The New York Foundation is a steadfast supporter of community organizing, grassroots advocacy, and movement-building. We believe that the resilience and vitality of New Yorkers is the city’s greatest resource, and we value the courage and experience of community groups and their leaders.

In the ongoing struggle for racial, economic, gender, and climate justice, the Foundation supports grassroots initiatives that build power to confront systemic barriers and inspire people to work toward a more just, equitable, and inclusive city.
NYF prioritizes groups led by Black, Indigenous, and other people of color, LGBTQ+ people, and women to address the disparities these leaders face in accessing foundation funding. This is snapshot of the leadership we supported in 2022, and some categories will exceed 100% due to leaders with multiple identities.

**CONSTITUENCY**

NYF grantees organize under-resourced and overlooked communities working on critical social justice issues:
Groups are addressing the most pressing needs in their communities including:

- Organizations need additional support beyond the dollars of multiyear general operating grants, and our offerings are in response to the needs they express.

**Issue Areas**

- Immigrant Rights
- LGBTQ Rights
- Racial Justice
- Workers Rights
- Economic Justice
- Civic Participation
- Criminal Justice

**Types of Wins**

- **Legislative**: 15
  - Involves changing existing laws or introducing new laws. These laws can be local laws, state laws or federal laws.

- **Enforcement**: 7
  - The enforcement or implementation of laws that already exist on the books but may not be implemented in practice.

- **Budgetary**: 5
  - Funding changes, such as increased or decreased funding for a particular program or community or opposition to budget cuts.

- **Oversight**: 9
  - Monitoring and oversight over a particular issue, agency or program from either governmental or citizen committees or individuals.

- **Democratic Participation**: 32
  - Increased public and citizen participation or democracy in an issue or government body.

- **Neighborhood Change**: 12
  - Concrete improvement to a neighborhood.

**Capacity Building Offerings**

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**Workshops**

- Building Black Power
- City and State Advocacy
- Leadership Transitions
- Community Banking
- Addressing Sexism and Patriarchy
- Starting a 501c4
- Alternative Leadership Structures
- Student Loan Forgiveness
- Language Justice

**Small Grants**

- Communications
- Fundraising
- Grant Writing
- Leadership Development
- Leadership Transition
- Organizational Infrastructure
- Strategic Planning
- Youth Organizing

**Summer Internships**

- 24 young people directly engaged in community organizing efforts
Recognizing the importance of funders coming together to mobilize resources, the New York Foundation helped leverage an additional $3,749,000 in funding for community organizing by serving as member and fiscal sponsor for the following funder collaborative initiatives.

1. **$2.13M**
   - **NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST FUND**
     supports organizations in communities impacted by systemic racism to build and wield power to change the rules around housing, development, and control of land in NYC.

2. **$819K**
   - **ENGAGE NEW YORK**
     builds philanthropic infrastructure across the state by connecting like-minded funders with shared values and agendas to build trust-based relationships, take part in action-based learning, and collaborate to advance systems change.

3. **$800K**
   - **YOUTH ORGANIZING AND CULTURE CHANGE FUND**
     supports youth organizers, artists, culture strategists, and creatives to empower young people to build local community power and win change for communities of color through arts, narrative, and culture change strategies in New York City.