

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

ADVANCING COMMUNITY-LED CHANGE

At Common Counsel Foundation, we understand social justice movements are the driving force behind transformative change. By aligning philanthropic resources with these movements, we strive to unravel systems of oppression and pave the way for a vibrant and just society.

Our journey spans over 35 years of collaboration with progressive donors, funders, and organizations to grow the resources, power, and influence of movements. We are trusted by community organizations, movement-based institutions that we partner with to strengthen their efforts, and individual donors and foundations.

Our work is rooted in our values, aiming to reshape power dynamics by advocating for practices that put communities in control of resources and decision-making, amplifying their interests, priorities, and voices.

IN 2023...

\$48 MILLION

in grants made or administered by CCF

700

Grants

80%

General Operations

TYPES OF GRANTS

10%

Program Support

10%

Capacity Strengthening

GRANT SUPPORT

50%

grassroots community organizing

40%

movement infrastructure that aggregates the power of organized communities across geographies, issue areas, and constituencies

10%

other activities



PROGRAM AND PARTNER HIGHLIGHTS

NATIVE VOICES RISING

A partnership with Native Americans in Philanthropy that partners with Indigenous and Native-led advocacy and organizing groups that work on an array of critical issues. This year we celebrated 10 years of increasing investments in Native American and Indigenous led organizations, using a community-led grantmaking process, releasing a [10-Year Impact Report](#), and stepping into the next 10-year phase.

Utah Diné Bikéyah

PARTNERING TO SUPPORT VALUES ALIGNED ORGANIZATIONS

We help strengthen the capacity of social justice organizations by providing fiscal sponsorship and operational support so organizations can continue to deepen and expand their organizing and movement building work. In 2023 we were thrilled to work in partnership with Color Congress, Manzanita Capital Collective, Movement for Black Lives, RoadMap Consulting, and Windcall Institute, with both RoadMap Consulting and Windcall Institute transitioning to become independent 501(c)3 organizations. We wish them well as they continue their journey and impactful work!

DONORS ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE

Common Counsel Foundation donors generously gave \$26 million in grants through their donor advised funds. We are honored to have their confidence and partnership.

FUND FOR AN INCLUSIVE CALIFORNIA

A collaborative fund expanding resources for housing justice and power-building initiatives across California. The Fund launched its new five-year phase, designed and led by community partners. Making [\\$1.7 million in grants](#), the team is implementing a [new co-governed steering committee](#) made up of community partners and funders and deepening regional work in California's Central Valley and Inland Region.



North Bay Organizing Project

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY POWER FUND

An initiative to grow the capacity of the community ownership ecosystem in California, which will align resources towards community ownership models of land and housing and create new financial infrastructure for the field. In 2023 the Fund made [\\$2.1 million in grants](#), and in April our team began steering a codesign process with community partners to create a community-governed integrated capital fund to support organizations in taking land and housing off the speculative market.



San Francisco Community Land Trust

JOIN US

We will continue to grow this powerful network of people and organizations advancing social justice movements. We hope you will join us in building momentum for transformative systems change.

Please reach out to info@commoncounsel.org to learn more about how we can work together to grow resources and power for social justice movements.

Learn more about our work and our partners at [commoncounsel.org](https://www.commoncounsel.org)

