



The Twenty-First Century Foundation
2006 HURRICANE KATRINA RECOVERY FUND GRANTEES

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Advancement Project, Washington

Advancement Project (AP) is a democracy and justice action group that works with communities seeking to build a fair and just multi-racial democracy in America. Among its roles, AP partners with and provides legal representation to local organizations on issues ranging from Gulf Coast Recovery and housing rights to over-incarceration and quality education.

\$35,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington

The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, was formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to involve the private bar in providing legal services to address racial discrimination. The principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee is to secure, through the rule of law, equal justice under law. The Committee's major objective is to use the skills and resources of the bar to obtain equal opportunity for minorities by addressing factors that contribute to racial justice and economic opportunity.

\$55,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Inc., Washington

The National Coalition on Black Civic Participation, Inc. was founded in 1976 on the principle of the yet unfulfilled realization of a full democracy. A nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization, the National Coalition is dedicated to increasing African American participation in civil society. Through various program initiatives, the National Coalition has trained and engaged African American leaders and community activists in overcoming institutional barriers that have hindered the growth of Black communities politically, socially, and economically.

\$42,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

ILLINOIS

Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc., Chicago

The mission of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference is to strengthen the capacity and network of the African American faith community and its leaders to address the needs of those it serves.

Through partnerships and collaborations, the skills, talents, and resources of its supporters are maximized by sharing information and models of successful outreach strategies. By identification of mutual interests and bringing together the best of the Church, the academy, and the institutions and businesses that sustain community vitality and people empowerment, SDPC is committed to improving and transforming communities.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

LOUISIANA

African-American Leadership Project, New Orleans

AALP was formed in New Orleans in 2002 as a nonpartisan volunteer network that serves as a center of strategic analysis, practical action, and rapid response on behalf of low-income and African American citizens of New Orleans.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Citizens United for Economic Equity, New Orleans

Citizens United for Economic Equity (CUEE) is a collaboration of for-profit corporations and nonprofit organizations, of individuals of color and conscience, seeking equal protection and equal opportunity for New Orleans citizens of color. Specifically, CUEE embraces a comprehensive approach to building assets and linking development finance to local ownership and entrepreneurship.

\$20,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Critical Resistance, New Orleans

Critical Resistance (CR) seeks to build an international movement to end the Prison Industrial Complex. In addressing the concerns of over-incarceration, CR organizes communities to re-think the essential elements of true security, such as food, shelter, and freedom.

\$15,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Emmitt Spurlock Memorial Foundation, Inc., Baton Rouge

In partnership with faith-based organizations, the Emmitt Spurlock Memorial Foundation provides technical assistance to disaster relief recipients, identifies shelters, provides advocacy to displaced persons, and works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in establishing the capacity to process applications at church sites.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children, New Orleans

Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children (FFLIC) is a statewide membership-based organization dedicated to creating a better life for all of Louisiana's youth, especially those who are involved, or are at risk of becoming involved, in the juvenile justice system. Parents, siblings, extended family members, and allies seek to use education, direct action organizing, and peer advocacy to build strong, powerful families and communities and to fight for justice for their children and themselves.

\$27,500 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana, Lake Charles

The Family Foundation of Southwest Louisiana serves as the endowment and philanthropic arm of Family & Youth, connecting donors to the priorities that enhance the quality of family and community life for generations to come. In particular, the Family Foundation of SWLA is committed to promoting civic engagement and participation through education and facilitation of Black leadership in action networks.

\$25,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

The Frederick Douglass Community Coalition, New Orleans

The Frederick Douglass Community Coalition partnered with the Crescent City Peace Alliance, the Creole Cottage Project, and the Mardi Gras Indian Hall of Fame for the purpose of creating a community school construct in Douglass High School and its feeder elementary school. The partner organizations and volunteers conduct surveys, research, and analysis of the community in order to assess varying needs, including education, housing, and tenant advocacy, in an effort to rebuild in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

\$5,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Grace Harbour Christian Ministries, Buras

The focus of Grace Harbour Christian Ministries is to create, develop, and administer programs that will positively impact and develop the individual, family, and community building that results in a better life for all.

\$15,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Lafayette Restoration Center, Lafayette

The Lafayette Restoration Center (LRC) is a faith-based nonprofit corporation that currently operates one mental health program for Katrina/Rita survivors. LRC offers mental health counseling by credentialed social workers, and pastoral care.

\$20,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation, Baton Rouge

The Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation (LDRF) was born in the aftermath of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. LDRF is dedicated to making sure that every donated dollar counts in addressing the relief and long-term recovery of a better Louisiana. LDRF seeks to ensure that access and opportunity are available to all as the state rebuilds.

\$20,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

The Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Empowerment Network Association, New Orleans

The Lower Ninth Ward Neighborhood Empowerment Network Association (NENA) is a resident-organized and -controlled community development organization formed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. NENA is working to organize community residents, both those who have returned to the neighborhood and those who are still displaced; to design and implement projects and programs in economic development, employment, education, and housing; and to advocate for the future of the community.

\$15,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans, New Orleans

The mission of Neighborhood Housing Services is to revitalize New Orleans neighborhoods by increasing the number of homeowners and reducing the number of substandard or vacant houses through renovation into sustainable and productive homeownership. In addition to its citywide efforts, NHS is engaged in comprehensive community development within targeted neighborhoods to improve the quality of life and promote commercial redevelopment.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

New Orleans Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, New Orleans

New Orleans Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) is a membership-based community organizing effort committed to making New Orleans a better place to live. As a leader in the rebuilding of New Orleans post the breaking of the levees, New Orleans ACORN has taken leadership on such issues as affordable housing, insurance pricing, living wages, lead poisoning prevention, and voting rights.

\$30,500 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

New Orleans Re-Think Project, New Orleans

The New Orleans Re-Think Project, organized by education advocates, brings youth voices into evaluating and shaping the future of New Orleans' schools. Re-Think is designed to help low-income young people whose lives have been devastated by Katrina to reframe the stories they tell about who they are and who they will become, and to develop the insight, vision, and voice to move from being "powerless victim" to resilient, capable achievers and leaders.

\$27,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Operation REACH, Inc., New Orleans

Operation REACH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing access for youth and their families to high-quality educational opportunities. Our programs are designed to foster lifelong learning and personal success in the areas of work, recreation, and community service.

\$5,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

People's Organizing Committee, New Orleans

The People's Organizing Committee was born in the wake of Hurricane Katrina as a grassroots organization of poor, black survivors, primarily from the Lower Ninth Ward, joining together to assert their right to return and rebuild their lives in New Orleans. The organization's focus is in the areas of housing, schools, health care, and jobs. Members are developing themselves as leaders from their own community so as to advocate for and effectively meet their needs.

\$500 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

PICO LIFT (Louisiana Interfaiths Together), Baton Rouge

PICO LIFT's mission is to provide families and religious congregations in Louisiana with a voice in the decisions that shape their lives and communities. The six regional faith-based community organizations that make up PICO LIFT are: Working Interfaith Network (WIN), Baton Rouge; All Congregations Together (ACT), New Orleans; Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing (BISCO), Houma-Thibodaux; Congregations Organizing People for Equality (COPE), Lafayette; Delta Interfaith Network (DIN), Lake Providence; and Hope Ministries, Pointe Coupee Parish.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Safe Streets/Strong Communities Coalition & Campaign, New Orleans

Safe Streets/Strong Communities (Safe Streets) seeks to reform the New Orleans Police Department, the Orleans Parish jail system, and the Orleans Parish Criminal Court System in order to achieve the vision of a true public safety system, one that creates safe streets and strong communities for everyone regardless of race or economic status.

\$5,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Ujamaa Community Development Corporation (UCDC), New Orleans

Ujamaa is actively removing "layers" of neglect, which caused Treme to fall into a distressed state. They are working with residents to increase a sense of community pride and responsibility through increased homeownership.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

MASSACHUSETTS

Finding Our Folk, Cambridge

Finding Our Folk is the sponsor of the Finding Our Folk tour, which raises the voices of Katrina's survivors and connects them with the voices of America's survivors, the brothers and sisters in all corners of the country who remain on the margins of citizenship. They use the tools of education, documentation, healing, and organizing to explore and discuss the conditions that led to the devastating impact of Katrina.

\$10,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

MISSISSIPPI

8th District AMEC Disaster Relief Center, Jackson

The AMEC Disaster Relief Center provides immediate relief to Katrina and Rita survivors and engages in personal and community capacity-building efforts focused on disaster relief.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

AMOS Network, Lafayette County

The AMOS Network is an interfaith-based organization that works to generate equality and integrity within the community. By addressing systemic issues in the areas of city and county planning, youth and education, and community service, as well as social, economic, and racial injustice, AMOS acts as a catalyst for an inclusive social environment.

\$40,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Center for Environmental & Economic Justice, Inc., Biloxi

The Center for Environmental & Economic Justice, Inc. (CEEJ) is a nonprofit, community-based organization that was founded in 1989 (formerly UJAMAA Community Services, Inc.). CEEJ's objectives include organizing grassroots community people and other community-based organizations to affect public policy on socio-economic development issues and environmental justice concerns that are germane to people of color and other ethnicities impacted by injustices. Also, CEEJ is working to eliminate environmental health hazards and to promote economic sustainability through community education and hazard control training, and by engaging in social justice issues that affect African Americans and other impacted ethnicities in Mississippi.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Coastal Women for Change, Biloxi

The mission of Coastal Women for Change (CWC) is to make a difference in our communities through securing and revitalizing local neighborhoods. CWC does this by ensuring that the communities have adequate information in a timely manner so as to both influence and make informed decisions about the recovery process and community development, now and in the future.

\$55,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

East Biloxi Coordination and Relief Center, Biloxi

The East Biloxi Coordination and Relief Center was established within days of Hurricane Katrina with a mission to meet the needs of local residents for immediate relief and support. Currently, the Center delivers invaluable services to the thousands of East Biloxi residents who lost their homes and jobs in the disaster. This work includes the creation of a community plan for housing redevelopment in East Biloxi, housing repairs, and the establishment of a community development corporation to engage in housing construction.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

The Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church, Gulfport

The mission of the Little Rock Missionary Baptist Church is to restore the community while creating economic and entrepreneurial opportunities in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

\$20,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Mississippi State Conference NAACP, Jackson

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. Their vision is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

\$60,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Southern Echo, Inc., Jackson

Southern Echo is a leadership education, training, and development organization founded in 1989 and based in Jackson, Mississippi. Southern Echo is committed to building new accountable grassroots leadership and organization, based on an inter-generational model, through training, technical, and legal assistance. The staff works with and in support of African American and working-class community leadership and organizations throughout rural Mississippi, and organizations in 11 other Southern states.

\$10,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

STEPS Coalition, Gulfport

In support of a fair, just, and sustainable recovery in South Mississippi, the STEPS Coalition is dedicated to the following five goals: (1) affordable housing, (2) equitable economic development, (3) environmental justice, (4) preservation of cultural and historic sites reflecting the African American and minority experience and, (5) civil rights and social justice. This new collaborative advocacy effort was started with seed funding from The Twenty-First Century Foundation and Oxfam America.

\$50,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Turkey Creek Community Initiatives, Inc., Gulfport

Turkey Creek Community Initiatives (TCCI) is an innovative nonprofit community development corporation engaged in the comprehensive revitalization of coastal Mississippi's low-income, historic, and environmentally challenged Turkey Creek community and watershed.

\$25,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation, University

The William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation fosters reconciliation and civic renewal wherever people suffer as a result of racial discrimination or alienation, and promotes scholarly research, study, and teaching on race and the impact of race and racism. They served as the fiscal sponsor for the leadership retreat that led to the establishment of the STEPS Coalition.

\$15,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

NEW YORK

Applied Research Center, New York

The Applied Research Center (ARC) understands that pressing political conflicts demand a serious treatment of racial equity that addresses both a history of injustice and contemporary problems.

ARC's mission is to identify racism and to fight for concrete change from powerful public institutions to build a fair and equal society.

\$28,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Artists for Life, Brooklyn

A nonprofit subsidiary of AKILA WORKSONGS, Inc., Artists for Life's long-term goal is to service a national network of progressive artists with emergency funding, technical assistance, and free professional development resources. (Its immediate focus, however, is on the artists-survivors who are displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and are now living in New York.)

\$2,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

Center for Social Inclusion, New York

The Center for Social Inclusion links research and advocacy to build capacity in communities of color and to forge links with others to increase understanding of structural racism and how it operates, and to develop long-term strategies to dismantle it.

\$10,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

NYRAG Hurricanes Katrina & Rita Task Force, New York

The New York Regional Association of Grantmakers (NYRAG) is the nonprofit membership organization of and for philanthropy in the New York metropolitan area. They strengthen philanthropy by offering programs and resources that support effective and strategic grantmaking and that facilitate collaboration and knowledge sharing, with the goal of communicating the value of the philanthropic sector in our society. The mission of the NYRAG Katrina and Rita Task Force is to equip member institutions and other donors across the country with information and resources to most effectively respond to both the immediate and long-term needs of the communities affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; to facilitate collaboration among NYRAG members; to share knowledge about the benefits of collaboration; and to glean recommended practices that grantmakers can apply to other natural disasters in the future.

\$5,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

The Opportunity Agenda, New York

Begun in 2004, The Opportunity Agenda works to ensure that the United States lives up to its promise as the land of opportunity for every person who lives here. The Opportunity Agenda believes that, to offer true opportunity, the nation must acknowledge and address the barriers that keep people from achieving their full potential.

\$10,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

NORTH CAROLINA

Faith Partnerships, Inc., Raleigh

The mission and goals of Faith Partnerships, Inc. are grounded in the belief that impoverished families can be helped through the collaborative efforts of faith-based organizations. To accomplish their mission, Faith Partnerships works with faith-based organizations to address common challenges, including building organizational capacity, designing effective organizational structures, conducting needs assessments, and developing resources.

\$30,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

OHIO

The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Columbus

The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity is a university-wide interdisciplinary research institute. Its goal is to deepen an understanding of the causes of and solutions to racial and ethnic disparities and hierarchies. This includes an explicit focus on Ohio and the United States, but also the Americas as a whole and the larger global community. The institute's primary focus is to increase a general understanding that, despite many differences, human destinies are intertwined. Thus, the Institute explores and illustrates both diversity and common humanity in real terms.

\$10,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recovery Fund

TEXAS

AJAMM Ministries, Inc., Houston

AJAMM Ministries works to provide a supportive environment for bringing women in ministry together to enhance their knowledge and increase their leadership skills. Their mission as a Christian ministry has been to help educate and equip women of the African Diaspora to work to their full potential in the church, civic, and social arenas by fostering spiritually awakening opportunities for growth and the promotion of righteousness and justice in Kingdom building.

\$10,000 -- Hurricane Katrina Recover Fund