

COMMUNITIES AGAINST HATE

Communities Against Hate: Front-Line Organizations

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The Open Society Foundations' Communities Against Hate initiative supports organizations that are grappling with the spike in hate incidents in the United States. Our local grants, which range from \$15,000 to \$150,000, aim to support, protect, and empower those who are targets of hateful acts and rhetoric, and to bolster communities' resilience and ability to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future. All Communities Against Hate local grants have been issued. The complete list is below.

Abortion Care Network

National

\$70,000 over six months

Abortion Care Network will create a network of social workers uniquely positioned to provide support to abortion providers.

Adler University

Illinois

\$15,945 over six months

Adler University's Spaces Project will provide expanded outreach and psychological support services for people facing discrimination.

Affiliated Reproductive Health Clinics

Nebraska

\$14,953 over four months

Affiliated Reproductive Health Clinics will improve security at a reproductive health rights clinic serving Nebraska and surrounding states.

African Law Center

Texas

\$25,000 over 12 months

African Law Center's project expands the availability of legal services for African immigrants in the Houston-Galveston area.

AHA Attitude Harmony Achievement

California

\$75,000 over one year

AHA Attitude Harmony Achievement will expand its Peace Builders program from high schools into junior high schools in Santa Barbara.

American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho Foundation

Idaho

\$100,000 over six months

ACLU of Idaho Foundation will conduct outreach, strengthen protections, and empower immigrant, refugee, Muslim, and indigenous communities in Idaho who are feeling threatened in a culture of rising hate.

Americans for Immigrant Justice

Florida

\$25,000 over six months

Americans for Immigrant Justice will produce a series of rights-education workshops and materials for immigrants who are targets of hate in rural Florida.

American Independent Business Alliance

National

\$71,728 over six months

American Independent Business Alliance's Business Against Bigotry campaign will support local merchants across the country who are posting decals indicating that they welcome all members of their community.

Asian Services in Action

Ohio

\$24,898 over one year

Asian Services in Action will provide leadership training to immigrant youth in Northeast Ohio.

Bet Tzedek

California

\$40,000 over six months

Bet Tzedek, which began as an organization aiding Holocaust survivors, will provide free legal name and gender marker change clinics to transgender and gender nonconforming individuals in Los Angeles.

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center

Pennsylvania

\$37,847 over six months

Bradbury-Sullivan LGBT Community Center is responding to threats, fear, and increased emotional needs by hosting community meetings to develop a rapid-response team and community emergency policy to address future threats and incidents of hate.

Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia

Pennsylvania

\$82,125 over six months

Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia is part of the AAPI Community Defense Project, which will provide information and tools to empower a coalition of Philadelphia's Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations and communities to rapidly respond to incidents of hate and bias.

Center for Anti-Violence Education

New York

\$75,000 over one year

The Center for Anti-Violence Education will support multiple target populations by providing self-defense and safe and effective bystander trainings.

Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa

Iowa

\$38,520 over six months

The Center for Worker Justice of Eastern Iowa will support leadership development and anti-hate organizing in immigrant and refugee communities.

Centro Legal de la Raza

California

\$100,000 over one year

Centro Legal de la Raza will set up a bilingual Spanish-English hotline in Oakland, where immigrants face increasing threats of eviction from their homes.

Church World Service

North Carolina and Ohio

\$100,000 over one year

Church World Service affiliates in North Carolina and Ohio will empower refugee and Muslim communities through trainings in leadership development, community organizing, Know Your Rights, de-escalation techniques, and civic participation.

Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio

Minnesota

\$40,000 over six months

Comunidades Latinas Unidas en Servicio will conduct a series of public forums that aim to reduce the emotional trauma, heightened fear, and discrimination faced by the community and clients living in the East metro area of the Twin Cities.

Comunidades Unidas

Utah

\$25,000 over one year

Comunidades Unidas will partner with the Enriching Utah Coalition to confront, diminish, and deter hate incidents targeted at Latinos in Utah through a one-year

campaign of public education, protection, and community organizing.

Connect Inc.

New York

\$34,830

Connect Inc. will address and deter hate by providing a range of strategic interventions, including acute responses and ongoing strategies to build community resilience and wellbeing.

Council on American-Islamic Relations California

California

\$140,000 over six months

CAIR California will conduct 85 rapid response community safety workshops at mosques, college campuses, and community centers across the state.

Council on American-Islamic Relations Florida

Florida

\$100,000 over one year

CAIR Florida will add a staff member to support its Civil and Immigrant Rights Legal department, provide youth leadership training focused on bullying prevention, and help shift the narrative surrounding the American Muslim community through multi-media digital storytelling.

Council on American-Islamic Relations New York

New York

\$52,400 over one year

CAIR New York will launch a hate crimes reporting initiative in New York.

Council on American-Islamic Relations Texas

Texas DFW Chapter

\$73,610 over one year

CAIR Texas will develop a Report Hate Campaign in partnership with North Texas' local mosques.

Disability Rights Iowa

Iowa

\$15,000 over six months

Disability Rights Iowa's Intersectional Allies project is an initiative to provide intersectional ally training in three public high schools throughout Iowa (one urban, one suburban, one rural).

Empire Justice Center

New York

\$112,950 over six months

Empire Justice Center will support transgender individuals by providing direct legal services to change name or gender markers on identification documents.

Empower Montana

Montana

\$30,000 over six months

Empower Montana will conduct Train the Trainer sessions on prejudice reduction, violence prevention, and conflict resolution, providing community members with skills to interrupt oppression and oppressive acts in Flathead Valley and Missoula.

Equality Michigan

Michigan

\$60,000 over seven months

Equality Michigan will provide ground level community education, financial assistance for legal services, and emergency financial assistance for LGBTQ victims of hate crimes in the Detroit area.

Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana

Indiana

\$125,000 over six months

Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana will build a resource and training network for persons and organizations working to address hate in Central Indiana, and will develop the infrastructure for a coordinated community response network to incidents of hate in the region.

Faith & Culture Center

Tennessee

\$25,000 over six months

Faith & Culture Center will engage people of multiple faiths in two projects that build understanding and tolerance about Muslims in middle Tennessee: A Seat at the Table and Christian and Muslim Community Leaders' Retreat.

Flanbwayan

New York

\$17,000 over nine months

Flanbwayan will educate recent high school-age Haitian immigrants in New York City about their rights and the importance of reporting incidents of hate to build their resilience in the face of bias.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Community Center of Colorado

Colorado

\$25,000 over seven months

GLBT Community Center of Colorado will increase security and services in response to hate incidents targeting Denver's LGBTQ community.

Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network

Southeast and Midwest

\$75,000 over six months

Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network will support LGBTQ youth across the country, with particular focus on youth of color living in isolated communities in the Southeast and Midwest.

Global Deaf Muslim

Virginia

\$20,000 over six months

Global Deaf Muslim will prepare deaf Muslim communities to respond to hate crimes and discrimination through trainings and public education.

Granite State Organizing Project

New Hampshire

\$50,000 over four months

Granite State Organizing Project will conduct bystander training and community dialogues in response to hate incidents targeting refugees and immigrants in New Hampshire.

Hetrick Martin Institute of New Jersey

New Jersey

\$70,000 over six months

Hetrick Martin Institute of New Jersey will assist LGBTQ youth and young adults with crisis intervention, counseling, referrals, and connections to legal assistance.

High Plains Fair Housing Center

North Dakota

\$38,195 over six months

High Plains Fair Housing Center will encourage and facilitate reporting of hate incidents in North Dakota and provide support services to people who are the targets of hate incidents.

Highlander Research and Education Center

Tennessee

\$60,000 over five months

Highlander Research and Education Center will improve security for its staff, visitors, and participants.

Hispanic Federation

Florida

\$75,000 over six months

Hispanic Federation's Orlando Against Hate project includes training, public education, and awareness on responding to hate incidents that target LGBTQ Latinxs in Orlando.

Hollaback!

National

\$75,000 over six months

Hollaback! will support women and LGBTQ+ identified individuals by providing training on how to address harassment.

Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County

New York

\$75,000 over seven months

Holocaust Memorial & Tolerance Center of Nassau County will train student leaders in Long Island to react swiftly and safely to words and acts of hate.

Honor the Earth

Minnesota

\$70,000 over six months

Honor the Earth will increase awareness about hate crimes and incidents targeting Native Americans in North Dakota through public education, community forums, advocacy, and art.

Hope Fair Housing Center

Illinois

\$83,178 over six months

Hope Fair Housing Center will develop community preparedness plans networks of relevant organizations and agencies that can rapidly respond to incidents of hate in North and North Central Illinois.

Immigration Equality

National

\$28,000 over six months

Immigration Equality will secure its databases and support the legal needs of LGBTQ immigrants.

Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies

Louisiana

\$75,000 over six months

The Institute of Women and Ethnic Studies will expand its school-based youth mental health services and collect data on hate incidents in New Orleans to contribute to the national registry.

International Muslim Women’s Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE)

Texas and New York
\$74,995 over five months

WISE will provide self-defense, mentorship, and leadership workshops in New York City and Texas in order to equip young Muslim women to overcome violence and become advocates for social change.

ISAIAH

Minnesota
\$125,000 over one year

ISAIAH will construct a rapid-response system that can push back against hatred and build a multi-racial, cross-class resistance to racist and discriminatory policies.

Jannus Inc.

Idaho
\$80,136 over six months

Jannus Inc. will support the refugee community in Boise and Twin Falls with direct mental health and counseling services, communications, community organizing, and security.

Latino Union of Chicago

Illinois
\$20,000 over six months

Latino Union of Chicago received support for its Day Laborer Hate Incident Response program.

LGBTQ Center of Durham

North Carolina
\$75,000 over six months

The LGBTQ Center of Durham will hold a series of picnics to foster dialogue and fellowship among diverse North Carolina communities.

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota

South Dakota

\$20,000 over six months

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota will install security safeguards in its offices and produce a media campaign to raise awareness about refugee and Muslim communities.

Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services

Maine

\$50,000 over six months

Maine Immigrant and Refugee Services will 1) engage in a public awareness campaign with local business owners, public leaders, religious leaders, and nonprofits to reject hate speech and actions; and 2) expand support group services for local Muslim women.

Maine People's Resource Center

Maine

\$50,000 over seven months

Maine People's Resource Center's Community Conversations Project aims to reduce bias incidents and hate crimes in Lewiston and Auburn, Maine.

Make the Road New York

New York

\$50,000 over six months

Make the Road New York will educate and empower translatinas and allies in Jackson Heights to respond to hate violence.

Minnesota Education Trust

Minnesota

\$70,000 over 2.5 months

Minnesota Education Trust will install security cameras and buzzers in Minnesota Muslim community organizations in response to hate incidents to allow these organizations to continue engaging in charitable and educational activities.

Miami Workers Center

Florida

\$100,000 over six months

Miami Workers Center's Rapid Response to Hate initiative will provide emergency housing and legal and other services for low-income immigrant women.

Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health

Michigan

\$88,807 over six months

Michigan Organization on Adolescent Sexual Health will address anti-LBGTO hate incidents in K-12 schools in Michigan by conducting trainings and providing technical assistance to schools.

Michigan United

Michigan

\$100,000 over six months

Michigan United will work with Michigan Immigrant Rights Center, Take On Hate, and the ACLU of Michigan to prevent and address hate crimes in Southeast Michigan.

Mississippi Center for Justice

Mississippi

\$75,000 over six months

Mississippi Center for Justice's anti-bullying project will reduce school bullying related to race, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and religion across school districts in the state of Mississippi.

Montana Human Rights Network

Montana

\$95,000 over one year

Montana Human Rights Network's project includes documentation and reporting of hate incidents, community organizing, and resilience building for a wide range of target populations, including (but not limited to) LGBTQ, Jewish, and Native American communities.

Muslim Advocates

National

\$100,000 over one year

Muslim Advocates will provide legal services to survivors of hate crimes and school bullying.

Narrative 4

North Dakota and Minnesota

\$35,000 over six months

Narrative 4 will create “spaces of radical empathy” in Fargo, ND and Moorhead, MN through six story exchanges involving immigrants, refugees, and long-time (primarily white) residents.

National Center for Youth Law

California

\$75,000 over one year

National Center for Youth Law protects vulnerable students from hate-based harassment, bullying, and intimidation.

Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest

Nebraska

\$60,000 over 12 months

Nebraska Appleseed and the Plains States Region of the Anti-Defamation League will form a task force to educate immigrant and Muslim Nebraskans and Nebraska law enforcement about reporting hate crimes.

New York Immigration Coalition

New York

\$100,000 over six months

The New York Immigration Coalition will prevent and address hate incidents targeted at immigrants and refugees in the state of New York.

Orange County Human Relations

California

\$100,000 over six months

Orange County Human Relations will create the #HateFreeOC public education and awareness campaign and related activities that aim to de-escalate tensions and promote a hate-free environment in Orange County.

Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education

Oregon

\$20,000 over nine months

The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education will provide training and resources on inclusion and tolerance for educators in Oregon and Southwest Washington State.

Padres Unidos

Colorado

\$100,000 over six months

Padres Unidos will create and lead a sanctuary schools hub to coordinate all school-based efforts to prevent and respond to incidents of hate in Denver.

Philadelphians Organized to Witness Empower and Rebuild

Pennsylvania

\$35,000 over four months

Philadelphians Organized to Witness Empower and Rebuild conducts interfaith organizing to mobilize people in Philadelphia and surrounding counties in response to a surge in hate crimes targeting vulnerable populations.

President and Fellows of Harvard College's Pluralism Project

Massachusetts

\$124,335 over nine months

The Pluralism Project will engage, educate, and strengthen religious and civic leaders' ability to respond to incidents of hate and deepen resilience in the Boston area.

Progress Now New Mexico Education Fund

New Mexico

\$49,800 over five months

Progress Now New Mexico Education Foundation will establish a Hate Watch desk at

the New Mexico Political Report to compile and report on incidents of hate-based violence in New Mexico.

Providence Police Department

Rhode Island

\$114,300 over one year

The Providence Police Department will provide cultural competency and de-escalation training for police officers in Rhode Island.

Providence Youth Student Movement

Rhode Island

\$70,000 over six months

Providence Youth Student Movement will convene the Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance, which will assess, support, and respond to incidents of hate in Rhode Island.

Proyecto Matria

Puerto Rico

\$100,644 over one year

Proyecto Matria will develop an awareness campaign and provide direct services for victims of hate crimes in Puerto Rico, particularly women and the LGBT community.

Revolve Impact

Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas

\$50,000 over one year

Revolve Impact will work with local organizations in four southern cities to build coalitions and foster dialogue among African American and Latinx communities.

Rural Organizing Project

Oregon

\$45,700 over six months

Rural Organizing Project will increase security and rapid response capacity for organizers in Rural Oregon who are targets of hate incidents.

Selma Center for Non-Violence, Truth and Reconciliation

Alabama

\$76,978 over seven months

The Selma Center for Non-Violence, Truth and Reconciliation will train and organize diverse communities in Dallas County about racial equity and countering ideologies of white supremacy.

Sister Song

Georgia

\$65,000 over six months

Sister Song will provide training and resources to improve security for organizations in the Trust Black Women coalition.

SomaliCAN

Ohio

\$25,000 over six months

SomaliCAN will provide civic leadership training, networking, and mentorship for Somali-American youth in Ohio.

Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum

Minnesota

\$23,740 over six months

Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum will 1) improve security to protect guests and staff at the Somali Museum of Minnesota after threatening incidents and 2) build resilience and tolerance in the community.

South Dakota Faith in Public Life

South Dakota

\$90,000 over one year

South Dakota Faith in Public Life's Love Your Neighbor: No Exceptions campaign builds on the moral authority of senior religious leaders from multiple faiths to respond to and prevent increased hate rhetoric and bigotry in South Dakota.

State University of New York Impact Foundation

New York

\$114,841 over four months

The SUNY Impact Foundation will provide both preventative training and emergency relief for hate crime victims and affected campus communities.

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy

California

\$15,000 over six months

Strategic Actions for a Just Economy will prevent and address hate and discriminatory housing practices against immigrants in South Los Angeles.

Student Action with Farmworkers

North Carolina

\$16,473 over six months

Student Action with Farmworkers received support for its Farm Labor Camp De-Escalation project.

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition

Tennessee

\$50,000 over seven months

Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition's project is a multi-pronged community organizing effort to respond to and prevent hate and harassment of immigrants, refugees, and Muslims in Tennessee.

Thai Community Development Center

California

\$15,000 over four months

Thai Community Development Center will conduct Know Your Rights workshops for Thai immigrants in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Theatre of the Oppressed NYC

New York

\$41,000 over six months

Theatre of the Oppressed NYC will engage New York City LGBTQ youth in theater performances and advocacy.

Transgender Advocates Knowledgeable Empowering (TAKE)

Alabama

\$16,436 over six months

Transgender Advocates Knowledgeable Empowering (TAKE) will establish weekly support groups for transgender people of color, develop a curriculum to respond to incidents of hate in the transgender community, and host a series of town halls to educate and raise awareness in the greater Birmingham, Alabama community.

Transgender Law Center

National

\$150,000 over one year

Transgender Law Center will provide direct services to transgender and gender nonconforming individuals and create a cohort of local leaders in several states that can help these individuals report hate violence and organize against anti-trans policies.

Trans United

Georgia

\$20,670 over six months

Trans United's Trans(forming) project will provide direct services for trans men and women in the Atlanta area.

T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

National

\$25,000 over eight months

T'ruah will train rabbis and senior professionals on campuses and in congregations to respond to anti-Semitism.

Unitarian Universalist Association

Washington, DC

\$36,500 over five months

The Unitarian Universalist Association is sponsoring The Sanctuaries project's creation of a unique training program that deploys artists to combat hate on the front lines of grassroots justice campaigns.

Unity Fellowship Church NewArk

New Jersey

\$21,000 over six months

Unity Fellowship Church NewArk will build capacity, knowledge, and “allyship” among faith-based leaders for the purpose of increasing tolerance, diminishing hate crimes and rhetoric against the Black LGBTQ community, and creating networks of support and inclusiveness.

YouthBuild USA

Massachusetts

\$95,700 over ten months

YouthBuild USA will support Boston public school students and teachers' capacity to respond to and track hate incidents, tackle the root causes of hate, and unite in solidarity against hate and bigotry.

YWCA of Greater Cincinnati

Ohio

\$20,225 over six months

The YWCA of Greater Cincinnati will implement programming focused on reducing the bias and hate speech witnessed among residents at all Cincinnati Family Housing Partnership shelters.

YWCA of Kalamazoo

Michigan

\$80,000 over six months

YWCA of Kalamazoo will provide advocacy, trauma support, and a legal clinic to address specific incidents of hate, as well as organizing and community education for vulnerable communities in west Michigan.

YWCA of Southern Arizona

Arizona

\$60,000 over one year

YWCA of Southern Arizona will hire a full-time Community Outreach & Education Director to coordinate the We Stand Together network and create a related series of

trainings.

YWCA Olympia

Washington

\$15,000 over one year

YWCA Olympia will provide bystander training, safeguards, and healing spaces for marginalized communities targeted by hate in Thurston County, WA.