How do you put your values into action? This is our work at North Star Fund. Every year, we are organizing thousands and building a bigger base of New Yorkers to shift our collective giving towards grassroots movements for justice.

What do these movements for justice look like? You see it in a cross-section of our grantees’ work: fair access to public transit, transparency from the NYPD after acts of police violence, protection for tenants from landlord harassment, challenges to the deportation machine from New York to Albany. At the base of their efforts is the principle that we all share equally in our humanity and in our obligation to defend it by uplifting principles of collective, connective liberation.

The organizers highlighted in this report utilize many strategies to enact real, structural changes in New York. Among the sixty-plus grantees you’ll see in this publication, there are approaches from arts and media creation to mobilization, from advocacy in the criminal legal system to tenant and workplace organizing.

I am consistently amazed by the breadth and depth of the work in the North Star Fund community, and hope you share my joy and hope in the future we are building, together.
North Star Fund is proud to announce our latest **New York City grants**. We’re granting a total of $270,000 to 27 organizations for their work to build power for New York City communities that are taking on injustice. Get to know these groups here:

### Catalyst Grants

North Star Fund’s Catalyst grants support **new and emerging organizations** built by New Yorkers who are organizing for new solutions to challenges created in our city by inequity and injustice. Like all our grantees, these organizations are led by New Yorkers who are directly impacted by the issues they are taking on.

These grants include access to resources to help them grow their leadership and develop their strategies. We offer these organizations streamlined renewals for up to six years so that they can grow and flourish.

Many organizations use these grants as leverage to approach other foundations and major donors to build support for taking their work to the next level.

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**AF3IRM NYC**

$5,000

Women coming together from South Asian, Latina and Asian communities working to end human trafficking by building their political knowledge and leadership using an arts-based, trauma-informed approach.

**Alliance of Families for Justice**

$10,000

A Harlem-based organization supporting families with incarcerated loved ones to organize for reasonable visitation rules, speak up for humane prison conditions and demand an end to mass incarceration.

**Black Youth Project 100**

$10,000

A member-based organization of 18- to 35-year-olds training emerging Black activists in direct action and other tools of grassroots organizing to stop the over-policing and abuse of Black bodies.

**New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement**

$5,000

A network of currently and formerly incarcerated people, their families and advocates shining a light on the torturous reality of solitary confinement so that New York State will ban its use.

**Parole Preparation Project**

$10,000

A group of volunteer advocates who help people serving life sentences apply for parole, as well as to challenge the composition of the Board of Parole.
Twice a year, we award grants to dozens of effective organizations led by New Yorkers who are directly impacted by injustice and are determined to change the rules of the game.

These organizations maintain a track record of membership involvement and conduct effective campaigns that hold local government, business and policy leaders accountable to listen to the perspectives of the community members.

Grassroots Action grants are our largest grant category. These grants sustain numerous existing organizations who have received previous grants from us.

Social justice isn’t achieved overnight, so we provide years of support as these grantees take on the long, difficult struggles for justice in our city.
INNOVATIVE ACTIVISM GRANTS

North Star Fund has enthusiastically supported grassroots organizing since our inception. We also realize that organizing takes many forms and can complement other approaches. These organizations create entry points to campaigns in diverse places including community centers, parks, theaters and other public spaces.

Our Innovative Activism grants are $10,000 awards to support arts and activism, resources for organizing, and alternative institutions.

New Sanctuary Coalition
$10,000
A community of congregations, citizens and immigrants working together to provide sanctuary and stop the deportation of New York immigrants under threat.

Parent Action Committee / New Settlement Apartments
$10,000
Immigrant mothers and grandmothers in the South Bronx elevating parents’ voices and perspectives to advance culturally responsive education and other strategies to decrease inequities in NYC public schools.

Rockaway Youth Task Force
$10,000
A youth-founded and youth-led organization in the Rockaways developing politically-conscious youth leadership to fight for food justice, and an end to discriminatory policing and punitive school discipline policies.

Sapna NYC
$10,000
An organizing project by and for immigrant South Asian women in northeast Bronx building relationships to address the physical and mental health, economic security, and leadership of its members.

Street Vendor Project
$10,000
A vibrant network of entrepreneurs, many of whom are immigrants, veterans or women of color, organizing against police harassment while advocating for reasonable permits and legal vending spaces.

Teachers Unite
$10,000
NYC public school educators demanding that the Department of Education divest from the New York Police Department and invest in restorative justice while also supporting staff to implement restorative practices in classrooms.

The BLK Projek
A Black-led food justice project based in the Bronx that engages residents in active conversations about food systems, farming and nutrition using a food truck and an urban farm.

Center for Third World Organizing
A long-running activist leadership development project training New Yorkers in outreach, fundraising, organizing and political strategy to build new local movements for justice and resistance.

Global Action Project
An innovator in youth-led media for social change, training young New Yorkers who have produced hundreds of videos on a range of topics, focusing this year on stories of youth impacted by discriminatory policing.

Hattie Carthan Community Food Projects
A Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, community organization creating green jobs for Black youth while expanding fresh food access and providing intergenerational training about food justice and healing.

S.O.U.L. Sisters Leadership Collective
A leadership development project for middle- and high-school girls and femmes, most of who are court-involved, sharing tools and skills to end school suspensions, gender-based violence and incarceration.
Sure We Can
A cooperative of New Yorkers who rely on discarded recyclables as their primary source of income, working to ensure fair prices for worker-members and to promote a culture of environmental stewardship in North Brooklyn.

Theatre of the Oppressed NYC
An innovative arts organization that partners with local social justice movements to craft short plays where community members literally insert themselves to design solutions to the problems caused by injustice.

Ed Baker Grantee
North Star Fund awards an annual grant in memory of C. Edward Baker—an activist legal scholar and long-time North Star Fund donor devoted to First Amendment rights. Truthworker Theater Company is the 2018 Baker Memorial Grant Recipient.

Truthworker Theater Company
A social-justice-based, hip-hop theatre company for high school and college-aged youth in Brooklyn that produces original art about mass incarceration and gender-based violence.

Women’s Organizing Network
A Brooklyn-based project connecting local social justice workers to support each other as they reposition women’s leadership and center anti-sexism approaches in our local movements for justice.

Worker-Owned Rockaway Cooperatives
A economic innovation project for emerging worker-owned cooperatives in Far Rockaway, Queens, that supports local ownership by people of color and previously low-income workers in communities hard-hit by Hurricane Sandy.

Hudson Valley Momentum Grants
In 2018, North Star Fund extended and deepened our commitment to activism in the Hudson Valley. We’re supporting grassroots power in the Hudson Valley for neighborhood and community-based organizations where local residents take the lead in designing strategy and fighting for solutions to our biggest social problems. At North Star Fund, our model is unique: volunteer leaders from directly impacted communities in the Hudson Valley selected these grantees.

We’re excited to support the vibrant power of the region’s residents taking on issues ranging from housing and displacement to immigration and food security. Here are our 18 latest Hudson Valley grants, totaling $250,000.

#100Sistas
A collective of women of color fighting food scarcity in low-income communities through political education, direct action and community service in southwest Yonkers.

ADELANTE Student Voices
A network of professionals and undocumented high school students in upstate New York that prepares youth for college and places undocumented youth into social justice internships across the Hudson Valley.
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<td>High-visibility local affiliate organizing for affordable housing, environmental justice, food access, integrity in education, and gender justice with a focus on Black transgender women.</td>
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<td><strong>Columbia County Sanctuary Movement</strong></td>
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<td>An immigrant rights and deportation defense movement in the city of Hudson that provides leadership opportunities and political education for local residents.</td>
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<td><strong>Community Governance and Development Council</strong></td>
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<td>A Black and Latinx-led organization fighting gentrification in Southwest Yonkers with an incubator space for local entrepreneurs and social justice startups that hosts #100Sistas and Yonkers Sanctuary Movement.</td>
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<td><strong>Don Bosco Workers</strong></td>
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<td>Port Chester’s leading worker center organizing low-wage immigrant workers against wage theft through their countywide No Pay No Way campaign.</td>
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<td><strong>Evergreen Garden</strong></td>
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<td>A youth-of-color led gardening project to address food sustainability and food sovereignty in a low-income community in Sullivan County.</td>
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<td><strong>Freedom Food Alliance</strong></td>
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<td>A Black-led network of organizers and farmers whose Victory Bus and community supported agriculture (CSA) project connect Harlem families with food sovereignty work in the rural communities where their loved ones are incarcerated.</td>
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<td><strong>Grace Latino Outreach</strong></td>
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<td>The leading resource for Latinx immigrants in Dutchess County, empowering the community through Know Your Rights and deportation-preparedness workshops.</td>
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<td><strong>In Our Own Voices</strong></td>
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<td>Albany’s people-of-color-led LGBTQ+ service and advocacy center, organizing community members for the removal of policy, practices and norms that criminalize and oppress LGBTQ+ people.</td>
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<td><strong>Kite’s Nest</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Newburgh LGBTQ+ Center</strong></td>
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<td>A people-of-color led community hub for LGBTQ+ organizing, education and advocacy that’s currently fighting a recently-passed law that punishes low-income tenants for landlord negligence.</td>
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<td><strong>Rise Up Kingston</strong></td>
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<td>A Black-led base-building organization in Kingston mobilizing local residents to address inequalities in housing and education by taking on local political decision-making to make it more responsive to community needs.</td>
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<td><strong>Schaghticoke First Nations</strong></td>
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<td>A grassroots organization of Schaghticoke leaders, convening families that have been displaced from their ancestral land to reclaim their cultural and spiritual practices and to secure land for their future.</td>
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<td><strong>Staley B. Keith Social Justice Center</strong></td>
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<td>An intergenerational Black-led community resource organizing for social and racial justice through their court advocacy program and grassroots civic engagement in the city of Hudson.</td>
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<td><strong>VOCAL - NY</strong></td>
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<td>A statewide grassroots membership organization building power among low-income people affected by HIV/AIDS, the drug war, mass incarceration and homelessness through leadership development and direct action.</td>
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<td><strong>Workers Justice Center of New York</strong></td>
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<td>The premier legal services and grassroots advocacy organization for farmworkers and other low-wage workers in upstate New York.</td>
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<td><strong>Yonkers Sanctuary Movement</strong></td>
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<td>A vibrant local community that educates and mobilizes immigrants and allies in Yonkers to keep immigrant families safe from detention and deportation.</td>
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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.

Picture the Homeless
$15,000  A citywide, multiracial organization led by homeless New Yorkers pushing the city’s imagination and policy to create permanent affordable housing through direct action, participatory action research and coalition building.

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.
North Star Fund makes Rapid Response grants year-round to support organizing and activism in response to urgent threats or breaking opportunities.

Most of these grants go to organizations that have received grants through our other programs, enabling them to respond to events that emerged since their latest grants. Rapid Response grants support our grantees to be nimble and in some cases can help to bring their campaigns the final steps to victory.

Our Rapid Response grants from January to June 2018 allowed for a powerful local response to the ICE family separation crisis, supported the final push to win FairFares, fought gentrification and more!
Jews for Racial and Economic Justice
$2,000 ... for supporting local residents organizing to save the Rivington House, a former nursing home for people with HIV/AIDS, from being converted into condos.

Metropolitan Council on Housing
$2,000 ... for organizing a statewide mobilization for stronger rent laws and tenant protections as well as neighborhood-level organizing to oppose the impending Inwood rezoning plan.

Movement for Justice in El Barrio
$2,500 ... for a protest, press conference and candlelight vigil in support of immigrant children separated from their families who are being held in East Harlem.

NYC Coalition for Educational Justice
$3,500 ... to pressure Mayor de Blasio for their campaign to advance culturally responsive education in public schools, resulting in a $23 million investment in resources including anti-bias training.

Release Aging People in Prison
$5,000 ... to ramp up campaign efforts to reform the policies, practices and personnel associated with the New York State Parole Board in light of the unexpected release of Herman Bell.

Riders Alliance
$3,450 ... for a final strategic push to win the campaign for FairFares, the reduced-price Metrocard program for low-income New Yorkers which will launch in 2019.

Urban Youth Collaborative
$2,000 ... for a student-led town hall to push back on the mayor’s calls to further militarize NYC public schools in the wake of the growing national debate on gun violence.

Yaffed
$3,290 ... to produce a video to fight misinformation around a new state law that weakens educational standards for yeshivas and to call for access to a high-quality education for yeshiva students.

Thank You!

This spring, we asked people to share an image of themselves feeling powerful, and we also asked people to join us as monthly sustainers. People responded! Thanks to everyone who participated!

Some of you shared images of #MyPowerPose, some of you became monthly sustainers, some of you made a one-time donation. We raised close to $10,000 and increased our community of monthly sustainers.

The grants that you see here are funded by New Yorkers. We support grassroots organizing in New York by building community and fundraising from New Yorkers who care about justice.

Here’s a peek at some of the power pose images that people shared with us:

Learn More
Want to know more about how to get a grant from North Star Fund? Visit http://northstarfund.org/apply to find everything you need.
COMMUNITY FUNDING COMMITTEES

Our Community Funding Committees are made up of local and regional organizers who are peers to many of the organizations we fund. North Star Fund is unique in philanthropy in that our grant decision-makers are drawn from our grantee community. Our grantmakers bring insight and expertise in local organizing that enable them to make strategic investments that will make a difference for communities that are fighting for justice. They volunteer many hours reading applications, meeting in person with prospective grantees and making the tough choices to select our final grant recipients.

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MEET OTHER NEW YORKERS WHO SHOW UP FOR JUSTICE

You know that we have a big gala every spring, but we also host other events where New Yorkers who care about justice come together to learn, connect and energize for the work ahead. Considering joining us at one of our fall events:

**NOVEMBER**
A People Power Giving Project event where you can meet current grantees

**DECEMBER**

**WINTER**
Our 2019 Gala Launch for event chairs and host committee

Subscribe at our website to make sure that you don’t miss any opportunities to mix and mingle. Or email elz@northstarfund.org to make sure that you know what’s coming up.