

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020 NATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

### **Genesis Interfaith Community Organizing, Inc. -- \$40,000**

Based in Oakland with a branch in the Tri-Valley, Genesis unites multiracial and income-diverse faith communities, unions, and community groups to work for social justice. They succeeded in getting free bus passes for students in numerous school districts in Alameda County. They are working to change the local juvenile justice system to a restorative justice model that emphasizes fairness and rehabilitation rather than imprisonment for youth guilty of non-violent offenses. They also advocate with disabled members of the community for improved services.

[www.genesisca.org](http://www.genesisca.org)

### **Planting Justice -- \$20,000**

Headquartered in the Sobrante Park neighborhood of East Oakland, Planting Justice has a threefold mission: grow food, grow jobs and grow community. They have built over 500 gardens in the Bay Area so people can grow their own food, especially in areas where fresh fruits and vegetables are not readily available. Their large nursery business provides training and jobs for those living in the area who are formerly incarcerated and those seeking equitably-paid work. In addition, PJ's education program goes into Bay Area prisons, juvenile detention centers as well as middle and high schools giving instruction in sustainable agriculture and healthy eating.

<https://plantingjustice.org>

### **Prospera Community Development -- \$75,000**

This Oakland-based non-profit is dedicated to creating and sustaining Latina-owned cooperative businesses in the Bay Area, including housecleaning, nanny services, and catering. Their training classes focus on the fundamentals of cooperative business ownership. They also host an incubation program for business start-ups that includes a monthly peer support sessions, and a two-year fellowships— all aimed at creating successful woman-owned businesses and community leaders in the Spanish-speaking immigrant community. They have established a Latina Entrepreneur Resiliency Fund to help their business owners adapt to the changing economic realities of COVID 19. [www.prosperacoops.org](http://www.prosperacoops.org)

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020 LOCAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

All the local grants this year were given in the same amount: \$7,500.

### **Ashland Community Association, Ashland**

This 3-year-old organization trains residents in an unincorporated area of south Alameda County in community organizing and leadership development to improve the social and economic realities in their communities. Initiatives include improving safety and sanitation at the Bayfair BART station and providing input into any new planned development in the area.

**BAY-Peace: Better Alternatives for Youth, Oakland**

Oakland and Bay Area youth ages 14-24, who have been impacted by trauma and violence, learn to develop skills in artistry, community organizing, and public speaking to advocate for social improvements in their schools, homes, streets and communities, especially in relation to violence. Their advocacy includes reform of the Oakland Police Dept.

**Building Blocks for Kids, Richmond**

African American and Latinx parents and child caregivers receive leadership training to advocate for quality education for their children and emotional and physical well-being for their families. Participants build networks to effectively bring race, class and social equity to the forefront of education and health policy decisions in West Contra Costa County.

**Eden Community Land Trust, Castro Valley**

Unincorporated Eden-area residents volunteer their time and resources to work for permanent affordable housing that remains community-controlled. The CCHD grant will assist in the hiring of a community organizer to engage the participation of those in the area and facilitate a strategic business plan to acquire housing, land, and other critical community-serving real estate. The land trust will steward them to ensure that they remain affordable forever.

**Monument Impact, Concord**

A Latinx-led organization, founded in 2001, supports community members to acquire the skills and relationships needed to speak out against the institutional barriers that impact their economic development. Their current campaign informs low-income immigrants of their tenants' rights and engages community leaders in a campaign for more comprehensive eviction moratorium and rent forgiveness both locally and statewide. They also run a long-standing day labor program.

**My Eden Voice, Ashland/Cherryland/Hayward Acres/San Lorenzo**

This grassroots community-based organization of residents in an unincorporated area of Alameda County works to identify and solve such issues as tenant protections, lack of parks and open space, and major health disparities. It provides a safe place for neighbors to build networks for stronger and healthier communities and to achieve equitable access to county services.

**Youth Spirit Artworks, Berkeley**

Founded in 2007, YSA works with more than 150 homeless and underserved youth to build skills in sales and entrepreneurship, media and communication, journalism, non-profit management, community organizing, and social services. Participants helped raise funds and advocated with city and county officials to build a village of tiny houses in Oakland for homeless youth as part of the organization's 100 Homes for Homeless Youth Campaign.