North Star Fund’s Let Us Breathe Fund moves resources to Black-led and multiracial organizations and movements fighting police violence and structural racism in New York City. These grants total $180,000 for 18 organizations, and bring the total grantmaking for this fund to over $700,000 since its inception in 2015.

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. 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 for investment in affordable housing, living wage jobs, and livable communities

### African Communities Together

- **$10,000**
- A mutual aid and civil rights organization for African immigrants building off past policy victories on Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and language access that’s currently organizing for policies that keep families together and meet the needs of asylum seekers.

### Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project

- **$10,000**
- A one-of-a-kind gathering space for Black LGBTQ immigrants to find community and safe space, practice healing and wellness, and develop strategies to combat detention and deportation policies.

### Black Alliance for Just Immigration

- **$5,000**
- A racial justice and migrant rights organization expanding the voices of Black immigrants in the immigration debate, anchoring the Safety Beyond Policing coalition, and lifting up the needs of Black immigrant women.

### Black Trans Media

- **$15,000**
- An emerging “creator” space bringing together trans and gender non-conforming people of color to tell stories and create media that challenges discrimination and ignorance.

### Black Youth Project 100

- **$15,000**
- A national activist member-based organization of Black 18- to 35-year-olds with a strong New York City chapter organizing to prevent public housing residents from losing their homes when family members are arrested.
Brooklyn Movement Center

$10,000

A Black-led organization confronting gentrification in central Brooklyn by organizing around fresh food access, environmental justice, street harassment, police accountability and citizen journalism.

Communities United for Police Reform

$5,000

The city-wide coalition that won historic changes to “stop and frisk,” now pushing for greater police transparency when police officers harass, injure or kill residents, and an end to “broken windows” policing.

Community Voices Heard

$10,000

A powerful force in East Harlem organizing youth to overturn policies that bar people with arrests or court convictions from public housing, addressing over-policing in public housing, and pushing for job opportunities for young people.

Equality for Flatbush

$10,000

A lean anti-gentrification powerhouse activating long-term residents in Brooklyn in three languages (English, Spanish, Haitian Creole) to confront police violence and tenant harassment in their community.

Faith in NY

$10,000

A multi-faith network of more than 70 religious congregations training local clergy to educate and mobilize congregants across issues such as affordable housing, the over-policing of women of color and immigration reform.

FIERCE

$5,000

A Bronx-based grassroots organization of LGBTQ youth of color leading a community conversation around bullying of LGBTQ youth of color in schools as well as harassment and murder of LGBTQ youth by the police.

Justice Committee

$10,000

A powerful force of families who have lost loved ones to police violence and their allies winning changes to NYPD policies and holding cops accountable in the courts and the streets.

LGBT Faith Leaders of African Descent

$10,000

A network of clergy and lay people working to make Black religious institutions more welcoming of LGBTQ members with special attention to LGBTQ youth who’ve had negative experiences in religious communities.

Million Hoodies Movement for Justice

$5,000

A chapter-based national movement organized in response to the killing of Trayvon Martin that develops youth leaders organizing for the social, political and economic freedom of Black and Brown communities.

Release Aging People in Prison

$15,000

A partnership between current and former prisoners and community organizations educating the public about the cruelty and cost of incarcerating elderly prisoners in New York state.

UndocuBlack Network

$10,000

A multigenerational network of currently and formerly undocumented Black people that fosters community, facilitates access to resources and works for policy change such as the preservation of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for refugees.

Urban Youth Collaborative

$10,000

A powerful coalition of youth-led organizing groups working to end the school-to-prison pipeline by winning funding for restorative justice practices in schools and creating Student Success Centers that give youth a path to college.

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