

# United States of America - West

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## Arizona

**Ganado Water Users Association, Ganado Irrigation Water Conservation Project, Ganado \$113,140**

This project will bring water from Ganado Lake to 640 acres of land which will allow 63 Navajo land permit holders to return to their land to farm. This effort will sustain traditional Navajo crops and food products, generate revenue and increase employment. (2001)

## California

**Humboldt Handmade Artisans & Crafters Guild, Arcata \$10,000**

As a cooperative, this group of artisans and crafters will now be able to share the expense of common purchases, meet regularly to network and share equipment and other resources. (2004)

**Bakersfield Performing Arts and Philanthropic Society Inc., Bakersfield \$19,575**

Low-income students at California State University Bakersfield came together to express themselves on social, political and economic issues using performing arts as their tool. Through their art they deal with poverty, discrimination, drug abuse and many other issues facing them. (2004)

**Butterfly Network for Lupus Patients, Inglewood \$20,000**

Lupus is a highly misunderstood disease, and, as such, people with the disease are subject to job discrimination, misdiagnosis, family disintegration and insurance problems. This is a support group of people living with lupus; their goals are to educate themselves on the disease through the establishment of a library, seminars and the development of a database of physician and experts in the field. (2004)

**Casa del Pueblo Cooperative, Los Angeles**

**\$20,000** Organized and run by those who need medicine, this alternative health store will offer access to herbs, tinctures, medicinal creams, natural soaps and shampoos at affordable prices. (2004)

**The Women's Collective, San Francisco \$15,000**

This project seeks to build economic security, personal growth and empowerment for low-income, immigrant Latina women, many of whom are single mothers. They will receive training in the areas of safety, ecologically safe cleaning methods, the art of

successful negotiating, job-survival, English and social skills, and will receive mutual support from one another. (2004)

**Low Income Self Help Center, San Jose**

**\$5,000**

Many of the people in this group are disabled or have health problems. Some are uninsured or underinsured. This center is their voice, their way of advocating for their needs. It also allows access to phones, computers and fax machines, something many of them do not have. (2004)

**Klamath-Trinity Non-emergency Transportation, Willow Creek**

**\$20,000**

Willow Creek and the eight other communities involved in this project are located in a very remote area of Northern California and do not have public transportation of any kind. A first year of funding from SDOP has enabled this community to install a feeder transportation system linking nine communities within a 50-mile radius. A second year will expand the services to transporting the elderly and handicapped to the doctor, shopping, etc. (2004)

**A Moveable Feast Catering/ Recovered Alcoholic Women, Long Beach**

**\$20,000**

This project is a self-help program that helps recovering female alcoholics learn skills necessary for employment. Most alcoholic women who come off the streets have not developed skills to compete in the working world. The disease of alcoholism is known to overwhelm those addicted thus curtailing activities that lead to gainful employment. Recovering alcoholics need a safe place to learn and execute their new acquired skill. This restaurant and catering business provides that space. (2005)

**Hoopa Native Service Crew, Hoopa**

**\$20,000**

This group came together and purchased a van to increase their ability to assist those responding to forest fires. The Service Crew does not actually fight fires; they serve as support for fire fighters by setting up camps and distributing equipment and food to those on the fire line. The reservation has close to a 70 percent unemployment rate. Working on the service crew provides employment during the fire season and assists crewmembers to make ends meet during winter months. For many of them, the fire season provides a significant part of their yearly income. (2005)

**Da'hui Man'gu Coop Community Land Trust Mapleton, Los Angeles**

**\$20,000**

This group of low-income families has organized to confront the issue of housing including fighting against eviction and gentrification. Big corporations are gentrifying the neighborhood and evicting families. The families are seeking to acquire collective and affordable housing. The group also intends to educate, organize and mobilize the community to promote autonomy, self-determination and the control of their own resources. (2005)

**Filipino Project, Oakland**

**\$20,000**

Twenty members of the Filipino Immigrant Workers Association organized to provide support services for themselves and other immigrant Filipino workers. The project will involve developing awareness of workers' rights and social justice consciousness, organizing skills training and developing the capacity of Filipino workers to organize for improved working conditions. (2006)

**Acquire Health Care for Uninsured Lupus Patients, Inglewood****\$20,000**

Persons with Lupus organized to advocate for themselves by receiving training at the Cedar Sinai Medical Center in becoming intake counselors as well as how to research social services available to uninsured patients. The SDOP grant will help in educating themselves and others about this debilitating disease. (2006)

**Comunidad en Movimiento (Community in Action), Los Angeles****\$20,000**

Twelve community members initiated this project focused around training members to develop skills in advocacy, public speaking, agenda building and strategy planning. The community benefits by having residents on an ongoing basis who are at the forefront of projects that shape their environment. (2006)

**Lao Lu Mien Cultural Association Inc., Oakland****\$25,000**

About 5,000 Lu Mien, an ethnic group from Laos, live in the low-income area of southern Oakland. The older generation does not speak English, and without a place to congregate, they find themselves isolated in their homes. This project provides a cultural center where they can engage in culturally relevant activities and pass the activities on to the youth. (2003)

**Low Income Self Help Center, San Jose \$15,000**

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**Eagle Wing Recovery Services Inc., Hoopa****\$20,000**

By forming a cohesive group with the proper funding, this group will now be able to gain recognition by federal, tribal and local government entities as a formal non-profit organization. This will allow its members to more effectively promote health and wellness through both conventional health methods and culturally relevant ceremonies. (2003)

**Klamath-Trinity Non-emergency Transportation, Willow Creek****\$30,000**

Willow Creek and the other eight communities involved in this project are located in a very remote area of Northern California and do not have public transportation of any kind. This project will link these communities to the county bus services, thereby providing greater access to essential services. (2003)

**Humboldt Handmade Artisans & Crafters Guild, Areata  
\$20,000**

As a cooperative, this group of artisans and crafters will now be able to share the expense of common purchases, meet regularly to network and share equipment and other resources. (2003)

**Los Angeles Community Action Network, Los Angeles  
\$20,000**

This grassroots, community-based network is made up of homeless and formerly homeless people who advocate on behalf of themselves and people like them. They specifically address encounters with District security officers, private security, LAPD officers, homeless service providers and others. (2003)

**Restaurant Workers Association of Koreatown, Los Angeles  
\$40,000**

Korean and Latino restaurant workers have organized to educate themselves about their rights under existing labor laws to stop the exploitation by established Korean restaurant owners, requiring them to work 10 to 12 hours per day and often seven days a week or risk losing their jobs. (2002)

**Union de Vecinos, Los Angeles  
\$105,000**

Facing a reduction to public housing in Los Angeles by two-thirds, public housing residents have organized to create a citywide structure which will allow residents to set their own priorities, identify the assets available to them and determine how to improve their own communities. (2002)

**Summerset Community Center, Fresno  
\$180,000**

This community center teaches local refugees marketable skills, such as English as a second language, citizenship classes, job training and computer skills, to help secure employment. (2001)

**Mendocino Coast Environmental Center, Mendocino \$20,000**

These low-income local artisans came together to form a non-profit information center and retail store that provides them with a place to sell their work. (2007)

**The Day Worker Center of Mountain View, Mountain View \$30,000**

The project supports a center that provides a safe and secure meeting place for day workers to negotiate wages with employers. (2007)

**One of the Kings Kids, Bakersfield \$25,000**

To support a joint African-American and Latino group that provides entry-level job training, in-house cleaning and lawn care. (2008)

**Empowerment People Community Resource Center, Wildomar \$20,000**

To help establish a resource center for a local group to share business and job skills information, develop business skills and provide transitional support for community members seeking jobs or housing. (2008)

**Cooperativa de Pan Tequio, Los Angeles \$20,000**

To help a cooperative open a storefront bakery. (2008)

**Hoop Native Service Crew, Hoopa Reservation \$20,000**

To enable this group of Native Americans living in poverty on the Hoopa reservation in northwestern California purchase a vehicle to help transport crew members, camp gear, and bedding to and from fires in northern California. (2010)

**Butterfly Network/Lupus Patients, Inglewood \$10,000**

To enable a group of recently diagnosed lupus patients and newer members of the Butterfly Network to partake in mental health counseling. The counseling will be provided by a licensed mental health clinician who will offer clinical group work and individualized support. (2010)

**transcendANCE Youth Arts Project, San Diego \$20,000**

The youth of transcendANCE go through intensive technical training and personal exploration - by way of leadership development sessions, community-building activities, and service projects - with the ultimate goal of creating an original performance that synthesizes their artistic strengths while addressing complex social issues that impact their community. With SDOP funds they will create an annual youth program called "EXPLORE/CREATE/ACTIVATE." (2010)

**Rescate Office Group, Canoga Park \$20,000**

This group of low-income Hispanic residents plan to remodel a section of the Rescate Family Center to use as a handicap restroom and exam treatment center. (2010)

**Duality Group, Los Angeles \$20,000**

These low-income at risk youth will engage in a project that will combine steel sculpture welding and graffiti to create work to be displayed in public installations or in galleries. Through this process, group members will learn marketable job skills including welding and business management. (2010)

## **Colorado**

**SOS 8 Colorado (Save Our Section 8 of Colorado), Denver**

**\$18,000**

To save their housing complexes, this group of disabled seniors and families on fixed incomes has organized, creating a greater voice and therefore a more powerful force for action. (2003)

**Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition, Denver**

**\$10,000**

This group comprised of people with all types of disabilities have formed to address and voice their concerns to rural legislators about their needs of better housing, health care and employment to help them maintain productive and healthy lives. (2002)

**Mapleton Home Association, Boulder**

**\$43,000**

This homeownership organization consisting of low-income mobile home residents have organized to learn property management skills and secure permanent affordable housing. (2002)

**Save Our Section Eight Denver \$20,000**

A project that is organized by low income individuals that live in section eight housing seeking to educate the community about the need for more section eight housing. (2008)

**Denver ADAPT Denver \$14,000**

A project involving individuals with severe disabilities that are seeking to move themselves and other individuals with severe disabilities from an institutional care setting to a community care setting where they will be able to get better support and contribute to their own development. (2008)

**Idaho**

**Women of Color Alliance, Boise \$20,000**

This alliance gives voice to some 700 women of color (primarily Native American, Hispanic and Asian) as they advocate for their needs and interests as individuals and as a group. This grant provides an office, transportation and resources needed to help them advance their work in developing stronger community networks. (2004)

**Snake River Basin Business Association, Fort Hall Reservation, Pocatello**  
**\$18,256**

This project involves a group of small business owners and tribal members forming an association to support one another and other tribal members who might go into business on the reservation. A quote from the proposal -“... the project is needed in order to develop the structure of the business association so current members can be empowered to strengthen their small business or micro-enterprise with culturally appropriate entrepreneurial services, business training or credit lending, which is lacking in our area.” (2005)

**The Mercado Project, Blackfoot**  
**\$18,744**

A “Mercado” is a Latino based marketplace. This project involved a group that organized itself to develop a “mercado.” Before developing the marketplace though, the group equipped itself with tools that would enable it to become an active participant in the local economy and government by acquiring the knowledge and leadership to be active participants in the business economy. Many of them previously did not understand business and leadership principles. They also lacked trust in members of the lending institutions because they had experienced predatory lending practices. (2005)

**Idaho Community Action Network, Boise** **\$20,000**

Members of this group of low-income families participating in the Idaho Community Action Network’s food program will receive training in the storing and preservation of food. Participants will also learn how to advocate for their needs, become more self-sufficient and learn healthier dietary practices. (2010)

## **Montana**

**Ksanka Language Commission, Elmo**  
**\$30,000**

Out of 6,000 Native Americans who live on this reservation, only 25 are fluent in the Ksanka language. The purpose of this project is to revive the language so that it can be restored and taught to the current and new generation. (2003)

**Elmo Self-Help Building Project Kootenai Tribe-Flathead Indian Reservation, Elmo**  
**\$30,000**

To enhance their current living conditions, this group of low-income Native Americans have organized to learn the necessary skills to build housing in their community and establish skills that will make them economically self-sufficient. (2002)

**Indian People’s Action, Missoula**  
**\$50,000**

Native Americans living in urban areas have organized to speak to the discrimination they face as a people. They participate in leadership training to gain access to jobs, housing, health care and banking. (2001)

**Community Water & Waste Water Improvement, Lame Deer (Cheyenne Reservations)**  
**\$60,000**

This project is to maintain and improve the water and (3) lagoon sewage purification systems. (2008)

## **New Mexico**

**Rio Bravo Acorn, Rio Bravo Residents Association, Albuquerque**

**\$15,000**

As a result of predatory lending and other unscrupulous practices by developers and builders, this residential community has suffered tremendous credit and financial damage. This project seeks to repair that damage through legal and other direct action. (2004)

**Chaparral Family Development Center, Chaparral**

**\$15,000**

The project is comprised of fourteen low-income immigrant Hispanic women that sought funds to equip a commercial kitchen. (HUD funds are being used to build the center). The women hope to create jobs for themselves by beginning a catering business. They plan to cater private and public functions and to also provide meals for the childcare center. Chaparral is located about 30 miles north of El Paso, and employment is next to nothing. (2005)

**Pueblo of Jemez Women's Society, Jemez Pueblo**

**\$10,000**

In spite of the progress of the reservation leaders in bringing in healthcare, state of the art media, community centers and other services, the people of Pueblo Jemez continue to struggle with poverty. Thus it has not been possible to complete their traditional building where they perform certain annual functions. This project enables them to complete the building. (2005)

**Comunidad en Progreso, Albuquerque**

**\$20,000**

A group of 15 women who want to overcome poverty have come together to form a sewing cooperative. Having just completed three months of training, the women are now ready to make school uniforms for the local school district as a way to develop sustainable income. (2003)

**Truchas Mountain Artist/Craftsman Education Program, Truchas**

**\$30,000**

Community members of Truchas have created a place for its members to develop art/craftwork and to develop marketing strategies to promote and sell their works. (2002)

**Acequia Abajo Association, Chamisal**

**\$23,000**

To sustain both the agricultural base of the community and a long tradition of self-government and self-sufficiency, this group will rebuild the diversion dam and spillway in their community. (2002)

**Barrios Juntos, Albuquerque**

**\$5,000**

The technical assistance to this group will provide resources to help two co-directors in their management of the project, particularly in basic bookkeeping, record maintenance and helping other members become proficient in the use of computers. (2001)

**Welfare Action, Albuquerque**



**\$51,000**

This group of welfare mothers has organized to acquire training to advocate for their rights as welfare recipients and to eventually propel themselves out of the welfare system and into the working world. (2001)

**People Helping People, Rincones Presbyterian Credit Union, Chacon \$76,107**

Expansion of this credit union will permit new members services to help serve this predominantly agricultural area of northeastern New Mexico. (2001)

**Southwest Creations Collaborative, Childcare and Healthcare Project, Albuquerque \$100,000**

Because of a lack of daycare training programs taught in Spanish, there is a shortage of Spanish-speaking daycare providers. This project develops a daycare training program to enable Spanish-speaking women to be certified as daycare providers. (2001)

**Art of Recovery, Las Cuces**

**\$20,000**

By coming together, members of this group of people recovering from mental illness will support each other with life skills training that includes art therapy such as jewelry making and woodworking. (2010)

## **Oklahoma**

**Recycle Rebound, Gore \$20,000**

Taking advantage of local resources and cooperate skills, this group will produce doormats from old tires as a way to provide income for themselves. The grant will help with marketing, Web site design and other needed training and materials. (2004)

**Sew Much Time, Bartlesville \$16,185**

An all-inclusive sewing project. The group is comprised of low-income, multi-ethnic, struggling women who are learning how to sew. They are sewing/making a variety of products and marketing their items. (2008)

## **Oregon**

**Women's Information Network Service (WINS), Cottage Grove**

**\$20,000**

WINS is a safety net for at-risk families in the community. It is a program by women for women as they overcome domestic violence and poverty. They provide emergency counseling and offer therapeutic respite childcare as women are empowered to pursue healthy visions for their futures. (2004)

**Dignity Village Inc., Portland**

**\$18,000**

Formerly homeless people have organized to build a self-governing, empowering and environmentally sound village within the City of Portland. The group hopes to build affordable housing and establish several micro-businesses. (2004)

**Eagle Design XIV, Prineville**

**\$20,000**

These seven low-income persons decided to establish an embroidery and hand-painted products business that includes machine embroidering logos on hats and sweatshirts. The project will employ and lift the group members out of poverty. (2006)

**Adelante Mujeres Apprenticeship, Cornelious  
\$92,500**

Thirteen low-income Hispanic women have come together to develop the skills to manage a folk art cooperative by establishing an education program and apprenticeship to learn English, math, computers and skills as artisans of their culture. (2002)

**Agricultural Workers Self-Help Benefit Expansion Program, Western Farm Workers Association, Hillsboro  
\$100,000**

This is a group of 4,000 residents who have come together to purchase a building which will house offices, providing medical care, legal advice and other necessary services. (2001)

**Art Studio of the Mind's Eye, Portland \$30,000**

Funds for this project have enabled a group of artists who are mentally ill or recovering from mental illness to move to a larger studio where they can paint and display their work. (2007)

**Women's Information Network, Cottage Grove \$30,000**

A group of women who have been formerly abused came together to purchase a residence. The residence will enable the women to continue their personal recovery and advocacy work against domestic violence and poverty. (2007)

**Wolf Creek Teen Center Project, Wolf Creek \$15,000**

Funds for this project will go towards maintenance and operation of a youth center that is owned and operated by Wolf Creek community youth and their families. The youth center will give the youth an opportunity to focus on positive activities rather than crime. (2007)

**Somali Bantu Citizen Group, Beaverton \$ 9,930**

To three male and three female High School graduates who speak good English and Somali Bantu to attend Portland Community College's Medical Interpretation Program to be able to assist the larger community in addressing medical needs. The Somali Bantu Community of over 237 people have no direct translators for their distinctive language. The Medical Interpreters will also help with health education, welfare and legal issues. (2010)

**Sunny Wolf Youth Services, Inc., Wolf Creek \$18,000**

Many youth in this rural, isolated community live in homes with no electricity or running water and they are struggling to finish high school. Many do not. Those involved in the Youth Advancement Program are determined to finish high school and go to community college. This grant will assist in the purchase of computers, enhance their community center and provide adult supervision. (2010)

**VOZ Workers Rights Education Project, Portland \$20,000**

To assist this group of day laborers to hire an organizer to help them organize around issues of a safe work environment, fair wages, collecting wages from their employers, and learning English and computer skills. (2010)

## **Puerto Rico**

**Comunidad Especial El Vigia Inc., Arecibo \$20,000** A group of low-income individuals organized by pooling their food preparation skills to form a moveable food service cooperative. Group members, by partnering with SDOP, were able to obtain equipment and participate in needed ongoing culinary training. (2006)

## **Texas**

**Time Dollar Community Connection, San Antonio**

**\$20,000**

This is a neighborhood revitalization project in which community members formed a network of support that builds on the strengths, talents and skills of its members. Time Dollar is a community building tool and form of currency. Members earn the currency by

helping others and spend it by getting help. The SDOP partnership will enable them to hire a time dollar member to coordinate the volunteer hours. (2006)

**Aero Dance, San Antonio**

**\$15,000**

Twenty-five Latina women came together to create a support group around issues of emotional and social well-being. Through the education component of the project the group addresses issues of violence, alienation, depression and poor health. (2006)

**San Antonio Time Dollar Community Connections, San Antonio \$4960**

The project is a tool for community building and system change based on forming networks of support that build on the strengths, talents and skills of its members. Group members pool their resources and thus provide each other the services and resources needed. These include maintaining the community organic garden, and distribution of free food. These additional funds are for technical assistance. The initial SDOP grant of \$20,000 awarded to the group in 2006 enabled it to hire a time dollar member to coordinate the volunteer hours and help defray some of the costs involved. (2007)

**Promotores de Buena Vida Development Project, San Antonio \$20,000**

A capacity building training program for Hispanic residents in low-income areas of San Antonio, TX. Community residents are trained via courses to help their community members learn and understand how to navigate social systems. (2008)

**Treys House, San Antonio \$16,000**

Members of this project are brain injured people who have been out of rehab for five or more years and have encountered barriers in everyday living and in receiving health services. They come to Trey's Coffee House to increase their socialization skills through interaction with others. The SDOP partnership will assist them in maintaining their coffee house. (2010)

## **Utah**

**Disabled Rights Action Committee, Salt Lake City**

**\$20,000**

This project consists of a group of disabled people working toward community access and decent basic health care for themselves and others who have disabilities and who are low income. Two terms that describe DRAC are "action" and "advocacy." Group members constantly struggle with the reality that people with disabilities are viewed as minorities in our society and are often without voice, ignored and disrespected in areas of basic human rights and health care. (2005)

**"Save Our Section" Project (SOS 8), Utah HUD Tenants Association, Salt Lake City**

**\$19,500**

By combining their efforts, this community will now be able to strengthen their networks, address employment issues and improve living conditions in the housing units. (2003)

**\$58,100**

**Anti-Hunger Action Committee, Salt Lake City**

This group of residents without medical insurance are advocating for and educating varied audiences about the plight of residents without medical benefits. (2007)

## **Washington**

**Para Los Ninos de Highline, Burien  
\$20,000**

This group consists of Latino parents who have organized themselves into a Latino Parents Support Network to become advocates for their children's education. The Highline School District has experienced 100 percent growth of Latino families in the last five years, but the school district has done very little to facilitate the education of the Latino students. The Latino parents want to become better educated and informed in order to create change in the public education system. (2005)

**Welfare Rights Organization Coalition, Seattle  
\$14,214**

Low-income single mothers and fathers have come together to protect their rights, encourage reform in the welfare system and lobby for benefits that meet real needs of education, child care and family support through training to become able spokespeople about their situation. (2002)

**Women Exhaling Together, Seattle  
\$17,500**

This group of women (mothers, wives, community members) are helping each other grow and become productive members of the African-American community by use of counseling assistance, recording and sharing of their journey experiences and respite care for one another. (2001)

**Hoh Tribal Cultural Youth Drug & Alcohol Prevention, Forks \$20,000**

The project entails Native American youth making their ceremonial outfits and learning from their Elders. The youth will gather once or twice a week for planning activities such as fundraising and crafting. (2008)