The Arts, Investigative Journalism, and Social Justice
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2020 Grantees

100Reporters
$50,000
Second outright installment of $200,000 two-year grant for Double Exposure Investigative Film Festival and Symposium
100Reporters exists to hold accountable those wielding power and controlling money. They believe that the only effective challenge to that corruption is through a similarly global effort, uniting the observations and experiences of citizens the world over with the most solid journalistic skills.
Washington, D.C.

3Arts
$55,000
Second installment of $165,000 three-year grant for the 3Arts Award, Make a Wave, and General Operating Support
3Arts works to sustain and promote artists in the six-county Chicago metropolitan area. The grant funds an annual award that supports women artists, artists of color, and artists with disabilities who are selected by a prestigious national jury panel.
Chicago, IL

The Abingdon DAMASCUS Youth Project (NEO Philanthropy)
$42,000
Active HEARTs (Healthy Empowered And Resilient Teens) Project
Active HEARTs is a project to improve the social and emotional well-being outcomes for adolescents disadvantaged by adverse social circumstances, presenting self-detrimental risky behavior and disengaged from education/training.
Abingdon, United Kingdom
About Face Theatre
$65,000
*Outright and challenge installments of $65,000 grant for General Operating Support*
About Face Theatre is committed to producing work that portrays lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people positively and realistically, and hope that these representations spark dialogue and social change in the push toward equal rights for all.
Chicago, IL

ACOS Alliance (OPC Foundation)
$50,000
*General Operating Support*
The ACOS (A Culture Of Safety) Alliance is an unprecedented coalition of news organizations, freelance journalist associations and press freedom NGOs working together to champion safe and responsible journalistic practices.
New York, NY

Agência Pública (MDIF)
$25,000
*First installment of $50,000 two-year grant for Stories From Brazil to the World*
Agência Pública is the first nonprofit organization focusing on investigative journalism in Brazil, it was established in 2011 by women journalists and based in Sao Paulo. Agência Pública’s reporting has led to positive decisions by public officials, public hearings in different legislative levels, and investigations by the public ministry.
São Paulo, Brazil

Airwars
$100,000
*First installment of $200,000 two-year grant for Critical Investigations Into Civilian Harm*
Airwars is a team of professional researchers and advocacy officers tracking civilian harm from the perspective of non-combatants on the modern battlefield. They have established themselves as a leading authority on conflict violence as it affects civilian communities.
London, United Kingdom

Albany Park Theater Project
$25,000
*Third outright installment of $250,000 three-year grant for Port of Entry*
Albany Park Theater Project (APTP) is a multiethnic, youth theater ensemble that inspires people to envision a more just and beautiful world. Since its founding in 1997, APTP teens have created 21 original plays, opened their neighborhood’s first performing arts space, and performed for more than 50,000 people.
Chicago, IL
American Documentary Inc./POV  
$150,000  
Final installment of $300,000 two-year grant for Documentary Program Support & Gala Match  
American Documentary’s founding principle is to present stories and storytellers from the margins. American Documentary's award-winning programs provide a national platform for a diverse range of independent media artists and reach millions of viewers around the country, for free.  
Brooklyn, NY

Arena for Journalism in Europe (NEO Philanthropy)  
$36,750  
Dataharvest - the European Investigative Journalism Conference  
Arena for Journalism in Europe is an organization that aims to foster cross-border collaboration among journalists in Europe. The conference aims to create an environment where journalists are able to advance innovation, think about collaborations on possible investigations, and learn skills relating to data and security.  
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Assata’s Daughters  
$5,350  
Emergency Grant for General Operating Support  
Assata’s Daughters is a Black woman-led, young person-directed organization rooted in the Black Radical Tradition. They organize young Black people in Chicago by providing them with political education, leadership development, mentorship, and revolutionary services.  
Chicago, IL

Athletes United for Social Justice, Inc.  
$100,000  
First outright installment of $200,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support  
Athletes United for Social Justice, D.B.A. “The Grassroot Project” was founded by NCAA athletes to address health disparities in Washington, DC. The Grassroot Project recruits and trains NCAA athletes to deliver innovative, sports-based health promotion programs to low-income youth during middle school P.E. classes.  
Washington, D.C.
Awake Berwyn
$15,000
*Berwyn COVID-19 Relief Support for Families*
Awake is a volunteer-led 501c3 in Berwyn, IL whose mission is to be a catalyst for good relationships, leadership, and justice. Awake’s model combines educational programs with leadership development and community organizing. Current projects are continued educational programming, COVID-19 aid, and census outreach.
Berwyn, IL

B.I.G. Baseball Academy
$10,000
*Academy Slugger Sponsor*
B.I.G. Baseball Academy teaches baseball to youth from underserved areas of Chicago. B.I.G. was founded by South Side Chicago native, Keronn Walker, a former professional baseball player and current scout for the Chicago Cubs. The program emphasizes character development and the promotion of academic success.
Chicago, IL

Blair Thomas and Company
$35,000
*First outright installment of $180,000 three-year grant for the Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival*
The Chicago International Puppet Theater Festival showcases an entertaining and eclectic array of puppet styles from around the world. Blair Thomas & Co. is recognized as an international contributor to contemporary puppetry and a creator of uniquely expressive spectacle theater.
Chicago, IL

The Bloc
$100,000
*First outright installment of $375,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Bloc uses boxing to provide a sense of safety, connection, and belonging for young people who might otherwise be at risk for gang involvement. Once enrolled, The Bloc connects them to mentors, engage them in academic services, and expand their horizons with college trips and explorational learning.
Chicago, IL
Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism
$130,000
*Outright and challenge installment for General Operating Support*

The Boston Institute for Nonprofit Journalism was built to meet the growing need for deep feature reporting and to support existing media infrastructure in New England. The organization partners with regional, alternative, and ethnic news organizations, and they also fund and train freelance reporters, designers, photographers, and other media makers.

Boston, MA

The Boulevard of Chicago
$15,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

The Boulevard provides high quality, cost-effective medical respite care, holistic support and housing services to help ill and injured homeless adults break the cycle of homelessness, restore their health and rebuild their lives. They are a 64-bed medical respite care center serving 300+ adults annually.

Chicago, IL

Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
$180,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Relief - Food and Rental Assistance*

The Emergency Response Fund will support over 166 very low income/no income families who are ineligible for the federal or state benefits. This program will focus primarily on food insecurity by providing cash cards to a local grocery store. For clients who are receiving LINK benefits, but have no other income due to the COVID-19 crisis, funds will be converted to rental assistance.

$15,000
*Winter Weather Items*

$191,795
*Final installment of $639,880 four-year grant for the In the Game High School Success Program*

Working closely with Kelly High School, BPNC has developed a comprehensive program intended to improve high school success and increase college access and success. BPNC's strategy seeks to raise the numbers of Kelly graduates attending and completing college by providing multi-year scholarships, continued case management and mentorship, and employment opportunities for the scholarship recipients.

Chicago, IL
The Bristol Cable (NEO Philanthropy)
$25,750
*Final challenge installment of $262,650 three-year grant for General Operating Support*

$51,500
*First installment of $175,100 two-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Bristol Cable shakes up local journalism, reporting on the stories behind the headlines and puts Bristolians in charge of their media. Powered by over 2,000 members who all have a say and own an equal share in their media co-operative, they publish stories that matter to the public not big business, uncovering wrongdoing and injustice in the city.
Bristol, United Kingdom

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism (NEO Philanthropy)
$77,250
*Final outright installment of a $334,250 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Bureau of Investigative Journalism informs the public about the realities of power in today's world. Through fact-based, unbiased reporting, they expose systemic wrongs, counter misinformation and spark change.
London, United Kingdom

Care for Real
$10,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

$15,000
*First challenge installment of $160,000 three-year grant for Staff Health Benefits and General Operating Support*
The mission of Care for Real is to help vulnerable individuals and families overcome difficult times with dignity, providing food, clothing, referral, and other services with compassion. Located in the Edgewater neighborhood of Chicago, Care for Real serves nearly 56,000 clients each year.
Chicago, IL

The Centre for Investigative Journalism (NEO Philanthropy)
$103,000
*Second installment of a $386,250 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
The Centre for Investigative Journalism is a think-tank, alternative university, and experimental laboratory set up to train a new generation of reporters in the tools of investigative, in-depth and long-form journalism across all media.
London, United Kingdom
Chicago Art Department
$60,000
*Outright installment of $80,000 for Chicago Art Department Staff Development*
Located in East Pilsen since 2005, the core of Chicago Art Department’s current work stems from residency programs for twenty artists per year, focused on civically engaged work. In addition to studio residencies, the organization offers workshops, courses, and special programs centered around social themes.
Chicago, IL

Chicago Freedom School
$5,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*
Chicago Freedom School provides a space where young people and adult allies can study the work of past movements, deepen their understanding of current social problems, build new coalitions and develop strategies for change.
Chicago, IL

The Chicago High School for the Arts
$150,000
*Second outright and first challenge installment of $300,000 two-year grant for the Post-Secondary Program Success for Scholar-Artists*
The Chicago High School for the Arts develops the next generation of diverse, artistically promising scholar-artists through intensive pre-professional training in the arts, combined with a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum.
Chicago, IL

Chicago HOPES for Kids
$70,000
*Outright and first challenge installment of a $90,000 grant for General Operating Support*
Chicago HOPES for Kids provides academic support and resources to children and their families who are staying in homeless shelters in Chicago. Over the past three years, HOPES has substantially expanded programming to include a parent program, a middle school program, field trips and family nights, summer enrichment, and STEAM curriculum partners.
Chicago, IL
Chicago Jazz Philharmonic  
$25,000  
*General Operating Support*  
Chicago Jazz Philharmonic unites jazz and classical music to create a new, evolved, “third stream” sound. Their programs bring together diverse cultural audiences, provide a creative space for jazz and classical musicians to collaborate; enable young musicians from all corners of the city.  
Chicago, IL

Chicago Lawyers’ Committee  
$125,000  
*First outright installment of three-year grant of $375,000 for General Operating Support*  
Chicago Lawyer's Committee are civil rights lawyers and advocates working to secure racial equity and economic opportunity for all. They provide legal representation through partnerships with the private bar and collaborate with grassroots organizations and other advocacy groups to implement community-based solutions that advance civil rights.  
Chicago, IL

Chicago Voyagers  
$20,000  
*Outright installment of a $30,000 grant for General Operating Support*  
The Chicago Voyagers empower at-risk youth through outdoor experiential adventures that foster healthy relationships and responsible behavior.  
Palatine, IL

Coda Media, Inc.  
$50,000  
*Outright installment of a $75,000 grant for a Global Investigations Reporter*  
CODA has a global approach and their mission is to investigate crises that are shaping the world, to empower their readers with a sense of true, contextual understanding of stories shaping their lives and to help journalism re-imagine how to cover complex crises in an accessible and engaging way that doesn’t strip the events of their inherent complexity.  
New York, NY

CommunityHealth  
$125,000  
*General Operating Support*  
CommunityHealth is the largest free health clinic in the United States, serving 10,000 low-income, uninsured patients annually in Chicago. Volunteer physicians, dentists, pharmacists, and interpreters give their time and talent to care for patients.  
Chicago, IL
ConTextos
$150,000
*Final installment of $450,000 three-year grant for Authors Circles at Cook County Department of Corrections*

$50,000
*First outright installment of $100,000 two-year grant for Director of Development position*

ConTextos works in the realm of criminal justice reform through its Authors Circle program in Cook County jail with detainees awaiting trial for violent offenses in maximum security Division 10. They have also expanded into schools and community-based organizations, working with youth and adults engaged in workforce development, re-entry, alternative-sentencing and other initiatives.

Chicago, IL

Cradles to Crayons, Inc.
$10,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

$104,000
*Second installment of $304,000 three-year grant for Everyday Essentials*

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless and low-income situations, with the essentials they need to thrive. They collect new and gently used children’s items like clothing, shoes, books, and more from community members.

Chicago, IL

Curt’s Café
$35,000
*General Operating Support*

Curt’s Café was founded in response to the high recidivism rate among previously incarcerated and at-risk young adults. They link job development with restorative justice, improving outcomes for young adults living in at-risk situations through work and life skills training.

Evanston, IL

Declassified Media, Ltd. (NEO Philanthropy)
$36,750
*General Operating Support*

Declassified is a new online publication investigating and analyzing British foreign and security policies. Its centerpiece is the publishing of cutting-edge investigative journalism and commentary on British foreign and military policy, including intelligence, surveillance and corporations.

London, United Kingdom
Denver Inner City Parish
$60,000
*COVID-19 Food Acquisition*
Denver Inner City Parish provides barrier-free distribution of 420 pre-packaged food boxes each week, including home deliveries to older adults, individuals who are self-quarantining, and those without access to transportation. These boxes will feed 20,160 individuals over the next three months.
Denver, CO

Deeply Rooted Dance Theater
$155,000
*First outright and challenge installment of $440,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
Deeply Rooted Dance Theater’s mission is to re-imagine and diversify the aesthetics of contemporary dance by bringing together modern, classical, American, and African-American traditions in dance and storytelling.
Chicago, IL

Disclose (NEO Philanthropy)
$95,000
*General Operating Support*
Disclose leads in-depth investigations into subjects of public interest, while defending the public’s right to know. Through thorough, quality journalism that is of a purpose for all, they seek to transform indignation into positive action.
Paris, France

Disruption Network Lab (NEO Philanthropy)
$78,750
*Tactics of Empowerment Conference Series*
Disruption Network Lab aims to bring into dialogue experts that unfold inner structures of political, economical and technological systems, therefore promoting an in-depth understanding of digital culture in everyday life and society. They invite people that analyze these systems from within, often at a high personal risk, offering public concrete advice that go beyond theoretical speculation.
Berlin, Germany
Donnington Doorstep (NEO Philanthropy)
$41,475
First installment of $84,262.50 two-year grant for the Donnington Doorstep Youth Project
Donnington Doorstep is an independent charity set up by local parents on the Donnington Estate in East Oxford in 1984. The Youth Project consists of open access youth sessions, providing a safe, secure, local environment to spend time and it allows the building of relationships and trust between their team, the young people, and their families.
Oxford, UK

Dream Warriors (Chicago Art Department)/(The Interoots Initiative)
$10,400
COVID-19 Emergency Grant for Artist Content for Dream Warrior Radio and mentorship program (Chicago Art Department)

$51,000
COVID-19 Native Relief Fund (The Interoots Initiative)
Dream Warriors is a collective of Indigenous artists who believe in pursuing passions, dreams, and gifts to better loved ones and communities while also uplifting others. Dream Warriors bring artists, organizers, and community members together as they harness the power of shared expression to address collective challenges.
Denver, CO

El Tímpano (Independent Arts & Media)
$15,000
Outright installment of a $20,000 grant for General Operating Support
El Tímpano is a way to inform, engage, and amplify the voices of Oakland’s Latinx and Mayan immigrants. Through innovative approaches to local journalism and civic engagement, El Timpano surfaces residents’ stories, questions, and concerns on local and national issues, provides information relevant to their needs, and amplifies their stories to wider audiences.
Oakland, CA
Embarc Chicago
$125,000
*Final installment of $475,000 three-year grant for Doubling Embarc’s Program Impact at Chicago Tech Academy High School by 2020*

$50,000
*Challenge for Annual Gala*
Embarc is a three-year program that provides community-driven, experienced-based learning opportunities to low-income high school students to inspire and prepare them for college and career success. Their unique approach to encouraging leadership and success is facilitated by social and cultural experiences through in-depth field trips called “journeys”.
Chicago, IL

En Las Tablas Performing Arts
$9,660
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for Teacher Pay and Neighborhood Food Assistance*

$16,892
*Learning New Skills as Part of Growing and Serving our Community Program*
En Las Tablas Performing Arts provides an open, safe and affirming space where participants can explore artistic expression through performing arts experiences that are geared to educate, celebrate and connect participants with one another, their culture and rich artistic history.
Chicago, IL

The Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital
$50,000
*Final installment of a $150,000 three-year grant for Festival Screenings and the Opening Night Reception*
The Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital is the world’s premier showcase of environmentally themed films. Their mission is to celebrate Earth and inspire understanding and stewardship of the environment through the power of film. They host the largest environmental film festival in the world, presenting 100+ films to audiences of more than 20,000.
Washington, D.C.

Facing Forward to End Homelessness
$75,000
*General Operating Support*
Facing Forward to End Homelessness provides safe, permanent housing and case management services focused on mental and physical health, life skills, education, and employment to people experiencing homelessness in Chicago.
Chicago, IL
**FairWarning**
$25,000  
*Challenge installment of a $75,000 grant for 2019 General Operating Support*

$55,000  
*Outright installment of $75,000 grant for 2020 General Operating Support*

FairWarning is a nonprofit investigative news organization with a reputation for strong accountability journalism and growing audience reach. Recently, they produced a path-breaking report on the immunity of small farms from OSHA investigations, even when workers are killed on the job.  
Pasadena, CA

**Forward Momentum Chicago**
$10,000  
*Final challenge installment of $80,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support*

$30,000  
*First outright installment of $65,000 grant for General Operating Support*

Forward Momentum Chicago’s mission is to inspire possibilities through dance education programs that strengthen schools and communities with limited arts access. They help fill a gap in dance education for Chicago-area youth and provide dance classes to underserved neighborhoods, serving approximately 4,000 students.  
Chicago, IL

**Franciscan Outreach**
$25,000  
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for Shelter Operations*

Franciscan Outreach is a leading provider of homeless services in Chicago. They operate as a system of support for men and women who are marginalized and homeless. They empower people to gain the stability they need to transition into permanent housing.  
Chicago, IL

**Fraternite Notre Dame**
$15,000  
*Purchase of a New Passenger Van*

A weekly food pantry that serves a daily lunch to hundreds of Chicago’s most underserved residents. Each week, Fraternite Notre Dame utilizes the 15-passenger van to transport students to the church for after school activities and snacks.  
Chicago, IL
**Free Street Theater**
$100,000
*General Operating Support*
Free Street Theater uses theater and public performance as a tool to defy Chicago’s racial and economic segregation and leads the movement to create affordable, inclusive theater in Chicago. Free Street Theater is multiracial, multilingual and multigenerational. They work to investigate themes affecting Chicagoans, train community members, incubate community stories, and transform them into staged images full of spectacle.
Chicago, IL

**Freedom of the Press Foundation**
$100,000
*Protecting the Right to Publish*
Freedom of the Press Foundation protects, defends, and empowers public-interest journalism in the 21st century. This grant supports engagement in a campaign of public and legal advocacy focusing on protecting the rights of all journalists to gather and publish secret information in the public’s interest.
San Francisco, CA

**Front Porch Arts Center (Chicago Art Department)**
$5,200
*Groundwork Funds for Front Porch Arts Center and General Operating Support*
Front Porch Arts Center’s mission is to reclaim and celebrate the rich history and culture of the Westside. The organization creates spaces for artists and community residents to find self and community value through the reexamination of their own narratives.
Chicago, IL

**Fugees Family**
$40,000
*General Operating Support*
The nation’s only accredited independent school serving refugee students in communities with high concentrations of refugees. They work with child survivors of war and empower refugees to integrate successfully into their new country by providing them the support and structure they need to realize their vast potential.
Columbus, OH
Full Frame Documentary Film Festival (Center for Documentary Studies)
$25,000
Final installment of $75,000 three-year grant for the Reva and David Logan Grand Jury Award
Full Frame Documentary Film Festival is an annual international event dedicated to the theatrical exhibition of nonfiction cinema. The Full Frame Grand Jury Award is the event's top award. It allows the festival to support the work of filmmakers by bestowing a cash prize and by publicly recognizing exceptional nonfiction filmmaking.
Durham, NC

The Fund for Investigative Journalism
$75,000
General Operating Support
Since 1969, Fund for Investigative Journalism has helped critically needed investigative work flourish – important, groundbreaking stories that have lasting impact. FIJ has awarded 136 grants over three years, many of which enabled grantees to work on award-winning investigations.
Washington, D.C.

Abby Ginzberg (Kovno Communications)
$25,000
Waging Change Film
The film reveals that the tipped minimum wage in many states is $2.13 per hour; that 7 states have eliminated the tipped minimum wage entirely; and that Illinois is one of the states between $2.13 and full minimum wage. The film seeks to educate consumers and voters about a situation that is not well known and to engage them in supporting efforts requiring workers receive One Fair Wage.
Berkeley, CA

Global Investigative Journalism Network
$100,000
Second installment of a 300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
The Global Investigative Journalism Network provides journalists worldwide the state-of-the-art tools, training, and connectivity to link together colleagues around the globe, enabling them to do their jobs more effectively than ever before.
Silver Spring, MD
**Good Jobs First**  
$125,000  
*First installment of $525,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*  
Good Jobs First promotes corporate and government responsibility through the meticulous tracking and collating of data that shows how much money state and local governments give away via tax breaks. They also track violations committed by corporations, many of which receive those same tax breaks. They also track the money the that government has given out to corporations through the CARES Act.  
Washington, D.C.

**Growing Home, Inc.**  
$25,000  
*Final outright installment of $180,000 three-year grant for Job Training and Food Access in Englewood*  
Growing Home’s mission is to operate, promote, and demonstrate the use of organic urban agriculture as a vehicle for job training, employment, and community development.  
Chicago, IL

**Hyde Park Art Center**  
$100,000  
*Final installment of $300,000 three-year grant for Teen and Young Adult Programs*  
Hyde Park Art Center is a hub for contemporary arts in Chicago, serving as a gathering and production space for artists and the broader community to cultivate ideas, impact social change, and connect with new networks. This grant will be used to support four teen/young-adult initiatives: Expanding Access, Young Adults and Alumni, Connections with Professional Artists and Teen Artist Advanced Track.  
Chicago, IL

**Hyde Park Jazz Festival**  
$15,000  
*General Operating Support and 2020 Virtual Gala*  
The Hyde Park Jazz Festival has established itself as a major cultural event in Chicago and includes 35 free programs over 2 days in more than a dozen venues for nearly 20,000 community members & visitors.  
Chicago, IL
IDL – Reporteros (MDIF)
$225,000
First installment of a $475,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
IDL-Reporteros is a program of the Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL), based in Lima, Peru. They are investigative journalists that publish stories that are meant to keep the government accountable while promoting human rights and democracy.
Lima, Peru

Illinois Prison Project (Restore Justice Foundation)
$50,500
First installment of $101,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support
The Illinois Prison Project advocates for people who are needlessly incarcerated in Illinois’ prisons. Through campaigns that combine direct representation, systemic advocacy, and public education, IPP advocates for both immediate relief for hundreds of incarcerated clients and for long-term systemic change.
Chicago, IL

Impact Behavioral Health Partners
$65,000
Housing Stability Specialist Pilot
The mission of Impact Behavioral Health Partners is to develop and champion opportunities for people with serious mental illness by providing comprehensive services in housing, employment, and clinical support so that each person can live as independently as possible.
Evanston, IL

inewsource
$32,500
On-Air with inewsource

$50,000
First installment of $100,000 grant for General Operating Support and Racial Equity 2020
inewsource is the only news organization in the San Diego region whose sole focus is satisfying a need for investigative and data-based journalism. inewsource is an independent nonprofit dedicated to shining a light on government actions, accounting for public spending and prompting intelligent discussions that lead to informed decisions.
San Diego, CA
Inner City Missions Network (Ring of Hope)
$6,000
First and second quarterly installments of $12,000 grant for Transportation for Food Pantry Volunteers
Food Pantry located in the Greater Grand Crossing neighborhood of Chicago.
Chicago, IL

International Latino Cultural Center
$40,000
The Chicago Latino Film Festival’s Outreach & Educational Cultural Programming and General Operating Support
The International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago is a Pan-Latino, multidisciplinary arts organization dedicated to developing, promoting and increasing awareness of Latino cultures among Latinos and other communities by presenting a wide variety of art forms including film, music, dance, visual arts, comedy and theater.
Chicago, IL

Interrobang Theatre Project
$15,000
First outright and challenge installments of a $31,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
Interrobang Theatre Project is a dynamic Chicago theatre company created to explore works that pose compelling questions about who we are and the world in which we live in an exciting manner. ITP’s mission is to produce visceral and timely works, rarely produced texts and new American plays.
Chicago, IL

Investigative Reporting Program (Regents of the University of California)
$50,000
First installment of $150,000 three-year grant for the annual Reva and David Logan Symposium on Investigative Reporting

$175,000
2019-2020 Fellowship
The Investigative Reporting Program at UC Berkeley’s Graduate School of Journalism is dedicated to promoting and protecting the practice of investigative reporting. The Reva and David Logan Symposium routinely brings together a veritable “who’s who” of top journalists, law enforcement and government officials to address the critical issues confronting this specialized field.
Berkeley, CA
Investigative Reporting Workshop
$250,000
Outright installment of $350,000 grant for Strengthening The Accountability Project & Broadening its Base of Users and Supporters
The Investigative Reporting Workshop was founded in 2008 to innovate and incubate nonprofit models for investigative and explanatory news production and distribution, in response to the commercial news media’s decades-long decline. The Accountability Project enables journalists and researchers to search hundreds of government data sets from different sources—curated, standardized and indexed by IRW's team—that would otherwise be siloed or unavailable.
Washington, D.C.

Invisible Institute
$300,000
Final installment of a $900,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
The activities of the Invisible Institute cohere around a central principle: we as citizens have co-responsibility with the government for maintaining respect for human rights and, when abuses occur, for demanding they be addressed.
Chicago, IL

Iowa Center for Public Journalism / IowaWatch
$20,000
Challenge installment of $40,000 grant for General Operating Support
The vision of the Iowa Center for Public Affairs Journalism is to be the preeminent Iowa organization that trains current and future investigative journalists and increases the demand for and understanding of vetted, verified journalism. The organization produces multimedia investigative and community affairs journalism online, for radio program/podcast and via media partners, while coaching student journalists to do this work at a highly ethical level.
Urbandale, IA

Joel Hall Dancers and Center
$15,000
COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support
As Joel Hall Dancers & Center attempts to weather the distress of the COVID-19 pandemic and the recent events of racism and police brutality, it is committed to prioritizing the dynamic needs of its leaders, staff, and community. Their top priority right now is to provide its artists and staff with stable income streams by creating more jobs for them, and to generate opportunities for struggling community members to continue their participation in programming.
Chicago, IL
JOURNEYS | The Road Home
$30,000
*General Operating Support*
JOURNEYS | The Road Home is a non-profit agency that provides both shelter and social services to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in 37 towns in north/northwest suburban Cook County. The mission of JOURNEYS is to individually assess and serve its clients, while broadening community awareness and involvement.
Palatine, IL

Juvenile Protective Association
$170,000
*Second outright and first challenge installments of $480,000 three-year grant for Connect to Kindergarten Program*
Juvenile Protective Association improves the social and emotional well-being and functioning of vulnerable children so they can fulfill their potential at home, in school, and community. The Connect to Kindergarten program serves four PreK/elementary schools and two community centers in Altgeld Gardens-Riverdale.
Chicago, IL

Kartemquin Films
$15,750
*The Dilemma of Desire*
Maria Finitizo's film, "Dilemma of Desire", is deeply connected to the social issues that are at the core of gender equality. True equality will come only when we all arrive at a place of understanding and acknowledgement that all women are sexual beings, entitled to live their lives fully within the expression of their desire.
Chicago, IL

Khecari
$35,000
*Outright installment of $50,000 grant for General Operating Support*
Khecari presents unusual, intimate experiences that attend to the audience, challenge theatrical conventions and disrupt social norms. They engage art as a fluid, undefined, questioning and questing force in society; live performance connects them to their physically grounded reality.
Chicago, IL
**Kids In Danger**

$10,000  
*Challenge grant for General Operating Support*

Kids In Danger has worked tenaciously for 20 years to effect change in the children’s product sector. After advocating successfully for US Consumer Product Surveillance Commission adoption of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act in 2008, KID remains on the front lines.

Chicago, IL

**Kuumba Lynx**

$85,000  
*Final outright and second challenge installment of $255,000 three-year grant for Capacity and Staffing Support*

Kuumba Lynx is committed to the lives of youth using urban art and performance to cultivate strong communities built on a foundation of love. It has honed an arts-making practice that presents, preserves and promotes hip hop as a tool to resist systemic violence where youth can reimagine and demonstrate a more just world.

Chicago, IL

**Latino Policy Forum**

$50,000  
*Cross-Cultural Leadership Program*

The Latino Policy Forum builds the power, influence, and leadership of the Latino community through collective action. The Multicultural Leadership Academy prepares Latinx and African American leaders to collaboratively inspire and guide organizational and civic betterment.

Chicago, IL

**Lawrence Hall**

$225,000  
*Second outright and three challenge installments of $400,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support*

Lawrence Hall is a statewide leader in highly-effective, evidence-based, and innovative therapeutic treatment for abused and neglected youth and their families throughout the Chicago metropolitan area.

Chicago, IL
Legal Council for Health Justice
$50,000
First installment of $150,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
Legal Council for Health Justice provides free, expert legal assistance to low-income, vulnerable people who have nowhere else to turn for help. The Communities of Color Outreach Project, a collaboration with Howard Brown Health, works to eliminate health disparities and trauma caused by HIV/AIDS and its intersection with the legal system. Chicago, IL

The Lens
$5,000
COVID-19 Emergency Grant for Healthcare Reporter

$25,000
Final challenge installment of $150,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support
The Lens is New Orleans area’s first nonprofit, nonpartisan public-interest newsroom dedicated to unique investigative and explanatory journalism. Their mission is to educate, engage, and empower readers with information and analysis necessary for them to advocate for a more transparent and just governance that is accountable to the public. New Orleans, LA

Lincoln Park Community Services
$100,000
Second outright installment of $300,000 three-year grant for the Interim Housing Community
The Interim Housing Community within Lincoln Park Community Services provides 24-hour security and a safe living space to clients each night year-round. Through this program, clients are provided three meals each day and access to storage space, showers, laundry facilities, medical screenings, and referrals. Chicago, IL

Loyola University Chicago
$175,000
First installment of $350,000 two-year grant for Arrupe College Scholarship and Technology Support for Students in Financial Need
Arrupe College is a two-year college of Loyola University of Chicago that uses an innovative high-touch educational model that provides an affordable and rigorous liberal arts education to a diverse population with various socioeconomic barriers. Chicago, IL
Stefania Maurizi (Transparency Toolkit)
$15,000
*FOIA Work*
Support for ongoing legal fees in Freedom of Information Act requests and other litigations in four jurisdictions: United States, United Kingdom, Australia, and Sweden. Maurizi’s work is striving to report on recent leaks and reconstruct the cases factually. Fabro, Italy

Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting
$100,000
*Outright installment of $150,000 grant for General Operating Support*
The Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting is an independent, nonprofit newsroom devoted to educating the public about crucial issues in the Midwest with a special focus on agribusiness and related topics such as government programs, environment and energy. Champaign, IL

Mosaic Theater Company
$125,000
*First installment of a $375,000 three-year grant for a Chicago Residency*
Mosaic will launch a 3-year residency in Chicago, starting in January 2021. This residency will combine two of Mosaic's signature artistic programs: its annual Voices for a Changing Middle East Festival and a twice-annual tour through Chicago neighborhoods of iconic, Chicago-resonant, African-American stories. Washington, D.C.

New Mt. Calvary MB Church of Chicago
$10,000
*Youth Safe Haven & Summer Program*
The New Mt. Calvary Church & Youth Ministry was created to help families and to develop and nurture the youth of Englewood. Their focus is on feeding families through a weekly food pantry and providing a safe haven for youth through a summer camp. Chicago, IL

North Side Housing & Supportive Services
$10,000
*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for General Operating Support*

$120,000
*The Michael Segoviano Emergency Shelter*
North Side Housing and Supportive Services is a comprehensive human services agency dedicated to ending and preventing homelessness. The Uptown Men’s Shelter provides life-saving housing and supports clients in the quest for permanent housing. Chicago, IL
Oklahoma Watch
$40,000
First outright installment of $60,000 grant for General Operating Support
Oklahoma Watch, a nonprofit investigative news publication, was created in late 2010 to fill a widening gap in investigative reporting in Oklahoma. Through investigative, fact-driven journalism, they dig deep to engage all Oklahomans, amplify the discussion of important issues and leads to change, and help develop the journalists and journalism of the future.
Oklahoma, OK

One Million Degrees
$100,000
Second installment of $300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
One Million Degrees is dedicated to accelerating community college students’ progress on career pathways to economic mobility. The program is a wraparound support model that provides academic, personal, professional, and financial supports to hundreds of students.
Chicago, IL

Options for Youth
$25,000
General Operating Support
$75,000
First installment of $150,000 two-year grant for Breaking the Cycle Program and General Operating Support
Options for Youth breaks the cycle of poverty by expanding opportunities for vulnerable adolescents in Chicago through community-based programs that build upon the strengths and maximize the potential of each young person.
Chicago, IL

Oxford City Farm (NEO Philanthropy)
$39,060
Second outright and first challenge installment of $78,120 two-year grant for the Growing Together Outreach Project
$6,562.59
Community Kitchen Challenge
Oxford City Farm’s mission is to promote environmental awareness, community cohesion and well-being by offering learning and practical opportunities for people to interact with the land, farming and animals.
Oxford, United Kingdom
Pegasus Theatre Chicago
$25,000
*General Operating Support*

Pegasus Theatre Chicago produces socially conscious theatre while developing new artists through its award-winning education program. The theatre brings together a diversity of talented artists, encourages intergenerational and multidisciplinary collaboration, and tells the hard-to-tell stories. Pegasus is deeply committed to providing an inclusive theatre for voices, ideas, expression and people that are frequently unheard.

Chicago, IL

The People’s Music School
$100,000
*Final installment of $300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*

$100,000  
*Matching grant for Big Night Annual Gala*

The People’s Music School provides free music education for children, ages 5-18 years old, from all across Chicago. Through intensive instruction and performance, their students achieve excellence in music that transfers to other areas of life. The students grow musically, socially, emotionally and intellectually and develop a foundation of responsibility, self-esteem, resilience and purpose.

Chicago, IL

Preservation Chicago
$25,000
*Final installment of $75,000 three-year grant for Community Outreach Staff and Programming*

Preservation Chicago protects and revitalizes Chicago’s irreplaceable architecture, neighborhoods and urban green spaces. They influence stakeholders toward creative reuse and preservation through advocacy, outreach, education, and partnership.

Chicago, IL

Project Return
$115,000
*Third outright and second challenge installments of $300,000 three-year grant for Circles of Support, Independent Living Programs, & Board Development*

Project RETURN (Returning Ex-offenders To Urban Realities and Neighborhoods), is an interfaith ministry that exists to help individuals who have experienced incarceration make a positive and permanent return to community, family, and friends.

Milwaukee, WI
Protect Our Parks
$118,949.03
Legal Fees associated with The Chicago Park District and The Obama Center
Protect Our Parks continues with its prosecution of its lawsuit in district court to enjoin the transfer of public park land in the unique and Jackson Park. POP is fighting against the private benefit and use of the non-governmental Obama Foundation to construct an Obama Center (for $10 and 99 years), consisting of a 235-foot, twenty story high, Obama Tower in the pristine park- which will not be an official NARA administered Presidential Library as originally promoted.
Chicago, IL

Reading Between the Lines
$70,000
Final installment of $210,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support
Reading Between the Lines uses discussion of literature to build critical thinking and communication skills with the formerly incarcerated. The program’s approach to re-entry is unique: by “unpacking” short, powerful texts, they help participants to think, listen, discover their voices, value difference and communicate with impact.
Chicago, IL

Red Line Service (Fractured Atlas)
$10,800
General Operating Support
Red Line Service creates cultural experiences for and with Chicagoans currently experiencing and/or concerned about homelessness. In partnership with organizations providing direct services and those advocating for policy development, they strive to open and expand critical dialogues about poverty, social responsibility, and culture. At the same time, they strive to stimulate growth and change for all program participants.
Chicago, IL

Roman Susan Art Foundation
$10,000
General Operating Support
Roman Susan, based in the Rogers Park neighborhood of Chicago, develops and supports new locally-focused opportunities to create, display, and experience contemporary art.
Chicago, IL
Roses in Concrete Community School
$200,000
Challenge installment of $1,000,000 three-year grant for the Expansion of the Roses in Concrete Community School
Roses in Concrete is founded on the belief that schools should emphasize knowledge of self, character, and intellectual growth to prepare students to fundamentally impact the global society while learning to live, learn, work and thrive in their own communities.
Oakland, CA

Rotary Club - Denver Tech Center Foundation
$7,200
First outright installment of a $21,600 three-year grant for Literacy Program
The Denver Tech Center Rotary Club's primary community service project is literacy. With this grant, the DTCR will provide scholastic books to a full grade of underserved elementary school children at Samuels Elementary.
Denver, CO

San Francisco Public Press
$10,000
Challenge installment of $85,000 grant for General Operating Support
$80,000
First outright installment of $200,000 two-year for General Operating Support
The San Francisco Public Press is an independent local, in-depth news organization dedicated to investigating social, economic and environmental problems. Founded in 2009, the Public Press produces a website and a quarterly print newspaper.
San Francisco, CA

San Quentin News (Social Good)
$162,000
Third outright and second challenge installments for $486,858 three-year grant for General Operating and Expansion Support
San Quentin News' mission is to report on rehabilitative efforts in order to increase public safety and achieve social justice. As one of the world's only full- fledged inmate produced newspaper, San Quentin News is a standard bearer for enlightening prisoners, policy makers, and the public at large.
Richmond, CA
**Sarah’s Circle**
$100,000
*Final installment of $200,000 two-year grant for the Art Therapy Program*
Sarah’s Circle is a non-profit organization with a mission of serving women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. The grant expands the art therapy program to introduce new expressive arts such as music, dance/movement, and drama therapy.
Chicago, IL

**The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law**
$100,000
*Second installment of $300,000 three-year grant for the Decarceration and Family Justice Project*
The Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law provides national leadership in advancing laws and policies that secure justice to improve the lives and opportunities of people living in poverty.
Chicago, IL

**Side Street Studio Arts**
$30,000
*First installment of a $60,000 two-year grant for General Operating Support*
Founded in 2013, Side Street Studio Arts encourages the artistic process in Elgin from creation to curation. They have proved themselves to be an artistic, cultural, and social beacon for Elgin and beyond.
Elgin, IL

**Silk Road Rising**
$25,000
*Challenge installment of $50,000 grant for The West Ridge Story Project*
The West Ridge Story is a 4-phase project that focuses on the diverse communities of West Ridge connecting and sharing their stories. Programming includes a community needs assessment, storytelling and playwriting workshops for residents, and a festival of plays developed and staged in four different parts of the community.
Chicago, IL

**SkyART**
$75,000
*Final installment of $225,000 three-year grant for SkyART Go*
SkyART uses free visual arts programming as a vehicle for young people to create, to communicate effectively, and to learn the essential skills and creative thinking needed to succeed. SkyART offers free visual art programs to young people in three distinct areas: Studio, School, and Community.
Chicago, IL
**St. Leonard’s Ministries**
$50,000

*Grace House*
St. Leonard’s Ministries empowers formerly incarcerated men and women to lead whole and productive lives as they try to achieve successful reentry. Grace House currently houses 30-45 women annually, providing each woman with supportive services to help her achieve her mental health, physical health, sobriety, life skills, education, employment, and housing goals.
Chicago, IL

**St. Sabina**
$25,000 COVID-19 Emergency Grant for Food Pantry Operations
The Faith Community of Saint Sabina is providing food and hygiene products to help alleviate the burden of those experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.
Chicago, IL

**Storycatchers Theatre**
$75,000

*Final installment of $150,000 two-year grant for Changing Voices*
Storycatchers Theatre is a youth development arts organization that prepares young people to make thoughtful life choices through the process of writing, producing, and performing original musical theatre inspired by personal stories. Changing Voices is an employment program for young people ages 17 to 24 who have been recently released from detention or incarceration, are on probation, or are enrolled in diversion programs.
Chicago, IL

**Test Positive Aware Network**
$20,000

*COVID-19 Emergency Grant for The Tea Room*

$25,000

*The Tea Room*
Test Positive Aware Network is a community-based organization in Chicago that provides free services that address co-occurring conditions faced by HIV-positive and vulnerable individuals—HIV stigma, mental illness, substance abuse, homelessness, unemployment, extreme poverty and inadequate access to healthcare.
Chicago, IL
Transition by Design (NEO Philanthropy)
$41,200
*Final installment of a $123,600 three-year grant for Homemaker Oxford Program*

$54,600
*The Move On Challenge*
Homemaker Oxford is a solutions-focused action research project which aims to address two systemic issues facing the UK: rising homelessness, specifically amongst migrants and individuals without access to public funds; and excess numbers of empty and under-used property.
Oxford, UK

Trap Door Theatre
$60,000
*First installment of $180,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
Trap Door is committed to seeking out challenging yet obscure works and bringing them to life. Whether it is a European classic rarely seen in the United States, an un tarnished piece of American literature, or the playwright living next door, Trap Door will find these voices and present them to the public through innovative expression.
Chicago, IL

WHISPeR (Institute for Public Accuracy)
$98,000
*Outright installment of a $100,000 grant for Whistleblower and Source Protection Program (WHISPeR) at ExposeFacts*
The WHISPeR program provides whistleblowers and journalist sources in the national security & human rights arena with critical support using three strategies: impact litigation, media outreach, and informing policy. WHISPeR focuses on issues of government surveillance, accountability for torture and unlawful targeted killing, curbing excessive government secrecy, and fighting discrimination in the counterterrorism context.
Washington, D.C.

Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism
$150,000
*First installment of $450,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support*
Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism is a nonpartisan nonprofit that increases the quality and quantity of investigative reporting in Wisconsin, while training current and future generations of investigative journalists. Its work fosters an informed citizenry and strengthens democracy.
Madison, WI
Young Chicago Authors
$125,000
First installment of $375,000 three-year grant for Louder Than a Bomb Youth Poetry Festival and General Operating Support
Through creative writing, Young Chicago Authors helps young people from all backgrounds to understand the importance of their own stories and those of others, so that they can pursue the path they choose and work to make their communities more just and equitable.
Chicago, IL

Young Women’s Music Project (NEO Philanthropy)
$50,400
Second installment of a $151,200 three-year grant for Sisterhood Program
Young Women’s Music Project provides an inclusive, non-judgemental, safe and nurturing environment to raise self-esteem, self-confidence, and knowledge through music. This grant that will enable them to employ three project participants as session assistants, in partnership with Oxford Contemporary Music.
Oxford, United Kingdom

Youth Guidance
$300,000
Final installment of $900,000 three-year grant for Working On Womanhood
Youth Guidance creates and implements school-based programs that enable youth to overcome obstacles, focus on their education and, ultimately, succeed in school and in life.
Chicago, IL

YR Media
$100,000
Final installment of $300,000 three-year grant for General Operating Support and Chicago Expansion
Youth Radio is a Peabody Award-winning media production company and learning institution that prepares diverse young people for the 21st-century digital workplace. They offer hands-on education and employment in journalism, arts, and technology, as well as access to support services like academic advising and mental health care.
Oakland, CA