, WWAV, as part of the Power Coalition, helped to secure the landmark 2017 Criminal Justice Reform Package, ten sweeping bills that enabled Louisiana to shed its long-held status as the state with the highest imprisonment rate. In 2018, WWAV continued to organize for justice for incarcerated women, helping to pass the Dignity for Incarcerated Women bill, which removed cruel monthly limits and now offers incarcerated women unlimited access to menstrual pads, tampons, toilet paper, soap, and toothpaste. In 2019, WWAV will continue to partner with local criminal justice, racial justice, and women’s coalitions in order to increase the ability of Black women and LGBTQ people to organize in New Orleans and statewide. WWAV already consistently engages in outreach and base building, reaching over 2,000 people each year on top of its voter engagement efforts. In 2019, WWAV plans to widen its outreach across Louisiana, with specific emphasis on Shreveport, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and New Orleans, in order to recruit for its third Black Women’s Legislative Day (for which it anticipates attendance of up to 250 Black women) and to engage Black women around the reproductive health issues impacting their communities.

**Women’s Voices for the Earth**

**Location:** Missoula, MT  
**Geographic Focus:** National  
**Grant History:** Catalyst Grantee since 2016  
**Grant Amount:** $50,000 ($10,000 one-time Executive Director transition support increase)

Women’s Voices for the Earth (WVE) seeks to amplify women’s voices to eliminate the toxic chemicals that harm their health and communities. WVE uses corporate campaigns, policy advocacy, litigation, communications, and organizing to decrease exposure to toxics and eliminate their use. Through its Summer’s Deceive campaign, WVE has been pushing Prestige Brands to phase out harmful chemicals in its Summer’s Eve products that are aggressively marketed to women of color and low-income women. In a recent action at the company’s headquarters that was livestreamed nationally, WVE, alongside Groundswell Catalyst grantees COLOR and Black Women for Wellness, protested the company’s use of toxic chemicals, greenwashing tactics, and racist body-shaming advertising, while also attempting to deliver a petition with 15,000 signatures. Thanks to years of organizing, the company has stopped using dyes and colorants highlighted in WVE’s fact sheet and 2015 petition to the FDA. In 2019, WVE’s Detox the Box campaign will organize supporters to host Detox the Box parties where participants discuss the availability and marketing of intimate cleansing products and demand via petition, phone, or e-mail that manufacturers like Prestige phase out toxic chemicals. Also in 2019, WVE will work with the JustGreen partnership of reproductive/environmental health and justice organizations to pass state-level menstrual equity policies. WVE will work with local legislators to reintroduce a bill mandating that manufacturers must disclose chemicals and ingredients (many of which can cause allergies, cancer, infertility, and birth defects) in any period products sold in New York state. In addition, WVE will organize in support of two bills that would ensure that menstrual products are provided free of charge in NY homeless shelters and in all women’s restrooms in the state.
Chicago Foundation for Women

Since Chicago Foundation for Women (CFW) joined the Catalyst Fund in 2008, it has successfully matched over $1,300,000 in Catalyst Funds and awarded over $2,402,000 to women of color–led RJ efforts. CFW has divided its Catalyst cohort into two clusters: established and emerging. Through the emerging cluster, CFW supports groups to develop their RJ analysis and encourages their deep relationship with more established RJ leaders in the city. All CFW Catalyst grantees have access to CFW's Women's Leadership Development Initiative, which provides training on advocacy and board development, nonprofit management coaching, and support for WOC executive directors. CFW will also continue to offer additional, targeted awards for organization–designated capacity-building projects and scholarships.

CFW proposes to fund the following organizations for 2019 work using Catalyst resources.

- Arise Chicago
- EverThrive Illinois Community Empowerment Project
- Metropolitan Chicago Breast Cancer Task Force
- Chicago Freedom School Project HealUs
- Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH)
- Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)
- National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) Chicago
- Warehouse Workers for Justice

Coming Clean

Founded in 2001, Coming Clean is an organization of 185 national, state, and grassroots groups united together for healthy and just solutions to the intersecting problems of toxic industrial pollution. Coming Clean houses the Environmental Justice Health Alliance (EJHA), a nationwide network of 34 grassroots environmental justice groups in pesticide, oil, gas, and chemical-intensive communities in 14 states. As a Catalyst grantmaking partner, Coming Clean moves resources and provides technical assistance to several women of color–led grassroots environmental justice organizations across the country, these partners also collaborate with Coming Clean on research and campaign work. In 2018, Coming Clean and its Catalyst partners released research on arsenic found in infant cereal and toxic chemicals in dollar store microwave popcorn. This research is part of Coming Clean's campaign to pressure Family Dollar / Dollar Tree and Dollar General to be transparent in the steps they take to remove 17 toxic chemicals from their products and to develop a complete corporate chemicals policy. Coming Clean is also working with dollar stores to encourage the sale of fresh, local, and organic produce.

Coming Clean proposes to fund the following organizations for 2019 work using Catalyst resources.

- REACT (Rubbertown Environmental Action), KY
- Los Jardines Institute, NM
- Delaware Concerned Residents for Environmental Justice (DCR4EJ)
- Líderes Campesinas, CA
- People Concerned About Chemical Safety (PCACS), WV
- Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy (CEED), MN

Ms. Foundation for Women

2018 marks the tenth year of the Ms. Foundation’s successful partnership with the Catalyst Fund. The Foundation supports women’s organizing to ensure access to reproductive healthcare, economic security, and fair wages, as well as the right to live safe from violence and abuse. Ms. Foundation’s Catalyst grantees participated in several capacity-building programs to build skills around communications, executive leadership transitions, and fundraising. As part of Ms. Foundation’s new strategic plan, the grantmaking approach is being revised across its three key issue areas; this includes the development of an Activist Response Fund, launching a new Girl’s Fund initiative, and streamlining its capacity-building programs into more individualized support around organizational and leadership development.

Ms. Foundation proposes to fund the following organizations for work in 2019 using Catalyst resources.

- COLOR
- National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF)
- National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH)
- Native American Community Board, SD
- SisterReach, TN
- SisterSong
- Spark Reproductive Justice NOW, GA
- Young Women United, NM

The New York Women's Foundation

As a Catalyst grantmaking partner since 2008, The New York Women’s Foundation (NYWF) continues to leverage the grant to generate greater local resources for NYC’s grassroots RJ
organizations. NYWF’s three priority funding areas include economic security, anti-violence and safety, and health and sexual rights. NYWF Catalyst grantees have access to the Foundation’s capacity-building and technical assistance grants and resources around fundraising, board and organizational development, and leadership development. NYWF houses the NYC Fund for Girls and Young Women of Color, as well as the Resilience NYC initiative, which looks at the impact of federal policies on women and communities of color locally, and recently launched the Fund for the Me Too Movement and Allies in partnership with Tarana Burke.

NYWF proposes to fund the following organizations for work in 2019 using Catalyst resources.

- Black Women’s Blueprint
- National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH) New York
- Fostering Parent Advocacy

Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Communities

Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Communities (SGF) supports Native community initiatives through an integrated and dynamic program of small grants, issue advocacy, and capacity-building supports. SGF’s Thriving Women’s Initiative focuses on women-led work that responds to, prevents, and remedies issues of violence against Native women and, in turn, restores community wellbeing and vitality. All grantees of the Thriving Women’s Initiative, including those supported through partnership with the Catalyst Fund, are a part of the evolving legacy of the larger Indigenous Movement, which is fundamentally rooted in Self-Determination of Native Peoples over their own lands, waters, bodies, and destinies as communities and nations. In 2018, SGF supported the participation of Indigenous women at the Commission on the Status of Women, and partnered with the Global Indigenous Women’s Caucus to provide technical assistance and practical advice to Indigenous representatives to the UN’s Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

SGF proposes to fund the following organizations for work in 2019 using Catalyst resources.

- Changing Woman Initiative (Navajo, Pueblo, urban Native Peoples), NM
- Brave Heart Society (Ihanktonwan, Ocietsi Sakowin), SD

Social Justice Fund Northwest

Social Justice Fund Northwest (SJF NW) has been funding at the frontlines of social change in Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming for more than 40 years, serving as a trusted partner for dozens of grassroots organizations throughout the region. Over the last six years, SJF NW has substantially increased its grantmaking through the development of an innovative funding model called Giving Projects, which brings together multiracial and cross-class cohorts of volunteers in a process of community building, political education, grassroots fundraising, and democratic grantmaking. SJF NW has always funded reproductive justice work through its existing portfolios, and expects that partnership with the Catalyst Fund and more dedicated resources for RJ will help it build new relationships with RJ groups as well as spark new interest for RJ in existing organizations. For Groundswell, partnering with SJF NW will help us accomplish three goals: deeper cultivation of a local base of RJ donors in the Northwest; deeper infusion of RJ values and issues into broader social justice movements in the region; and more resources to RJ organizations in a region where we have historically had very few grantees.

SJF NW has identified the following possible grantees for funding in 2018 (for 2019 work) using Catalyst resources.

- Colectiva Legal del Pueblo, WA
- Incarcerated Mothers Advocacy Project, WA

Third Wave Fund

Third Wave Fund resources and supports youth-led gender justice activism to advance the political power, wellbeing, and self-determination of communities of color and low-income communities in the U.S. Third Wave locates itself at the intersection of gender, racial, and economic justice, and views RJ-focused grantmaking as an opportunity to strengthen young women of color—led organizations. Third Wave’s Catalyst grantees are supported through its Grow Power Fund, which provides capacity-building support alongside multiyear general support investment. Grantees of the Grow Power Fund participate in an annual relationship- and skills-building convening; the Fund is also piloting a grantee exchange model. In 2018, Third Wave launched a cross-class, multi-racial, and intergenerational giving circle made up of women and trans/GNC people of color with current or former experience in the sex trade; the Sex Worker Giving Circle expects to make $200,000 in grants this year.

Third Wave proposes to fund the following organizations for work in 2019 using Catalyst resources.

- The West Fund, TX
- Assata’s Daughters, IL
- HEART for Women and Girls, IL

Third Wave will also allocate a portion of its Catalyst grantmaking dollars to support rapid response grants to reproductive justice efforts.
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