

## Grants for the Grassroots

- [A.J. Muste Memorial Institute's Social Justice Fund](#): The Social Justice Fund makes grants for grassroots activist projects in the US and around the world, giving priority to those with small budgets and little access to more mainstream funding sources. We are especially interested in funding efforts to: 1) end the violence of borders and the criminalization of immigrants; 2) abolish the death penalty, shut down the prison industrial complex, redefine criminal justice; 3) confront institutionalized repression against racial, ethnic, gender-based, and LGBTQ communities; 4) support progressive workers movements and the eradication of poverty; 5) dismantle the war machine, end state sponsored terrorism, expose the dangers of nuclear power.
- [The Anne Slade Frey Charitable Trust](#): The Anne Slade Frey Charitable Trust was created to support education, the arts, social justice, and non-violence. The trust supports innovative projects that either promote cooperation, critical thinking, peace, diversity and inclusion, educational initiatives, opportunities for kids to participate in the arts, or justice. Typical grants range from \$400-500, and applicants must be from New Hampshire or Vermont.
- [Ben & Jerrys Grassroots Organizing for Social Change Program](#): Grants are awarded to grassroots community organizing groups in VT and around the U.S. These groups must promote social and/or environmental justice through organizational strategies like direct action, community organizing, and base-building strategies to achieve their group's goal.
- [Charity Pot from Lush](#): Lush's Charity Pot funding awards grants to small groups that fight for either animal protection, environmental justice, or human rights. Funds range from a few thousand dollars up to \$25,000 per project, and grants are awarded to groups using non-violent, direct action organizational strategies. The Charity Pot often funds projects and issues that are often overlooked by traditional funders.

- [Center for Health, Environment & Justice \(CHEJ\) Small Grants Program:](#) The CHEJ Small Grants Program awards grants for grassroots groups working for environmental and social justice. The funds will go to leadership development, providing education and training, expanding capacity, fundraising, and other organizational tools.
- [Toxics Use Reduction Institute \(TURI\) Community Grant Program:](#) These grants go to Massachusetts community groups working on reducing toxin use as well as educating the community about safer, non-toxic alternatives.
- [Common Counsel Foundation's Grassroots Exchange Fund:](#) These funds promote the collaboration between grassroots groups and environmental justice organizations. The funding goes to increasing community group's participation in public debates, achieving collaborative victories, as well as COVID relief for organizations.
- [Haymarket People's Fund:](#) The Haymarket grants support social justice organizing in New England, supporting groups that are addressing root causes of injustice. The Haymarket People's Funding also offers emergency COVID relief.
- [The New England Grassroots Environment Fund:](#) This fund supports a range of groups that fight for social and environmental justice issues in New England. Support is awarded to those fighting for change who are marginalized and face barriers accessing traditional funding.
- [Resist:](#) Resist seeks to rethink traditional philanthropy and instead redistribute funds to empower frontline, marginalized community groups. This foundation seeks to shift power to those that are directly affected by systems of oppression, taking lead from those on the frontlines and giving them resources to fight for liberation.
- [UU Fund for a Just Society:](#) Priority is given to active, specific campaigns to create change in the economic, social, and political structures that affect their lives. They expect the organization's infrastructure, including leadership, membership and systems of accountability to be developed by the time of the application. They

welcome projects that are less likely to receive conventional funding because of the innovative or challenging nature of the work or the economic and social status of the constituency. Please be concrete; spell out your plans. Don't say you will "empower people," say what actions you will take to create systematic change.