

## Jean Hardisty Initiative 2023 Grants List

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### **Arab Resource and Organizing Center (AROC)**

**\$100,000**

AROC grew out of a need for direct services and legal support to mostly poor and working-class Arab and Muslim migrants while uplifting their voices in the organizing spaces. AROC builds community power through legal and non-legal service connections, outreach, know-your-rights education, community organizing, youth and adult leadership development, political education, and grassroots policy campaigns.

### **Black Campaign School (BCS)**

**\$100,000**

BCS is a new leadership development and capacity-building organization designed and led by Jessica Byrd and Three Point Strategies. BCS trains Black leaders online and offline to prepare them with the tools and skills to manage large-scale campaigns and an electoral justice framework.

### **Black Futures Lab (BFL)\*†**

**\$100,000**

BFL works with Black people to transform communities, building Black political power and changing how power operates locally, statewide, and nationally. In 2018, BFL launched the Black Census Project, the largest survey of Black people conducted in the U.S. that continues to grow each year.

In 2022, BFL moved \$2.5M through the Black Organizing Innovations Project to keep Southern Black voters engaged in the democratic process year-round.

### **Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project (BLMP)**

**\$100,000**

BLMP builds and centers the power of Black LGBTQIA+ migrants to ensure the liberation of all Black people through community-building, political education, creating access to direct services, and organizing across borders.

### **Black Organizing for Leadership and Dignity (BOLD)**

**\$50,000**

BOLD is a national training intermediary focused on transforming the practice of Black organizers in the US to increase their alignment, impact, and sustainability to win progressive change. Program alumni lead 90+ organizations and alliances focusing on education, economy/employment, land and housing, ending mass incarceration, and other issues regionally and nationally.

### **BlackOUT Collective**

**\$100,000**

BlackOUT Collective is a radical, full service organization that builds organizations' capacity to execute creative and effective direct actions in service of their organizing and advocacy work.

**Center for Working Families for Bet On Us\*†**

**\$100,000**

Bet On Us, a project of The Working Families Party, is a political home and maroon space for Black women and non-binary people to build power, grow consciousness, and organize their communities to run for office.

**Community Movement Builders for Stop Cop City**

**\$50,000**

Stop Cop City is a movement to stop the building of a \$90 million, 85-acre police military facility on 381 acres of Weelaunee Forest, stolen Muscogee land in Atlanta, Georgia. Funded by corporations (including UPS and Home Depot), the plans include military-grade training facilities, a mock city to practice urban warfare, dozens of shooting ranges, and a Black Hawk helicopter landing pad.

**Get Free Movement Fund, Inc.**

**\$50,000**

Get Free is a youth-led movement organizing Millennials and Gen-Z to build political power and make reparations a generational, public, and political priority.

**Higher Heights Leadership Fund\*†**

**\$100,000**

Higher Heights invests in a long-term strategy, national civic engagement infrastructure, and network to strengthen Black women’s leadership capacity and enhance their civic participation beyond Election Day.

**Highlander Research and Education Center (HREC)**

**\$100,000**

The Highlander Research and Education Center (HREC) serves as a catalyst for grassroots organizing and movement building in Appalachia and the South using population education, participatory research, and cultural work.

**Interrupting Criminalization**

**\$100,000**

Founded by researchers and abolitionists Mariame Kaba, Andrea Ritchie, and Woods Ervin, Interrupting Criminalization works to end the growing criminalization and incarceration of women and LGBTQ people of color for criminalized acts related to public order, poverty, child welfare, drug use, survival and self-defense, including criminalization and incarceration of survivors and violence.

**Leaders Igniting Transformation Education Fund (LITEF)\*†**

**\$100,000**

LITEF organizes and engages young people and communities of color across Wisconsin in issue-based and electoral organizing, direct action, public policy advocacy, and leadership development. This year, they’re organizing the voices of BIPOC students on 11 campuses, 13 high schools, and 16 counties across Wisconsin to advocate for public education funding, racial justice, and voting rights expansion.

**Liberation Ventures****\$100,000**

Liberation Ventures supports the ecosystem of organizations working on truth, reconciliation, and reparations in order to build public will for a comprehensive, federal, financial and non-financial reparations program.

**ProjectQ****\$100,000**

Based in Los Angeles, ProjectQ serves queer youths of color, particularly Black and Brown trans youths, who are navigating the foster care system or experiencing houselessness.

**2023 FUNDING: \$1,350,000**

\* indicates *2023 WDNA Grantee*

† indicates *past WDNA Grantee*