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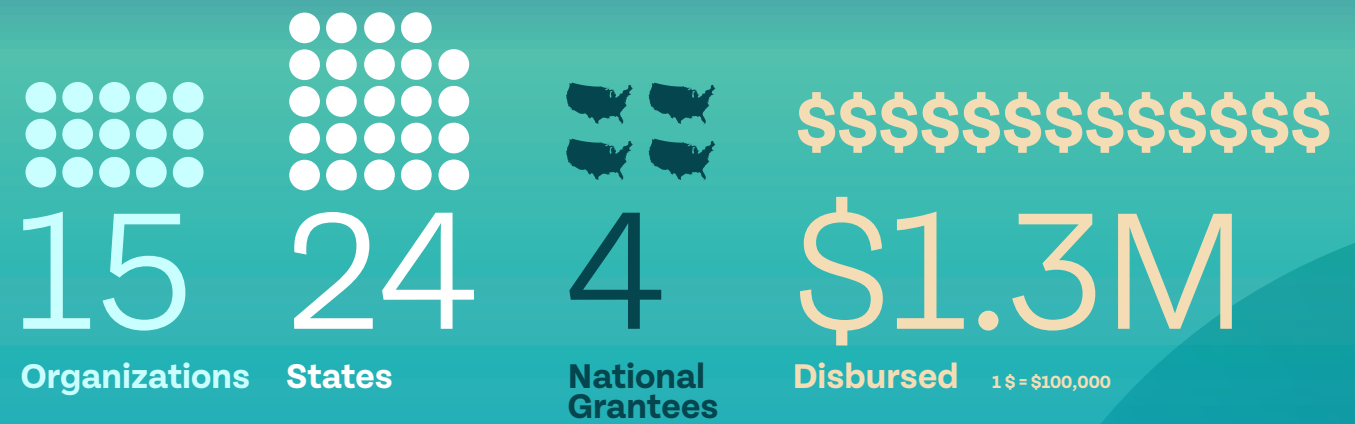
GROWING THE GRASSROOTS FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Liberation Fund
2022 Report



BY THE NUMBERS

The Liberation Fund supports both national and state-level organizations.

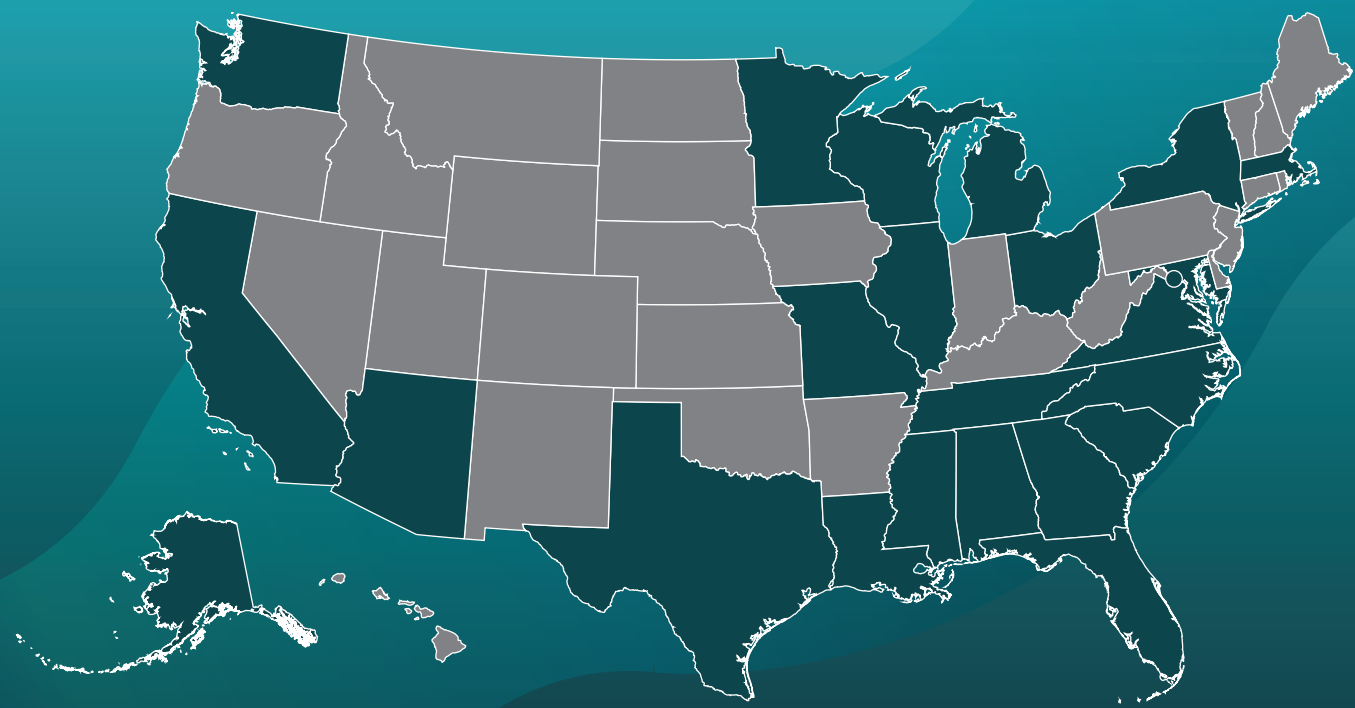


GROUNDSWELL'S LIBERATION FUND

Established in 2016 after a game-changing election, the **Liberation Fund** supports the **most effective and powerful organizing efforts in the United States today**. A team of highly respected, impactful leaders advises the fund and makes funding recommendations. All grantees are nonprofits led by people of color and transgender people of color across a range of social change movements. These organizations are **building a vibrant grassroots base with the scale, sustainability, and integrity necessary to win large-scale social change** and to improve the conditions of those living at the intersection of multiple oppressions.

Our liberation is bound to one another's, and **the surest way to freedom is to follow and fund those who know the way.**

States where Liberation Fund Grantees work



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| Alabama | Florida | Massachusetts | New York | Texas |
| Alaska | Georgia | Michigan | North Carolina | Virginia |
| Arizona | Illinois | Minnesota | Ohio | Washington |
| California | Louisiana | Mississippi | South Carolina | Wisconsin |
| District of Columbia | Maryland | Missouri | Tennessee | |

BYP100 (Black Youth Project 100)



Image Courtesy of BYP100



Fighting to stop gender-based violence at the hand of individuals, communities, and the state

BLUEPRINT UPDATE ON TARGET TO HIT FIVE-YEAR GOAL

In 2020, as part of Groundswell’s five-year strategic Blueprint, the Liberation Fund set the **ambitious goal of distributing \$1.75 million annually** by 2025. Here’s a peek at our progress after passing the midway point last year. As you can see, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we’re on track to hit our target.



Thank you for making
this possible!

BYP100 envisions a society where Black people have the freedom and self-determination to **rely on each other, not outside institutions, in the face of violence and harm.** Their current national campaign—the “She Safe, We Safe” initiative—is designed to prevent, interrupt, and ultimately end the many forms of violence Black women, girls, femmes, and gender non-conforming people face daily. The campaign uses storytelling and political education as core strategies in the fight against gender-based violence.

Last year, **BYP100** released the “She Safe, We Safe” report, a collection of **data, stories, and alternative options for keeping each other safe** within our communities. The report is being used to both strengthen their existing campaigns and guide future work to shift the culture and fight back against state violence, particularly the police.

In addition to this work, **BYP100** hosts a **national convening** and homecoming each year to celebrate campaign wins, alternative building, commitments, and strategies toward liberation. The gathering focuses on **BYP100’s** study, struggle, and service to the Black Queer Feminist Future. At the most recent, ten-year convening, folks shared their personal movement origin stories and reflected back on who they were then compared to now. [G](#)

MISSION: BYP100 is national, member-based organization of Black 18- to 35-year-old activists and organizers, dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all Black people. They do this through leadership development, organizing, advocacy, and political education.

We invite you to learn more about their work at byp100.org

“ We can actually do something different and not allow another one of our Black residents to be killed. There are viable, proven methods to keep our folks safe in their moments of crisis and dire need. – **BYP100** ”

CAAAY: Organizing Asian Communities

GRANTEE
IN ACTION




Advocating for the place they call home in the face of luxury real estate developers

Based in New York City, **CAAAY** works to build grassroots community power across diverse, Asian immigrant communities in poor and working-class areas of Chinatown and Astoria. Their priority campaign is getting the **Chinatown Two Bridges Community Plan** certified by the Department of City Planning. **CAAAY** has been working on this effort with local grassroots community organizations since 2016, when a proposal to build four more high-end towers on the Chinatown waterfront was revealed.

CAAAY's rezoning plan aims to halt luxury development and expand affordable housing, preventing further gentrification of their neighborhood. The Chinatown Two Bridges Community Plan is also the only rezoning plan to engage the community in the process—asking local businesses, longtime residents, and neighborhood organizations what they need to thrive.

Despite this thoughtful planning and the approval of 300+ other developer and city-led rezoning plans in the first nine months

of 2022, **CAAAY's** proposal had yet to be approved. In response to this inaction, last September, 50 tenants, workers, and students rallied outside City Planning Director Dan Garodnick's office to let him know why Chinatown and the Lower East Side is home. Security was called but **CAAAY** members forged ahead and hand-delivered their demand letter.

If passed, the Two Bridges Community Plan will **curtail speculative development, slow rental inflation, and place more control in the hands of people who live in the neighborhood.** 

MISSION: **CAAAY** was founded by Asian women to build power in Asian communities and fight institutional and systemic racism and violence. They are developing the leadership of working-class, Asian immigrants to combat the gentrification in New York City.

We invite you to learn more about their work at caaav.org



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ABOUT GROUNDSWELL OUR GIVING LOOKS DIFFERENT

Groundswell's model of philanthropy is different because of who we are—a foundation run by women of color and transgender people of color who come out of grassroots organizing. **We know where to invest for transformative change and how best to fuel today's most revolutionary movements for reproductive and social justice.**

Groundswell Fund aims to strengthen our movements for social change by resourcing organizations that center the leadership of women of color—particularly those who are Black, Indigenous, and transgender.

The immense generosity of our community of supporters has enabled Groundswell Fund and our sibling 501(c)(4) organization, Groundswell Action Fund, to move nearly \$180 million to the field. This makes Groundswell **one of the largest funders of both the reproductive justice movement and women of color-led organizing in the United States.**

To learn more, please visit groundswellfund.org and groundswellactionfund.org.



This fight is so much bigger than just Chinatown or the [Lowest East Side], it's for all us in this city, for the working class who just want the dignity of having a place to call home. – CAAAY



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