

**NoVo Foundation
Radical Hope Fund Grantee Partners & Projects
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Grantee Partner: [African Women's Development Fund](#)

Project Name: The Flourish Project

Project Location: Africa

Project Duration: 3 years

Grant: \$985,090

The Flourish Project will strengthen feminist organizing across Africa through three interventions: seeding inspiration for the growth of African feminist movements through intergenerational dialogues and documenting a generation of liberation-era feminist trailblazers; grounding through a pilot model of a retreat for African feminist activists facing burnout and stress, and in need of a reflective and healing space—designed and implemented in collaboration with AIR, a network of African practitioners developing transformative feminist approaches to trauma, emotional wellbeing, and mental health; and connecting feminist activists to convene and grow their organizing at national and community levels linked to the African Feminist Forum.

Grantee Partner: [Allied Media Projects](#)

Project Name: Create, Connect, Transform

Project Location: Detroit, Michigan

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$3,000,000

Create, Connect, Transform (CCT) will fuel social justice, media, art, and technology innovations at Detroit's grassroots. A collaboration between the Equitable Internet Initiative, Detroit Narrative Agency, People in Education, Black Bottom Archives, Petty Propolis, the Detroit Safety Team, and the Allied Media Conference, CCT will advance local organizing models and neighborhood-based infrastructure that thrive off mutuality and interdependence. Support from Radical Hope will ensure that these models not only succeed and expand, but also cross-pollinate with similar experiments in communities across the globe.

Grantee Partner: [Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project](#)

Project Name: Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project

Project Location: Minneapolis, Minnesota; Oakland, California; Washington, DC

Project Duration: 3 years

Grant: \$300,000

Formed in response to increasing harms facing Black LGBTQIA migrants, and gaps in the LGBTQ, immigrant rights, and racial justice movements, the Black LGBTQ+ Migrant Project (BLMP) works to build leadership, reduce isolation, and protect and defend Black LGBTQIA migrants from state and interpersonal attacks. Radical Hope support will be used to build annual leadership cohorts of 100-150 organizers, centering women, femmes, trans and gender nonconforming people; educate the public and shift narratives by publishing original survey research on the experiences and needs of Black LGBTQIA migrants; strengthen local organizing by building Black LGBTQIA immigrant organizing networks and working in coalition with the broader immigrant, racial, and economic justice movements. BLMP envisions a world where all Black LGBTQIA migrants and their loved ones have housing, bodily autonomy, health, and the ability to travel freely and with dignity, free from racism, misogyny, transphobia, and homophobia.

Grantee Partner: Blackbird

Project Name: Blackbird Global Black Victory Lab

Project Location: Africa, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, United States

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$2,640,000

In partnership with organizers across the world, the Blackbird Global Black Victory Lab will endeavor to connect active Black liberation struggles across the diaspora and on the continent. Radical Hope support will be used to bring together Black social justice activists at a critical time for movements across the globe. Organizers in all corners of Black life are working from a Black feminist and intersectional lens, which offers this movement an opportunity to reimagine what global movements can achieve and win. Participants will create a shared framework for political alignment across the African diaspora, developed around a set of core values and goals, rooted in common and particular histories of people of African descent, with a view to eventually achieving justice and liberation for all people. Components include learning and relationship-building through an Afro-feminist listening tour, cohorts of regional movement-building fellows, convenings, and 6-week exchanges for U.S.- and Europe-based practitioners, resulting in the ability to mount global campaigns and engage effectively in cross-border collective action. The Global Black Victory Lab envisions a diasporic power-building strategy that builds on the lessons of prior efforts, while offering a new paradigm for interconnected, visionary and brave organizing. Blackbird will be moving this project in deep partnership with core partners, including Matters of the Earth, as well as other organizations across the continent and diaspora.

Grantee Partner: [Center for Justice at Columbia University](#)

Project Name: Women Transcending

Project Location: United States

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$2,530,000

Women Transcending is a new initiative of the Center for Justice at Columbia University, developed by and for women impacted by mass incarceration. It is dedicated to ending the system of mass incarceration, criminalization, and retribution, replacing it with one centered on prevention and healing. Radical Hope funding will be used to support an education center providing the tools, training, skills, movement history, leadership development, peer mentoring, platform, and vibrant community that women need to become transformative social justice advocates. Participants will develop strategies to confront the criminalization of women, their families, and communities; support women returning home from prison; document the growth of directly impacted women's leadership, and ultimately change the structure of justice in the United States and beyond.

Grantee Partners: [Collaborative Media Advocacy Platform](#) [CMAP], with Jire Dole and Amnesty International Nigeria

Project Name: Chicoco Collective

Project Location: Port Harcourt, Nigeria

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$865,000

Chicoco Collective works with activists, artists, architects, engineers and local residents in Nigeria's informal settlements and slum communities—actively involving young people, and young women in particular—to develop sustainable, community-driven media, advocacy, urban design, and human rights education programs. Chicoco Collective addresses pressing but often overlooked issues important to people in the informal waterfront settlements of Nigeria's oil capital, Port Harcourt, such as forced evictions and the harassment of informal workers, gender-based violence, systemic rights violations, environmental justice and freedom of expression. Radical Hope funding will be used to support:

- **Chicoco Radio:** launch the city's first community-owned radio station, the only slum radio station in Nigeria, reaching 1.5 million people across the city and across the country through national syndication;
- **Chicoco Space:** design and build West Africa's most iconic human rights space and community media center;
- **Chicoco SolSan:** design and launch a sustainable community-owned renewable energy and sanitation facility, improving water and sanitation conditions for 30,000 waterfront residents;
- **Chicoco Studios:** produce two albums and tour internationally with young musicians from the city's slums;
- **Chicoco Cinema:** produce a feature documentary, screen it to thousands of residents in Port Harcourt and Maduguri and share their stories with people around the world;
- **Chicoco Maps:** gather the deepest dataset on informal settlements in the city to

- support community-led design and development;
- **Collective Spaces:** starting with a series of neighborhood public space interventions, bring together urban actors from across the city to devise a City Development Strategy and establish the networks and instruments to implement projects citywide and collaborate with popular movements in the conflict-riven North East of Nigeria.

Grantee Partner: [Florida Immigrant Coalition](#)

Project Name: Radical Hope Florida

Project Location: Florida

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$2,000,000

A new initiative, Radical Hope Florida, will sharpen the feminist lens of existing racial, economic, and gender justice organizations, transforming the values and politics of the Florida. It aims to shift the balance of power from a defensive posture to a proactive stance of visionary governance for all, by:

1. Supporting diverse cohorts of grassroots women of color towards shared feminist values and vision. Advocacy, political education and participatory budgeting will advance this vision into a practice of authentic democracy.
2. Communicating these new values and vision grounded in storytelling and the creative, healing, and expressive arts; impacting organizational and movement culture change through methods like artist residencies, language learning, dance, and song; and;
3. Linking local visionary governance to transnational analysis, by building and exploring joint action on root causes with sister social justice organizations in Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

While housed at the Florida Immigrant Coalition, the Radical Hope Florida initiative is lead by women leaders from Central Florida Jobs with Justice, Dream Defenders, Faith in Florida, Fanm Ayisyen nan Miyami/Haitian Women of Miami (FANM), Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, Miami Workers Center, New Florida Majority, Organize Florida and SEIU, among others.

Grantee Partners: Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, with Climate Justice Alliance, Indigenous Environmental Network, and Right to the City Alliance

Project Name: [It Takes Roots to Grow the Resistance](#)

Project Duration: 4 years

Project Location: United States, Canada

Grant: \$3,500,000

It Takes Roots to Grow the Resistance (ITR) centers the leadership and power of urban and rural communities on the frontlines of racial, gender, housing, environmental,

energy and climate justice in the United States and Canada to advance regenerative economies and healthy communities. ITR is a multiracial, multicultural, multi-generational alliance of networks and alliances representing over 200 organizations and affiliates in over 50 states, provinces, territories and Native lands in the U.S. and Canada, and is led by women, gender nonconforming people, people of color, and Indigenous Peoples. Radical Hope support will be used in strategic geographic regions that have been historically overlooked and under-resourced, and which are often the sites of transformation that impact the national landscape—such as fossil fuel and other extreme energy infrastructure resistance in Indigenous territories in the Midwest, Pacific Northwest, Gulf Coast, Alaska, and Canada, and organizing low income residents facing displacement in urban neighborhoods.

Activities will include grassroots feminist organizing, developing a cohort of 100 trainers to train 1,000 community organizers nationwide, broad movement alignment convenings, and a week-long Solidarity to Solutions Summit of 1,500 people to showcase grassroots solutions across sectors as a counterweight to the Global Climate Action Summit. ITR efforts will support building grassroots cross-movement alignment and political power at the place-based level, such as the municipal, county/parish, tribal/village, statewide, and regional levels.

Grantee Partners: [Grassroots International](#), with Grassroots Global Justice Alliance, Indigenous Environmental Network, and World March of Women

Project Name: Strengthening Grassroots Feminist Movements Collaborative

Project Location: Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, Palestine, Puerto Rico, United States

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$4,000,000

This Collaborative will foster unity and strengthen grassroots feminist movements in six countries where backlashes against women, gender oppressed peoples and communities of color are significantly acute, as a result of right-wing takeovers: Brazil, Guatemala, Honduras, Palestine, Puerto Rico, and the United States. Centered in the leadership of Indigenous Peoples, peasants, Afro-descendant communities, and other communities of color, this collaboration will contribute to a vision for a global diversity of feminisms (also known as the fourth wave of feminism) that is able to respond to new conditions, including overlapping forces that constrain women's lives, such as systems of oppression based on race, class, sexuality, and gender identity, as well as economic systems and foreign policies (neoliberalism and neocolonialism) that exploit people and the earth. Among other activities, Radical Hope support will be used to strengthen on-the-ground organizing, campaign work, and coalition building by organizations advancing grassroots feminism; Black and Indigenous-focused feminist organizing schools; leadership development, skills training, raising consciousness, compiling feminist curriculum across international movements, and training of trainers; and international and regional gatherings where movement leaders and organizations can share solutions, challenges, develop joint strategy, and build solidarity across borders.

Grantee Partners: [Jolt](#), with Deeds Not Words

Project Name: Movement Mujeres

Project Location: Texas

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$2,000,000

Movement Mujeres seeks to shift the balance of power in Texas in favor of young women of color by building the leadership and power of a new generation of bold and imaginative women to lead on a feminist agenda that tackles reproductive choice, sexual violence, economic inequality, racism/anti-immigration, and environmental justice. With Radical Hope support, Movement Mujeres will transform power in Texas by:

- **Building an organized base of young women of color to hold those in power accountable** by organizing Millennial and Generation Z women of color throughout Texas high schools, universities, and Jolt unions (Latina young adult groups).
- **Investing in the leadership capacity of millennial women of color** through training and mentorship. A cohort of 25 millennial women of color will receive intensive leadership, public speaking, governance and policy training, with the goal of placing them in leadership positions in government and social justice nonprofits.
- **Launching a *Movement Mujeres* policy agenda to tackle** the issues facing young women of color, including income inequality, immigration, environmental justice, reproductive justice, sexual assault, and sex trafficking. With one of the largest populations in the country and where the majority are people of color, driving a feminist policy agenda in Texas will have national implications.
- **Creative direct action and digital and traditional communications strategies** that place the stories and voices of young women of color front and center, combining protest and performance.

Grantee Partner: [Masimanyane Women's Rights International](#)

Project Name: International Network to End Violence Against Women and Girls

Project Location: International (member representatives from Australia, Ghana, India, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Samoa, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States)

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$1,240,000

The International Network to End Violence Against Women and Girls (INEVAWG), founded in 2014 in South Africa, is a response to heightened global concerns about violence against women and girls, increasing levels of impunity, and poor state accountability. Prioritizing the need and importance of working from the margins to

ensure that local realities inform national, regional and global approaches to end violence against women and girls, INEVAWG works in solidarity with sister activists and organisations across the world, to re-politicize analyses of, and approaches to end violence against women and girls.

INEVAWG's human rights and social justice approach is rooted in intersectional feminist analyses that recognize and seek to address violence against women and girls within the realities of patriarchy, neoliberalism, militarism, the surveillance state, corporate capture of public institutions, white supremacy, heteronormativity, and the legacy of colonialism. INEVAWG is consciously and unapologetically created to be by, and for, women of color, with many members of the founding group identifying with the concept and practice of political blackness. Located in the south, INEVAWG is hosted by Masimanyane Women's Rights International, South Africa.

Grantee Partner: [The Movement for Black Lives](#)

Project Name: Electoral Justice Project

Project Location: United States

Project Duration: 1 year

Grant: \$500,000

The Electoral Justice Project (EJP) will implement a hands-on, holistic, and aggressive political strategy, mobilizing a growing base of engaged, young, radical Black people to reshape national policy conversations and to foster the cultural, political, and values shift necessary for governance based on justice, representation, and the Black democratic imagination. EJP is a direct response to the underlying structural problems that are interrupting social justice and equity in Black communities: non-responsive governance, a lack of public-policy decision-makers who effectively represent Black people's policy priorities, accelerating voter suppression and disenfranchisement targeting Black communities, racially motivated gerrymandering, and few messages from either political party that reflect the realities, struggles, and visions of Black Americans, or the power and potential of Black communities. Radical Hope funding will support EJP in:

1. Organizing town hall meetings throughout the country to build a base and determine the local issues that communities will work on;
2. Training regional organizers to execute short-term local campaigns, while building long-term political leadership capacity of Black political organizers;
3. Executing a coordinated strategy led by the regional organizers to include political education and voter mobilization campaigns to educate voters on how their vote aligns with the Vision for Black Lives;
4. Expanding and mobilizing the Black community by engaging 1 million Black voters;
5. Developing a Black political identity and establishing a political home for leaders, organizers, Black people, and Black-centered political development; and

6. Gaining ground for and with Black people everywhere: demonstrated by increased Black voter turnout and a solidified Black political infrastructure.

Grantee Partner: [Movement Strategy Center](#)

Project Name: Decolonizing Race

Project Location: United States

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$2,000,000

The purpose of the Decolonizing Race project is to transform the way conversations around racism and other issues of privilege and power happen in social movement spaces. The outcome will be a cohort of 150 multiracial movement leaders who can engage in new ways of behaving in healing and accountability conversations, starting—and ending—in a place of wholeness, personal and group resilience, and personal responsibility, rather than guilt, shame, and anger.

Grantee Partner: [National Domestic Workers Alliance](#)

Project Name: Women's Rematch

Project Location: United States, with a focus on Georgia

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$2,000,000

Building on the momentum of #metoo, #TimesUp, and the unprecedented activation of previously unorganized women, National Domestic Workers Alliance will establish Women's Rematch as a new vehicle for long-term, local civic engagement and leadership development of women, particularly women of color. The project will leverage a number of strategies, including: a new media platform featuring podcasts; nonpartisan state-based campaigns, including civic engagement work in Georgia to hone a concept for national voter engagement of women of color in 2020; and utilizing volunteer-driven online organizing platforms like #Resist. Women's Rematch will use Radical Hope support to create dynamic openings for everyday women, especially women of color, to exercise their leadership and power, and ultimately create a healthy, inclusive, multiracial democracy in the United States.

Grantee Partner: [The Nile Forum](#)

Project Name: Regenerating a Nile Community of Communities

Project Locations: Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$1,280,000

The project 'Regenerating a Nile Community of Communities' aims to support and enhance transformational change within the countries connected through the river Nile,

co-creating a regenerative bio-region of communities connecting through their diverse stories. With the support received from Radical Hope, the project will facilitate trans-local learning and collaboration empowering communities to transcend the inherited patterns of colonialism and to reunite based on their shared ecosystems and indigenous heritages.

As means to induce such transformation community hubs across the basin potentially starting with Congo DR, Egypt, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, and Tanzania will be activated to exchange knowledge and wisdom, and to create shared practices on a common platform. These hubs will achieve their purpose through in-person gatherings and an online component, in order to provide mutual support in enterprises such as land and water regeneration, social cohesion, reconciliation, permaculture, eco-village design and others.

By enabling the sustained symbiotic relationship between these hubs across the region, the communities built around the hubs will pollinate the values generated within their larger community, potentially triggering a tipping point to a sustained practice of peace, deeply rooted on understanding one another and informed by the wisdom of the Nile.

Grantee Partner: [People's Action Institute](#)

Project Name: Rural Women's Collaborative: Uniting Across Race and Place for Racial and Economic Justice

Project Location: Alabama, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Wisconsin

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$1,800,000

Rural Women's Collaborative: Uniting Across Race and Place for Racial and Economic Justice will radically shift the worldview about what's possible in rural America by building the feminist leadership of rural women and promoting values of inclusion in communal life, interdependence, care for the elderly, love of earth and humanity, dignity of all work, and protection of the vulnerable. This project was developed in direct response to recent social, economic, and political realities, such as the decline of jobs, infrastructure, and public services in rural and small town America; women in rural communities are most affected by these crises, and reactionary forces have used these trends to consolidate power, advance racist and misogynist narratives, and erode public confidence in the power of government to work for the common good. Radical Hope funding will support a multi-year initiative to build new capacity in rural and small-town communities in strategic regions of 11 states (Alabama, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin), and invest in the feminist leadership of a multiracial cohort of rural women to lead transformative campaigns bridging urban and rural communities across race and gender, while restoring democracy, confronting corporate abuse, and helping build models of community control of the economy.

Grantee Partner: [Tewa Women United](#)

Project Name: Healing Justice and Radical Self-Care

Project Location: United States, with a focus on New Mexico

Project Duration: 3 years

Grant: \$900,000

The Healing Justice and Radical Self-Care project will explore individual and community transformation through healing-centered organizing rooted in an Indigenous feminist perspective. Radical Hope support will be used for story-sharing retreats, through which the project will map out paths that connect ancestral legacies of healing traditions with new models of health and justice inside communities and movements. These stories will inform the social justice movement and expand leadership development, and will be documented via digital, audio, written, and graphic recordings; Spark Documentation; and community-based art. Dialogues will incorporate a range of experiences, such as of those living in the shadow of the nuclear weapons industry, birth stories, treatment by reproductive healthcare providers, challenges of raising families in toxic environments, and other emerging topics that contribute to creating a shared definition of justice and social change at the intersections of environmental justice, food justice, and reproductive health in New Mexico and beyond.

Grantee Partner: [Water Protector Legal Collective](#)

Project Name: Strengthening Indigenous Voices for Unci Maka

Project Location: North America

Project Duration: 4 years

Grant: \$1,061,000

Strengthening Indigenous Voices for Unci Maka will build on the Water Protector Legal Collective's (WPLC) work as the on-the-ground legal team for the Dakota Access Pipeline resistance at Standing Rock, North Dakota. Radical Hope funding will be used to support Indigenous activists and grow a network of Indigenous water protectors. It will be used to leverage information and experience gained through litigation and advocacy at Standing Rock, as well as future legal defense work in partnership with Indigenous communities. It will also empower the Indigenous-led movement to defend the environment and sacred sites—for example, by developing Indigenous-based and community based legal education resources such as an Indigenous version of Know Your Rights materials for Water Protector communities.

Grantee Partners: [Women Cross DMZ](#), with Nobel Women's Initiative and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Project Name: Women Led Korea Peace Treaty 2020 Campaign

Project Location: Canada, China, Japan, North Korea, United States, South Korea

Project Duration: 2 years

Grant: \$2,000,000

Recognizing the vital role women play in resolving conflicts, four feminist peace organizations will collaborate to influence the current negotiations around formally ending the Korean War with a peace process by 2020. The campaign presents a critical opportunity to not only advance peace on the Korean Peninsula, but also redefine global national security discourse away from a militaristic paradigm dominated by white, male, paternalistic, Cold War era experts toward a vision of a feminist foreign policy based on genuine human security, justice, ecological sustainability, and peace. Radical Hope support will be used to provide a platform to mobilize grassroots communities in partnership with experts on women's human rights, legislative advocacy, Korean history and politics, nuclear disarmament, humanitarian aid, and sanctions to be part of a global, collective effort to realize lasting peace on the peninsula.