



2024 IMPACT REPORT

ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

AT COMMON COUNSEL FOUNDATION

We stand firm in our belief that social justice movements are the backbone of lasting, transformative change.

For over 35 years, we supported these movements by aligning philanthropic resources with the communities and organizations driving long-term systems change. Together with our donors, funders, and organizations, we have grown the power, resources, and influence of movements striving for justice.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$48 MILLION

Grants made by CCF

700

Grants

TYPES OF GRANTS

56%

General
Operations

42.7%

Program
Support

1.3%

Capacity
Strengthening

*ex., technical assistance,
trainings, or building new
infrastructure*

GRANT SUPPORT

51.7%

Grants supported grassroots
community organizing

39.73%

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

8.57%

Grants supported other activities

PRIMARY GRANTMAKING ISSUE AREA

31.76%

Racial
Justice

8.12%

Housing/
Homelessness/
Tenant rights

9.31%

Environment &
Climate

7.53%

Arts & Culture

9.16%

Native
Sovereignty

34.12%

Other Issues
(such as Economic
Justice, Voting Rights,
LGBTQ & Gender
Rights, etc.)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

NATIVE VOICES RISING

Native Voices Rising led deeply impactful work in 2024, launching the inaugural Funder Learning Fellowship to deepen funders' understanding of Native philanthropy, organizing, and power-building through immersive experiences on cultural lands. This year, the initiative awarded \$3.5 million to 145 Indigenous-led groups addressing environmental justice, cultural revitalization, food sovereignty, and two-spirit activism. Its participatory grantmaking process, led by Native regional committees, strengthens self-determination and systemic change. Having awarded over \$16.5 million since its inception, Native Voices Rising continues to bridge gaps between funders and Native communities, championing a future grounded in Indigenous leadership and equity. After forming its own leadership committee, it is now fiscally sponsored by CCF.



Great Plains Action Society

FUND FOR AN INCLUSIVE CALIFORNIA

The Fund for an Inclusive California advances racial and economic equity by supporting community power building. This year's highlights include the California Housing Justice Philanthropic Convening, which brought 100 funders and community leaders together to learn how grassroots organizations across the state are mobilizing for housing justice, and explore how funders can direct resources toward these critical efforts. The fund also hosted "Intersections for Justice: A Social Housing Primer," a funder briefing to learn about the growing momentum for social housing as a solution rooted in community power, creating not just affordable homes but generational stability, resident agency, and thriving communities. These gatherings emphasized organizing funding for housing justice and long-term solutions like social housing. Closing the year, the Fund awarded \$1.9 million in grants to partners advancing visionary efforts for a thriving, equitable California.



Rising Juntos
Image credit: Gabi Rivas

COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY POWER FUND

The Community Ownership for Community Power Fund advances community self-determination by aligning resources with organizations that put communities in control of land and housing. This year, the fund partnered with Genesis LA and Community Vision to build towards a \$100 million integrated capital acquisition fund, designed by the 14-member COCP nonprofit cohort, and set to be one of California's largest community-governed initiatives of its kind. It also awarded \$1 million in grants to 12 San Joaquin Valley organizations, supporting opportunities for Native communities, farmworkers, low-income families, and youth leadership.



Central Valley Empowerment Alliance
Image credit: Madeline Vea

DONORS ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE

This year, the collective generosity of our donor community has been nothing short of extraordinary. We directed almost \$26 million to strengthen efforts to advance racial and economic justice, protect community rights, and build lasting power in communities nationwide. These grants reflect our donors' commitment to our shared vision of equity and justice. We are deeply grateful for our community of donors, and their trust and partnership in the collective fight for a just, vibrant future.

SUPPORT FOR VALUES-ALIGNED ORGANIZATIONS

We helped strengthen the capacity of social justice organizations by providing fiscal sponsorship and operational support so they could continue to deepen and expand their organizing and movement-building work. In 2024, we were thrilled to partner with Movement for Black Lives (M4BL), Color Congress, Rising Majority, and Manzanita Capital Collective. Both M4BL and Color Congress transitioned to become independent 501(c)3 organizations in 2024. We wish them well as they continue their deeply powerful and impactful work!

GRANTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Below are examples of the organizations we have supported this past year.

CENTER FOR THIRD WORLD ORGANIZING

Center for Third World Organizing's Liberatory Leadership Praxis Power Cohort is a two-year program for base-building organizations that support Black leadership and are in their founding stages (years 0-5) and are working to create values-

driven liberatory organizational structures. The program will support the development of these organizations as leaders and build a strong base with a solid organizing framework.

NEW VENTURE FUND FOR ALASKA NATIVE BIRTHWORKERS COMMUNITY

The Alaska Native Birthworkers Community seeks to formalize and grow a network of Alaska Native birthworkers who are competent and grounded in cultural values to support Native birthing families for better health and wellness outcomes for parents and babies, while also advocating for systemic change to better support Native

birthing families. They do this through offering free direct services to Native birthing families, free access to capacity building and training for current and aspiring Indigenous birthworkers, and by building partnerships for collective impact on a statewide, national, and international scale.

FAITH IN THE VALLEY

Faith in the Valley is a faith-based grassroots community organization in California's Central Valley, representing families in Fresno, Kern, Merced, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin Counties. Faith in the Valley mobilizes their congregations to focus on a wide range of issues across

counties, including but not limited to housing, police accountability, and gun violence, ending the school-to-prison pipeline, environmental justice, prevention programs, and ending the criminalization of young people of color.

JOIN US

We are eager to welcome new partners to this powerful network of people and organizations advancing social justice movements. We hope you will join us in building momentum for transformative systems change.

Reach out to donorservices@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.

