Established in 2015, the Let Us Breathe Fund moves resources to Black-led and multiracial organizations and movements fighting police violence and structural racism in New York City. Originally, the fund supported local activism spurred by the death of Eric Garner, with a focus on rapid response actions demanding reforms in policing and criminal justice. Now the fund supports organizing to reimagine community safety and build economic sustainability in Black communities.

In 2017, the Let Us Breathe Fund awarded $174,000 to 19 organizations—a mix of new and established organizations. This year’s grantees are at the forefront of work on:

- Organizing for police accountability and an end to “broken windows” policing
- Advancing the leadership of Black women and girls, LGBTQ New Yorkers and Black immigrants
- Community healing from the daily threat and trauma of the injustices Black people face in New York City
- Calls for divestment from jails, prisons, and the bail system and investment in affordable housing, living wage jobs, and livable communities

Since the start of the Let Us Breathe Fund in 2015, North Star Fund has awarded over $500,000 in grants.

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GRANTEES

- **$10,000**
  - African Communities Together
  - Audre Lorde Project
  - Black Alliance for Just Immigration
  - Black Trans Media
  - Black Youth Project 100
  - Brooklyn Movement Center
  - Communities United for Police Reform (CPR)
  - Community Voices Heard
  - Equality for Flatbush
  - Faith in New York

- **Up to $5,000**
  - FIERCE
  - Justice Committee
  - LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent
  - Picture the Homeless
  - Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) Campaign
  - UndocuBlack Network
  - Black LGBTQ Immigrant Justice Project
  - Girls for Gender Equity
  - Mass Story Lab

COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEE

Consistent with North Star Fund’s grantmaking approach, these funding decisions are made by a community funding committee (CFC) comprised of members who understand organizing priorities and have deep relationships in local communities fighting police violence and structural racism in New York. The 2017 committee:

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