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<b>CATEGORY I</b>				
Africa Faith and Justice Network	Washington, DC	Norbert Brockman, SM	2,000 (M)	Funds to support “Restorative Justice Book” Project. This book will allow this organization to spread the message of transitional, community-based justice to our policymakers in Washington, DC to encourage a new look at human rights, justice and peace.
Baltimore Regional Initiative Developing Genuine Equality, Inc. (BRIDGE)	Baltimore, MD	Baltimore Marianist Community	15,000	This grant will help to support the “Holy Ground Jobs” Project. This project will aide in creating a systemic way to link community residents to the 6,000 news jobs being created in the Hopkins Hospital development area.
Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice (BOLD)	Hollywood, FL	Frank O’Donnell, SM	5,000 (M)	Support is being requested to provide the training and resources necessary for BOLD to create systemic change from local decision makers in the area of Housing, Oral Health Care and Housing.
CLOUT	Louisville, KY	Jim Vogt	7,000 (M)	The expected outcome of the project “Catch a Falling Child” is that 35,000 additional children statewide are enrolled in Medicaid/KCHIP over the next two years, and that 6,000 additional children in Louisville Metro area are enrolled over the next three years.
Dakota Center	Dayton, OH	Jack Somerville	10,000	This is a conditional grant subject to the Board of the Dakota Center and the Fitz Center coming up with a plan to develop a leadership program in the area around the Dakota Center
Direct Action & Research Training Center (DART)	Miami, FL	Frank O’Donnell, SM	5,000 (M)	Recruit and train 25 Organizer trainees with special emphasis on minority trainees – expand the capacity of low-moderate income communities to direct their own future out of poverty.
Hillsborough Organization For Progress & Equality	Tampa, FL		8,000	The specific outcome for this project “Building HOPE for Justice” will include specific systemic changes will occur to establish a program that reduces homelessness by assisting at least 1,000 people with birth certificates, identifications, and to implement a plan that increases affordable dental services for 15,000 low income adults and children.
JAM Organization	Springfield, OH	Raymond Fitz, SM	7,000 (M)	JAM’s goal is to create and implement a solution to local problems with the power of engaged people/constituency. There are four steps to accomplish this goal – implement national congregation-based community organizing – focus on one issue to effectively resolve – raise \$25,000 and finally to train 200-400 volunteers to implement the steps to make permanent systemic change throughout Clark County in Ohio in order to eradicate unjust systemic exploitation, control and management.
Metropolitan Congregations United	St. Louis, MO	Joseph Uvietta, SM	8,000	MCU’s “Comprehensive Immigration Reform in 2009” is founded on efforts begun 2 ½ years ago to fight local and state challenges to the basic rights of immigrants.
National Alliance of Parishes Restructuring into Communities	Dayton, OH	Bob Moriarty, SM	10,000	This grant is for this organization to re-print an English version of the participants book “Come As You Are” This 12 session program was designed as a beginning experience for small faith communities.
National Association for Latino Community Asset Builders	San Antonio, TX	Patricia Mejia	10,000	NALCAB has initiated the implementation of a “Balanced Economic Recovery Advocacy Campaign.” This campaign will organize our nation’s

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				leaders in the community development and asset building fields to urge Congress to balance bank bail outs with direct investments in our nation's hard-working, low and middle income communities.
Naugatuck Valley Project, Inc.	Waterbury, CT	Bob Moriarty, SM	7,000 (M)	NVP immigrant and non-immigrant leaders are engaged in a campaign to win quality health care for "Limited English Proficient" patients, and living wage jobs, especially for recent immigrants.
Office of Urban Affairs of the Archdiocese of Hartford	New Haven, CT	Bob Moriarty, SM	7,000 (M)	This grant will be used to deepen and extend our work on the "Justice for Immigrants Campaign." In addition to passage of comprehensive immigration reform as defined by the USCCB, we are working to empower migrants to our country, especially those who are or have been among the undocumented.
St. Francis Serph Ministries	Cincinnati, OH	Michael Murphy, SM	15,000	The mission of this project is to provide a path that supports marginalized people on the road out of poverty and homeless conditions. This project addresses directly systemic issues of poverty and homelessness and empowers individuals to move out of their marginalized conditions through training, mentoring and job opportunities.
Voice of the Faithful	Newton, MA	Susan Vogt	10,000	The American Catholic Council is a developing group whose work focuses on collaboration to effect reform in the Catholic Church – particularly with respect to expanding the roles and responsibilities of all the baptized in the future of our Church. The main goals of the ACC are to prepare educational materials, develop support, and then to organize a national conference on the church in the US focusing on strengthening the voices of lay, religious and clergy on issues facing the American Catholic Church.
<b>CATEGORY II</b>				
Alianza Para El Desarrollo Comunitario, Inc.	El Paso, TX	Patricia Mejia	4,000	The project "San Elizario Affordable Housing Initiative" is the hope to develop 25 affordable homes on a plot land that it currently owns in San Elizario, TX – two keys to initiating this project are 1) buying out the current debt and 2) opening access from the property to the County road. Alianza is well positioned to take the project to completion.
Baptist Child & Family Services	San Antonio	Casa Maria Community	4,000	The VISTA program is a comprehensive college consultation service providing students with guidance and strategic advice regarding all aspects of the college admissions process for under-represented students. Students accepted into VISTA are offered individual counseling and support around areas which could undermine the goal of a college graduation.
Catholic Urban Programs	East St. Louis, IL	John Laudenschlager, SM	3,000 (M)	Located in East St. Louis, IL this program has been an advocate for the area poor and the elderly – to help them obtain a better quality of life, decent housing and other services offered by the Metro East area. Hubbard House's foundation is based upon changing attitudes while providing service opportunities within a poverty stricken area.
Chaminade University	Honolulu, HI	Thomas Spring, SM	4,000	With the guidance of students enrolled in a graduate course of teaching at Chaminade University some 50 students from Palolo Elementary School

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				will improve their skills in reading, writing and math.
Diocese of Columbus JOIN	Columbus, OH	John Bakle, SM	2,000 (M)	The purpose of this project “Utility Assistance for poor and vulnerable clients” is to provide emergency assistance to those facing disconnection of utilities or those whose utilities are already disconnected. JOIN clients come from all areas in the Columbus, OH metropolitan area.
Greater Cincinnati Coalition For the Homeless	Cincinnati, OH	Robert Donovan	4,000	The Day Labor Organizing Project is to help the day labor workers organize to improve their wages and working conditions. This project works to help day labor workers to improve their own lives and communities by bringing justice and change to the day labor agencies.
Ink Tank, Inc.	Cincinnati, OH	Bob Jones, SM	5,000	The goal of project “Criticalink” is to serve as a link between the teaching of creative writing and issues of social justice in the Cincinnati Over-the-Rhine community.
Marianist Family Retreat Center	Cape May Point, NJ	Ted Cassidy, SM	5,00	In conjunction with the Elizabeth Coalition to House the Homeless, the Marianist Family Retreat Center would like to offer a family retreat weekend for the homeless clients of the Coalition. The Coalition will plan a retreat program that is specifically tailored to the needs of these families.
Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, Inc. #1	Cincinnati, OH	DeSales Crossing Community and Moeller Community	5,000 (M)	The project “GED Restructured” is experiencing an urgent need: resources have not kept pace with the growing number of young adults seeking educational assistance. To keep the program operating effectively and not to become overwhelmed by the needs we must restructure the GED program.
Mercy Neighborhood Ministries, Inc. #2	Cincinnati, OH	DeSales Crossing Community	4,000 (M)	“Payees Empowered” began 12 years ago from a compelling need in the community for this type of support for vulnerable adult men and women. Each of the payee clients receives a living stipend from SS which requires someone other than themselves to manage their minimal financial resources. Mercy Neighborhood Ministries protects the person from being swindled or taken advantage of.
MSJC – Anti-Death Penalty Issue Team	San Antonio, TX	Sr. Grace Walle, FMI	2,000	This grant will allow the MSJC to host an educational evening with the legal and social justice community in San Antonio during the annual meeting of the anti-death penalty issue team in Spring, 2009. It is our hope that this meeting will bring together interested persons who potentially would like to financially support MSJC sponsored internships of Marianist University law students.
Murder Victims Family Members for Reconciliation	Washington, DC	Ted Cassidy, SM	5,000	Death Penalty Abolition (TRAIN) is a one year project of MVFR to organize, train and mobilize murder victim’s family members who are willing to speak out against the death penalty. This project will be carried out in 4 targeted states where anti-death penalty organizations are engaged in meaningful campaigns to repeal capital punishment.
Murphy Initiative for Justice and Peace	Baltimore, MD	Frank O’Donnell, SM Jerry Sullivan, SM	3,500	“Overcoming Fear: Confronting Racism” is the theme to MIJP’s annual spring conference – it will be centered around racism – the conference is meant to help us understand fear as the basis of racism and to guide participants through a metanoia process. The day will also include a

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Public Justice Center	Baltimore, MD	Frank O'Donnell, SM	3,000 (M)	Create and produce a Spanish version of our film produced last year entitled "Beyond Debate," This Spanish film will be aimed at homeless families whose children suffer invisibility, discrimination or illegal school practices to the detriment of their education. The most important outcome of this film will be the empowerment of families and students to help them advocate for their rights to stay in public school despite homelessness or migrant status.
Purcell Marian High School	Cincinnati, OH	DeSales Crossing and Over-the-Rhine Marianist Communities	2,500	"Step Higher Educational Tour" – this tour is for students in grades 9-12 who have an opportunity to explore and experience places and spaces far away, educational and recreational. Many of these students are freshmen or sophomores who don't know how to navigate their way around the college application process and will get first hand knowledge from the college admissions offices.
Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School	East St. Louis, IL	John Laudenbach, M	4,500 (M)	Students at Sr. Thea Bowman school often begin with a learning disadvantage directly resulting from living in East St. Louis, IL where poverty and violence are rampant and where education has not been valued or modeled. This school year over 80% of our school population lives at or below poverty level thus the need for "Tuition Assistance." At this Catholic Elementary school they believe that poverty should not and cannot keep a child and family from a quality Catholic education.
Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School	Cleveland, OH	Jack Dempsey, SM	2,000	This project is associated with the University of Dayton Pre-Engineering Program. The mission of UD PEP is to form future engineers with Marianist values, and to give them a path to continue their engineering skills for the common good.
Vincent Gray Alternative High School	East St. Louis, IL	Lawrence McBride	5,000 (M)	The African American Studies Program examines the role of African-Americans in both the past and present. After taking part in this program students at Vincent Gray demonstrate an advanced sense of pride in their heritage. Instilling pride and improving self-esteem for our students is critical to helping these young men and women follow through on their desire to obtain a high school diploma. With little positive reinforcements in their life, our students need this program to inspire them to see that obtaining an education is vital to escaping a lifetime of difficulties. Vincent Gray High School is located in East St. Louis, IL.
<b>CATEGORY III</b>				
Catholic Day Care Center	East St. Louis, IL	John Laudenbach, SM	1,000	Provide tuition assistance to low income working parents for kindergarten in a deeply depressed inner city area in East St. Louis, IL
Contact Center	Cincinnati, OH		1,000	Support of the work of the Contact Center in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood to organize for change
Congregations United for	Allentown, PA		1,000	To develop organizing in Bethlehem, PA

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Neighborhood Action				
Death Penalty Focus	San Francisco CA		1,000	Effort to support the replacement of the death penalty in CA with life without parole
Immigrant and Refugee Women's Programs	St. Louis, MO		500	Support outreach and training for immigrant and refugee women in the St Louis area
Inter-Faith Action of Southwest Florida	Immokalee, FL		1,000	Organizing to support fair wages and human rights for tomato pickers in FL
Just Economics	Asheville, SC		1,000	Support of a living wage employer certification program in Ashville, NC
Jubilee USA Network	Washington, DC	Rockaway Community	1,000	Organized effort to cancel debts owed by developing countries so that they can develop their economies
Marianist Family Retreat Ctr.	Cape May Point, NJ		1,000	Program to raise awareness of people who are homeless and poor and to respond to their needs
Midwest Coalition for Corporate Responsibility	St Louis, MO		1,000	Support of collective effort to engage corporations in socially responsible activities
National Farm Worker Ministry	St. Louis, MO		1,000	Development of a Youth and Young Adult Network to advocate to enforcement of pesticide violations
Network for Peace Through Dialogue	New York, NY		500	Support of a Leadership Institute for youth to address violence in their neighborhoods in the Harlem area of New York City
Our Children's Place	Chapel Hill, NC		500	Fund the design of a children's outdoor play area
Our Lady's Inn	St. Louis, MO		500	To improve maternal and child health outcomes for high risk homeless families
Pax Christi	Erie, PA		1,000	Program to reenergize a nuclear disarmament initiative
Purcell Marian High School	Cincinnati, OH	DeSales Cross Community	1,000	To promote the engagement of students from low income families in the resources of internet
Society of Mary	San Antonio, TX	Chas Lohrenz, SM	500	Raising food for the poor. Funds will provide the money needed to buy seeds, plants, fertilizer and other items needed for vegetables. The food is distributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter for the Homeless and the Freddie Garcia Shelter in San Antonio, TX.
School of the Americas	Washington, DC		1,000	Teach-in for 15,000 university and high school students on catholic social teaching and militarism
Socially Responsible Investment Coalition	San Antonio, TX	Brian Halderman	1,000	Support of collective effort to engage corporations in socially responsible activities
Sojourners	Washington, DC		500	Sponsoring the 2009 Mobilization to End Poverty
Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland	Pepper Pike, OH		500	For the development of a project to empower rural families to assume leadership in the church and in outreach to one another
Witness for Peace	Washington, DC		1,000	Roots of Migration project to help people in the US to better understand immigration issues and advocate for change
Worldwatch Institute	Washington, DC		500	Support Sustainable Communities II; Deepening US Environmental Commitment – a gathering of major environmental groups to coordinate efforts

**(M) – indicates a matching grant**