

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
2021 NATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS**

Genesis Interfaith Community Organizing, Inc. -- \$25,000

Based in Oakland with a branch in the Tri-Valley, Genesis unites multiracial and income-diverse faith communities, unions, and community groups to work for social justice. They succeeded in getting free bus passes for students in numerous school districts in Alameda County. They are working to change the local juvenile justice system to a restorative justice model that emphasizes fairness and rehabilitation rather than imprisonment for youth guilty of non-violent offenses. They also advocate with disabled members of the community for improved services.

www.genesisca.org

Planting Justice -- \$50,000

Headquartered in the Sobrante Park neighborhood of East Oakland, Planting Justice has a threefold mission: grow food, grow jobs and grow community. They have built over 500 gardens in the Bay Area so people can grow their own food, especially in areas where fresh fruits and vegetables are not readily available. Their large nursery business provides training and jobs for those living in the area who are formerly incarcerated and those seeking equitably-paid work. In addition, PJ's education program goes into Bay Area prisons, juvenile detention centers as well as middle and high schools giving instruction in sustainable agriculture and healthy eating.

<https://plantingjustice.org>

Prospera Community Development -- \$65,000

This Oakland-based non-profit is dedicated to creating and sustaining Latina-owned cooperative businesses in the Bay Area, including housecleaning, nanny services, and catering. Their training classes focus on the fundamentals of cooperative business ownership. They also host an incubation program for business start-ups that includes a monthly peer support sessions, and a two-year fellowships-- all aimed at creating successful woman-owned businesses and community leaders in the Spanish-speaking immigrant community. They have established a Latina Entrepreneur Resiliency Fund to help their business owners adapt to the changing economic realities of COVID 19. www.prosperacoops.org

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Ashland Community Association, Ashland -- \$5,000

This 3-year-old organization trains residents in an unincorporated area of south Alameda County in community organizing and leadership development to improve the social and economic realities in their communities. Initiatives include improving safety and sanitation at the Bayfair BART station and providing input into any new planned development in the area.

Building Blocks for Kids, Richmond -- \$4,000

African American and Latinx parents and child caregivers receive leadership training to advocate for quality education for their children and emotional and physical well-being for their families. Participants build networks to effectively bring race, class and social equity to the forefront of education and health policy decisions in West Contra Costa County.

Eden Community Land Trust, Castro Valley -- \$4,000

Unincorporated Eden-area residents volunteer their time and resources to work for permanent affordable housing that remains community-controlled. The CCHD grant will assist in the hiring of a community organizer to engage the participation of those in the area and facilitate a strategic business plan to acquire housing, land, and other critical community-serving real estate. The land trust will steward them to ensure that they remain affordable forever.

Monument Impact, Concord -- \$5,000

A Latinx-led organization, founded in 2001, supports low-income immigrants to acquire the skills and relationships needed to speak out against the structural barriers that prevent them from improving their economic status. Last year, they organized leaders from their long-standing day labor program to help pass the eviction moratorium and rent increase freeze in Concord. Currently, they are informing community members of tenants' rights and resources as well as engaging community leaders in a campaign to strengthen renters' protections both locally and statewide.

My Eden Voice, Ashland/Cherryland/Hayward Acres/San Lorenzo -- \$5,000

This grassroots community-based organization of residents in an unincorporated area of Alameda County works to identify and solve such issues as tenant protections, lack of parks and open space, and major health disparities. It provides a safe place for neighbors to build networks for stronger and healthier communities and to achieve equitable access to county services.

Youth Spirit Artworks, Berkeley -- \$5,000

Founded in 2007, YSA works with more than 150 homeless and underserved youth to build skills in sales and entrepreneurship, media and communication, journalism, non-profit management, community organizing, and social services. Youth leaders helped raise funds and advocated with city and county officials for the land to build a village of tiny houses in Oakland for those in the program as part of the organization's 100 Homes for Homeless Youth Campaign. The village opened this past February.