*Cette liste de ressources est maintenant traduit en **Français**.**

I made this resource list on May 31st, 2020 when I noticed many people were still donating to the Minnesota Freedom Fund despite their public ask to redirect donations to other local Black and BIPOC lead organizations. A few weeks later, a lot has changed, and I have no doubt that a lot will continue to change. My goal with this resource list is to aggregate tools to support people with ways to engage, I will continue to add to it and update it to help do so. This list is by no means exhaustive. If there's something not on here that should be on here, or if you see something on here that shouldn't be on here, let me know. → naakitafkiss@gmail.com

SOME PLACES TO GIVE WORKING LOCALLY IN THE US:

Atlanta - The Tender Foundation is driven by the desire to cultivate a community of care. They aim to help the mothers we serve shift out of "crisis mode".

Black Lives Matter local chapters - directory here.

Brooklyn - KAVI's work is grounded in the belief that young people are our greatest hope for a more just and peaceful world. When we partner with our communities to invest in our youth, we understand their challenges and can work to change the course of historical inequities, tackling critical social issues such as different forms of violence. Only when ALL youth are treated with compassion and given opportunities to thrive, can we ensure that all communities are vibrant and successful.

Florida - The Dream Defenders is a multiracial group of young people who are organizing to build power in our communities to advance a new vision we have for the state.

Los Angeles - Dignity and Power Now (DPN) is a Los Angeles based grassroots organization founded in 2012 that fights for the dignity and power of all incarcerated people, their families, and communities. Their mission is to build a Black and Brown led abolitionist movement rooted in community power towards the goal of achieving transformative justice and healing justice for all incarcerated people, their families, and communities.

Miami - (F)empower is a collective of queer feminists fighting fascism through cultural confrontations in miami.

Minneapolis - Communities United Against Police Brutality is a Twin-Cities based organization that was created to deal with police brutality on an ongoing basis. They work on the day-to-day abuses as well as taking on the more extreme cases.

New York - The Audre Lorde Project is a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Two Spirit, Trans and Gender Non Conforming People of Color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area. Through mobilization, education and capacity-building, ALP works for community wellness and progressive social and economic justice.

New York (and National) - Common Justice develops and advances solutions to violence that transform the lives of those harmed and foster racial equity without relying on incarceration.

Oakland - Planting Justice is a grassroots organization with a mission to empower people impacted by mass incarceration and other social inequities with the skills and resources to cultivate food sovereignty, economic justice, and community healing.

Oakland - Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth interrupts cycles of violence and incarceration by promoting RJ practices and policies in schools, communities, and the juvenile justice system.

Oakland - Youth Alive!'s mission is to prevent violence and create young leaders.

↳ If you want to donate locally, you can also support a **Bail Fund.**

WHAT IS BAIL? Bail is a set of pre-trial restrictions that some people charged with crimes have imposed on them in hopes of ensuring they comply with the judicial process. In the US, where a money bail system is used, bail is often associated with an exorbitantly high price tag. **In 2009, the US median of money bail for felony charges was $10,000*.** The money bail system keeps thousands of individuals who have yet to be convicted or sentenced in the criminal justice system, further perpetuating mass incarceration, and disproportionately criminalizing race and poverty.

WHAT ARE BAIL FUNDS? Bail funds are community driven organizations that collect money to post monetary bail for those in jail or pre-trial detention who cannot afford to pay it themselves. This allows individuals to be with their families and communities, to continue working, to continue living their lives while they await trial. **The incredible thing about most bail funds is that they are functionally revolving.** If and when individuals comply with the judicial process, the money that was used for their bail is returned to the person who posted it (in this case, the bail fund), allowing that same money to be used and reused to keep people out of jails.

HOW DOES SUPPORTING BAIL FUNDS HELP? Bail reform is integral to criminal justice reform. By supporting local bail funds in places where protests are happening, you can support individuals who are being arrested at demonstrations, those who are demanding change and saying enough is enough. And on the larger scale, donating to bail funds helps keep people out of jail over and over again. *Keep in mind that not everyone being arrested for protesting is being jailed, a lot of them are being arrested, cited, and released. Before you support a community run bail fund, it's worth checking their website and social media platforms to ensure they're in need of donations, and that they have the infrastructure in place to continuously bail people out of jail.*

Bail Funds/ Legal Help By City (US)

DIRECTORY OF PRETRIAL SYSTEM BAIL FUNDS (US)

National Bail Out is a Black-led and Black-centered collective of abolitionist organizers, lawyers and activists building a community-based movement to support our folks and end systems of pretrial detention and ultimately mass incarceration. (US)

Split a donation between 70+ community bail funds, mutual aid funds, and racial justice organizers **(KEEP IN MIND THIS PAGE IS RUN BY ACTBLUE WHO TAKE A 3.95% TRANSACTION FEE, CONSIDER COVERING THAT FEE BY BOOSTING YOUR DONATION BY 3.95%)**

The Bail Project's National Revolving Bail Fund is a critical tool to prevent incarceration and combat racial and economic disparities in the bail system. (US)

HOW ABOUT BAIL REFORM? Bail reform refers to the reforming the money bail system by reducing its use or by eliminating it entirely. At any given moment, there are nearly half a million people who are unconvicted but confined to jails in the US system*, many of whom are there simply because they cannot afford to pay bail. Bail reform would reduce the use of jail, while increasing fairness in the justice system. Want to learn more about bail reform? Here's a good place to start.

SOME PLACES TO GIVE WORKING NATIONALLY IN THE US:

Black Futures Lab transforms Black communities into constituencies that change the way power operates—locally, statewide and nationally.

Black Lives Matter is a global organization in the US, UK, and Canada, whose mission is to eradicate white supremacy and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes.

BYP100 is a National, member-based organization of Black 18-35 year old activists and organizers, dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all Black people. We do this through building a network focused on transformative leadership development, direct action organizing, advocacy, and political education using a Black queer feminist lens.

Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

Know Your Rights Camp's mission is to advance the liberation and well-being of Black and Brown communities through education, self-empowerment, mass-mobilization and the creation of new systems that elevate the next generation of change leaders.

SisterSong is a Southern based organization with national membership working to strengthen and amplify the collective voices of indigenous women and women of color to achieve reproductive justice by eradicating reproductive oppression and securing human rights.

The Marsha P. Johnson Institute (MPJI) protects and defends the human rights of BLACK transgender people. We do this by organizing, advocating, creating an intentional community to heal, developing transformative leadership, and promoting our collective power.

The George Floyd Memorial Fund was established to cover funeral and burial expenses, mental and grief counseling, lodging and travel for all court proceedings, and to assist George Floyd's family in the days to come as we continue to seek justice for George.

SOME PLACES TO GIVE WORKING NATIONALLY IN CANADA:

Black Health Alliance is a community-led registered charity working to improve the health and well-being of Black communities in Canada.

Black Youth Helpline serves all youth and specifically responds to the need for a Black youth specific service, positioned and resourced to promote access to professional, culturally appropriate support for youth, families and schools.

Center for Research-Action on Race Relations is a Montreal-based independent, non-profit civil rights organization that was founded in 1983 with the mandate to promote racial equality and combat racism in Canada.

Friendship Centers across the country that provide culturally appropriate services for Indigenous people living in urban centres and have become a place for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to come together, to share traditions and to learn from one another.

Justice For Regis Regis Korchinski Paquet Memorial Fund.

The Unist'ot'en Camp is an indigenous re-occupation of Wet'suwet'en land in northern "BC, Canada".

SOME PLACES TO GIVE WORKING LOCALLY IN CANADA:

Montreal - DESTA Black Youth Network - Based in Little Burgundy and serving participants across Greater Montreal, DESTA supports Black youth aged 18 to 35 in reaching their educational, employability, and entrepreneurial goals through a holistic and individualized approach.

Montreal - First Peoples Justice Center of Montréal is active in supporting Aboriginal people in their dealings with the justice system; It designs and produces legal information tools specifically for Aboriginal clients; The Centre offers alternatives to the justice systems.

Montreal - Hoodstock is a group in Montreal-North working to create spaces for dialogue and mobilizing initiatives toward eliminating systemic inequalities and developing inclusive communities that are inclusive, safe and dynamic.

Montreal - Taking What We Need - An informal community group dedicated to helping low income transwomen get what they need through discretionary funding. Taking What We Need is now prioritizing black and indigenous trans-feminine ppl and transwomen in Montreal. This

means that black and indigenous people will be moved to the front of the list AND are allowed to apply a second time if funding was received in the past.

Ontario - Black Legal Action Centre is a non-profit community legal clinic that provides free legal services for low or no income Black residents of Ontario.

Toronto - Across Boundaries provides equitable, inclusive and holistic mental health and addiction services for racialized communities within an anti-racism, anti-Black racism and anti-oppression frameworks.

Toronto - Black Lives Matter - Toronto is a movement of Black Torontonians resisting anti-Black racism, state-sanctioned and institutional violence, and fighting for Black Lives.

Vancouver - The Black Lives Matter Vancouver chapter is a cause that supports the organizing work of black folks and allies in undoing systemic racialized violence. Black Lives Matter is a cause cognizant of the ongoing struggles of all marginalized folks and we strive to honour that in the work we do. We centre the voices of Black folks as well as other folks of colour and hope to lift up those who are queer, women, trans, differently abled, poor or otherwise marginalized.

Vancouver - The Hogan's Alley Society is a non-profit organization composed of civil rights activists, business professionals, community organizations, artists, writers and academics committed to daylighting the presence of Black history in Vancouver and throughout British Columbia.

Winnipeg - Black Space Winnipeg is a grassroots organization that fosters organic dialogue on everyday experiences of being Black. Spreading perspectives of Afrocentrism, and Pro-Black conversation, Black Space Winnipeg creates safe spaces for people of colour through hosting community events, artist demonstrations and workshops.

TAKE ACTION:

Sign petitions, call representatives, share the scripts you've used and encourage others to do the same, circulate widely, *repeat*.

__DON'T__ donate to Change.org. It's a private corporation + donations don't go to causes or petitioners.

Call Scripts + Petitions:

#JusticeforFloyd: Demand the officers who killed George Floyd are charged with murder.
Ban the SPVM and Canadian police from using rubber bullets
Call for Justice for George Floyd: Call Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison today and urge them to appoint an independent prosecutor to work under the Attorney General's authority.
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY: Statement on Black Lives (For Student Staff Librarian Professor, lecturer, or research fellow Alumnus/a Retired employee)

Calling the Ontario Ombudsman to Open a Public Investigation into Racism in Ottawa Schools
Justice for Breonna Taylor: Demand the arrests of the officers involved, and pay damages to Taylor's family
Justice For Tony McDade: calling for justice for McDade and to spread the word
Justice For Regis Korchinski-Paquet: Get Mayor John Tory, MPP Bhutila Karpoche, and Toronto Police Chief Mark Saunders to commit to a transparent investigation and to hold the officers involved accountable in the death of Regis Korchinski-Paquet through firing and filing charges.
Justice for Sean Reed: Demand that the officers who killed Sean Reed be charged with murder.
Oppose STM officers special constable powers
Reclaim the Block: Tell Minneapolis City Council to defund the police.
Run With Ahmaud: Tell Joyette Holmes and the GBI to bring charges against the McMichael's and William Bryan, and investigate and bring charges against Glynn County Police Officer Robert Rash.
We Are Done Dying: Support NAACP policy demands
White House Petition on the arrest of Derek Chauvin Thomas Lane, Tou Thao, and J Alexander Kueng.

Want more petitions? Keep signing on BLM's Petition Masterlist, and here's an excellent twitter thread with others.

Letters:

I'd encourage you to go beyond using the copy and paste function when you're sending these out, letters have the most effect when they're personalized. Want to do more advocacy letter writing to your MP? Citizens for Public Justice published this guide to get you started.

Defund12 is a crowd-sourced tool to help you email US government officials and council members to reallocate egregious police budgets towards education, social services, and dismantling racial inequality.

2020 Calgary Police Services Budget - Call For Action - DEFUND NOW
2020 Montreal Police Budget - Call for Action - DEFUND NOW (EN/FR)
2020 Ottawa Police Budget - Call For Action/Defunding Template
2020 Toronto Police Budget Call For Action/Defunding Template
2020 Vancouver Police Department Budget - Call For Action - DEFUND NOW
Defund the Police: Edmonton - Call For Action to defund
Defund Winnipeg Police Service - Template
Saskatoon Police Services Budget - Call For Action - DEFUND NOW
Sign onto the demand to defund the Hamilton police
RE: Racisme systémique au Québec - Letter to welcome the City of Montreal's initiative in mandating an inquiry into systemic racism and bias in the SPVM police force (EN/FR)

WHILE I'VE GOT YOU HERE…

What does defunding the police actually mean? This article provides a helpful explanation, here are some Canada specific thoughts as well.

Defunding the police ≠ reforming the police.

Reform involves implementing changes and policies such as implicit bias trainings, introduction of body cameras, and the banning of chokeholds. Defunding involves budget cuts to policing and an investment in alternatives. This looks like restructuring public spending priorities and reallocating funds previously spent on policing into places like health services, education, housing, social supports and community development. a lot of the pillars that police reform advocates for have been enacted in cities across the US including Minneapolis, Louisville, and New York without yielding the necessary change. So, while reform might sound like a viable solution, it's pretty clear that it doesn't actually fix or solve the larger problems or systemic issues.

RESOURCES AND EDUCATIONAL TOOLS:

Some incredibly helpful and comprehensive resource guides:

A Guide to Allyship
Actions for Solidarity: #BlackTransLivesMatter
antiracism.co
Anti-Racism Resources for White People
Black Halifax
Black Lives Matter Allyship & Action
Black Strathcona
FANTASY WORLD MASTER LIST OF RESOURCES ON HOW TO DISMANTLE SYSTEMIC RACISM
Lissa Edmond and Anaïs Duplan: QTPOC Meditation Hour
Resources for non-Black folks to support Black communities in Canada
Shareable Anti-racism Resource Guide
African American History: From Emancipation to the Present (Open Yale Course)

Podcasts:

Code Switch
Ear Hustle
Our National Conversation About Conversations About Race
The Marshall Project's Curated List
Unprisoned

Movies and TV:

13th
Angry Inuk
Black Power Mixtape: 1967-1975
I Am Not Your Negro
Just Mercy

Kanehsatake: 270 Years of Resistance
When They See Us

Books:

****No need to buy books on Amazon (or anything for that matter!), here's a list of Black owned bookstores in Canada you can buy from, and here's a list of Black owned bookstores in the U.S.****

Are Prisons Obsolete - Angela Davis
Becoming an Ally: Breaking the Cycle of Oppression in People - Anne Bishop
Between the World and Me - Ta-Nehisi Coates
Citizen: An American Lyric - Claudia Rankine
Columbus and other Cannibals - Jack D Forbes
Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower - Dr. Brittney Cooper
From #BlackLivesMatter to Black Liberation - Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor
Heavy: An American Memoir - Kiese Laymon
How to Be Anti-Racist - Ibram X. Kendi
I Know Why The Caged Bird Sings - Maya Angelou
Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption - Bryan Stevenson
Me and White Supremacy - Layla F. Saad
Policing Black Lives: State Violence in Canada from Slavery to the Present - Robyn Maynard
Sister Outsider - Audre Lorde
So You Want To Talk About Race - Ijeoma Oluo
The Inconvenient Indian: A Curious Account of Native People in North America - Thomas King
The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness - Michelle Alexander
The Skin We're In - Desmond Cole
There There - Tommy Orange
Undesirables: White Canada and the Komagata Maru - Ali Kazimi
Until We Are Free: Reflections on Black Lives Matter in Canada - Rodney Diverlus (Editor), Sandy Hudson (Editor), Syrus Marcus Ware (Editor)
Women, Race and Class - Angela Davis