



# Sills Family Foundation

## 2025 Annual Report

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## ❖ History and Mission

The Sills Family Foundation launched its first formal grantmaking process in 2003. The Foundation is governed by a board of five family member directors and is administered by The Philanthropic Initiative.

The mission of the Sills Family Foundation is to ensure that marginalized families have the tools and support they need to live up to their highest promise. In order to achieve this goal, we support programs in the following areas:

- **Criminal Justice Reform**
- **Support for Families and Young Children in Low Income, Underserved Communities**
- **Services for Immigrants and Refugees**
- **Access to Arts and Cultural Experiences**
- **Environmental Justice and Climate Change mitigation**

The Foundation accomplishes its work and engages a wide group of family members through a Core Board of Trustees and several grantmaking and non-grantmaking committees.

## ❖ 2025 Sills Family Foundation Grantmaking Overview

As the Sills Family Foundation enters our third decade, we intend to deepen and focus our grantmaking impact. We hope to expand our engagement with our grantees to include providing capacity and resource-building opportunities. We are committed to collaborating with our peers in the funding world with the aim of multiplying development opportunities for our grantee partners. We anticipate a challenging future for the underserved and marginalized members of our community, and we hope to play a role in providing meaningful support.

It is our goal to remain responsive to issues of inequality and injustice in its many forms, including challenges facing immigrants and refugees, criminal justice reform, climate change and families in crisis. The Foundation primarily makes general operating grants, allowing grantees to use the funds as needed, as opposed to being limited to a particular project or budget line. The Foundation deeply values the expertise and leadership capacity of our grantees and is comfortable with their ability to prioritize where the grants will be best used.

In 2025, the Sills Family Foundation granted a total of **\$1,465,500 through 136 grants**, broken down as follows:

	Total amount granted:	Number of grants:
Core Board grants:	\$740,000	37
Rapid Response grants:	\$100,000	8
Arts & Culture Committee grants:	\$155,000	9
Environmental Justice & Climate Change Committee grants:	\$200,000	7
Third Generation grants:	\$60,000	6
Discretionary grants:	\$201,500	69

While our focus areas remain largely the same, we are rebalancing our priorities to reflect the areas that feel most pressing. At this time the overwhelming crisis facing immigrants and refugees in our country cannot be overlooked, and we are exploring ways to increase our support in this area.

Throughout the remainder of this Annual Report, we summarize the grantees in each of our program areas and highlight a few grantees in each category. In some cases, the “Grantee Spotlight” exemplifies the program area, while in others it represents a grantee that might be exceptional for its size, duration, or impact.

## ❖ Sils Family Foundation 2025 Core Grants

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

The arrest and conviction of a parent can create enormous instability for a family. This disruption can result in a loss of stable housing, income, physical proximity, and a sense of safety. The Foundation began its work in criminal justice reform by funding organizations that prioritize the needs of children with an incarcerated parent, and that work to reunite families after their parents come home from prison. Over time, the Foundation has expanded this effort through funding organizations that assist incarcerated parents while they are still in prison, making it easier for them to support their families when they come home and less likely to be re-arrested. Our grantees offer opportunities for personal growth, parenting classes, secondary and college education, involvement in the arts, as well as criminal and civil legal assistance.

After years of involvement in this work, the Foundation has recognized that in addition to addressing the needs of children with incarcerated parents, it is critical to focus on prevention of criminal justice involvement. Currently the Foundation also funds organizations that keep people out of prison through positive community-based supports and alternatives to incarceration. It also funds programs that advocate for reducing the total number of people in prison.

The Foundation’s criminal justice grants can be divided into the following three subcategories:

- A. Helping Families Impacted by Incarceration
- B. Programs Inside Prison
- C. Decreasing Incarceration

#### A. HELPING FAMILIES IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">College and Community Fellowship</a>	\$20,000	10th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Drive Change</a>	\$20,000	5th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Echoes of Incarceration</a>	\$20,000	11th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Hour Children</a>	\$20,000	23rd	General Operating Support
<a href="#">HousingPlus</a>	\$20,000	6th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">The Osborne Association</a>	\$20,000	20th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Providence House</a>	\$20,000	8th	Women's Justice Program
<a href="#">Women's Prison Association</a>	\$20,000	21st	General Operating Support
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$160,000</b>		

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

### [Drive Change](#) New York City

Drive Change’s mission is to support justice-involved young people by providing culinary and hospitality training, social support, and pathways to advance their economic mobility and overall well-being. The organization celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2024 and also recently completed its first capital project, a new headquarters and commercial training kitchen in the Bed-Stuy neighborhood of Brooklyn. With these milestones, Drive Change has been able to increase its capacity and professionalization, developing a robust logic model and strategic plan that articulate its vision of impact and growth over the next three years. Its core Fellowship program includes four cohorts (recently increased from three) annually, serving 60 participants total. The Fellowship experience is structured as a three-part journey: Head, Heart, and Hands, which integrate personal growth, technical skills, and applied work experience, through which participants gain over 155 hours of kitchen training, their Food Handlers License, and hands-on training through Drive Change’s network of 37+ Hospitality for Social Justice employer partners. Drive Change works towards a graduation rate of 80% and a 70% placement rate in full-time employment following graduation, and conducts formalized check-ins with alumni at 30-, 60-, and 90-days post-graduation to ensure clients’ successful transition to the workforce.

## B. PROGRAMS INSIDE PRISON

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison</a>	\$20,000	9th	General operating support
<a href="#">Rehabilitation Through the Arts</a>	\$20,000	9th	General operating support
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>		

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

### [Hudson Link for Higher Education](#) Ossining, NY

For more than 30 years, Hudson Link for Higher Education has been a leader in the field of higher education behind prison walls. Hudson Link operates programs in five correctional facilities and provides reentry support across New York State, providing college preparatory and college-level courses and post-degree support, transitional housing, and mentorship. Its more than 2,000 alumni demonstrate the power and promise of higher education for incarcerated individuals, with a recidivism rate of only 2%, compared to three-year recidivism rates of 43% statewide and approximately 68% across the country. In 2024, Hudson Link reached its largest ever graduating class, celebrating 152 incarcerated scholars walking across the graduation stage, which also broke the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision record of college degrees awarded in an academic year. After more than 30 years of ineligibility, as of July 2023 incarcerated students are now eligible to receive federal Pell Grant funding for higher education. While this is a welcome change, changes within the Department of Education and funding cuts to the Department of Justice are also causing uncertainty about the future of Pell Grants for incarcerated populations. Hudson

Link has recently developed a three-year strategic plan that focuses on three overarching goals: achieving educational excellence in our inside college programs, leading the nation in holistic supportive services for currently and formerly incarcerated students, and building a foundation of financial sustainability that will support the growth of high-quality programs and the wellness of its staff. The Foundation provides general operating support.

### C. DECREASING INCARCERATION

These grants fall into two categories — programs involved in keeping specific individuals out of prison, and those that advocate for lowering incarceration rates.

#### Category 1: PREVENTING INCARCERATION

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">Avenues for Justice</a>	\$20,000	7th	Creating A Just Future for Justice-Impacted Young People By Scaling Up AFJ's HIRE Up Program
<a href="#">Center for Justice Innovation</a>	\$20,000	7th	Neighbors In Action/Save Our Streets
<a href="#">Common Justice</a>	\$20,000	15th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Community Connections for Youth</a>	\$20,000	14th	Strengthening Families
<a href="#">Envision Freedom Fund</a> (formerly, the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund)	\$20,000	11th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">exalt youth</a>	\$20,000	10th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Liberty Fund</a>	\$20,000	5th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">MISSEY, Inc.</a>	\$20,000	10th total; formerly in G2	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Urban Youth Alliance International</a>	\$20,000	7th	Employment Pathways for Court-Involved Youth
<a href="#">Youth ALIVE!</a>	\$20,000	10th total; formerly in G2	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Youth Represent</a>	\$20,000	12th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Youth Shelter Program of Westchester</a>	\$20,000	9th total; formerly in G2	Youth INSPIRE (within LEAD Academy)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$240,000</b>		

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

### [exalt youth](#)

Brooklyn, CA

The exalt youth mission is to raise the expectations of personal success for court-involved youth ages 15-19 by combining a rigorous, culturally responsive curriculum with paid internships, individualized support/advocacy to navigate the education/justice systems, and a dedicated alumni network for ongoing assistance. This cross-sectoral approach achieves impact in three areas: academic progression, employability, and justice-system avoidance. Following a 21-week core model and working with nearly 1,000 youth annually, exalt teaches foundational life skills such as critical thinking, communication, and creative problem-solving; develops individualized planning and support with goal-setting and effective education/court/workforce advocacy strategies to help students navigate these systems; connects youth to paid internships for exposure to diverse career opportunities; and facilitates an alumni network for long term engagement including extended internships, college scholarships, and individualized education or career coaching. Since the pandemic, exalt has made strides to meet escalating educational needs of students, adding an Educational Advocate staff position, incorporating tutoring services, and strengthening their curriculum in partnership with Education First, an education strategy and improvement consultant. The organization is growing and scaling through its strategic plan, which includes expansion into Syracuse, NY, and plans to deepen its impact in NYC through continued deep work with youth new to the program and long-term relationships and support of program alumni. The Foundation provides general operating support for exalt’s mission and operations.

## Category 2: *ADVOCACY*

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">Release Aging People in Prison Campaign</a>	\$20,000	7th	General Operating Support
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>		

## GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

### [Release Aging People in Prison](#)

New York, NY

Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP) Campaign is a grassroots organizing and advocacy project that works to end mass incarceration and promote racial justice through the release of older and aging people from prison. RAPP was established in 2013 by three formerly incarcerated people. It plays a key role in New York and the greater United States to shift the public narrative around U.S. prisons and punishment to include older adults, people serving long sentences, and those convicted of violent crimes. RAPP has focused much of its energy on structural changes by organizing to change the policies, practices, and personnel associated with the State Parole Board, which annually denies parole release to thousands of incarcerated older New Yorkers. Due to successfully advocating for codified rule changes and appointment of Commissioners coming from therapeutic and non-prosecution professions, parole release rates more than doubled for all parole applicants, older applicants, and those with life sentences — from 20% to 40%.

RAPP’s advocacy this year has been especially critical. In December 2024, the beating and murder of Robert Brooks, a Marcy Correction Facility inmate who was being transferred to Mohawk Correctional

Facility, caused widespread backlash and condemnation. Then, in February 2025, prison guards across NYS conducted an illegal 22-day strike to protest understaffing, forced overtime, and the Humane Alternatives to Long-Term Solitary Confinement Act (HALT Act). During the strike, nine people died, an unprecedented number. RAPP's response to the murder of Brooks and the ensuing strikes included multiple public rallies, community events, and political actions to expose the severity of prison abuse. RAPP's two current strategic initiatives include the People's Campaign for Parole Justice, which pushes for the passage of the Elder Parole and Fair & Timely Parole bills, and the #HochulBringThemHome Clemency Campaign, which builds support at the gubernatorial level for broad and consistent clemency efforts. The Foundation's grant will be used for general operating support.

## SUPPORT FOR YOUNG CHILDREN IN LOW INCOME, UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

The Foundation supports organizations doing critical work in providing services to families in crisis, ensuring that the youngest children of families in poverty are receiving high quality early education, and that families are given the support needed to reach their highest potential. In 2017 the Foundation began to explore ways in which to increase support to vulnerable immigrant populations and others negatively impacted by the US political climate. In response to the Trump administration’s anti-immigrant sentiment, expanded ICE activity and reduction in rights and opportunities for newcomers, this work became increasingly urgent in 2025. The Foundation decided to reintegrate this focus area into the Core Board in order to be able to offer additional resources, and added a Rapid Response grants program (see page 12) to address urgent, unanticipated needs among its grantees.

A core belief of the Sills Family Foundation is that creating an equitable society begins with supporting families with young children through access to high quality education, legal support, and healthcare. These grants primarily fund organizations in the categories of health and education, or immigrants and refugees.

### A. HEALTH AND EDUCATION

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">Brownsville Partnership</a>	\$20,000	5th	United For Brownsville
<a href="#">Power of Two</a>	\$20,000	8th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">The Reading Team</a>	\$20,000	8th	General Operating Support
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>		

#### GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

##### [Power of Two](#)

*New York, NY*

Power of Two was created to help families heal from the root causes of trauma, help children thrive, and strengthen community cohesion. The group gives children who have experienced early adversity a foundation for success in school and life by fostering a strong and healthy attachment between parent and child. In its evidence-based Attachment Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC) program, Power of Two seeks to promote responsive parenting, mitigate the negative effects of toxic stress between caregivers and children, build resilience in children, and promote academic success, physical health, and social and emotional well-being. Power of Two began disseminating ABC in 2015 in Brownsville, Brooklyn, and in 2025 will serve over 650 child-caregiver dyads. In 2024, Power of Two received funding for a new pilot program, Fostering Relationships, which focuses on strengthening the relationships between young children, birth parents, and foster parents currently navigating family time, formerly known as visitation, in the foster care system. The organization aims to scale ABC in New York City with the mission of disrupting the intergenerational cycle of poverty that affects too many families, and of providing a model dissemination strategy for other cities and states. The Foundation’s grant will be used for general operating support.

## B. IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">American Civil Liberties Union Foundation, Inc.</a>	\$20,000	8th	Immigrants' Rights Project
<a href="#">Brooklyn Org</a> (formerly, Brooklyn Community Foundation)	\$20,000	8th	Brooklyn Immigrant Rights Fund
<a href="#">Make the Road New York</a>	\$20,000	8th	Immigration and Refugee Services Advocacy Project
<a href="#">Partnerships for Trauma Recovery</a>	\$20,000	8th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Project ANAR</a>	\$20,000	3rd	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Refugee Health Alliance</a>	\$20,000	2nd	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Refugee &amp; Immigrant Transitions</a>	\$20,000	8th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Safe Passage Project</a>	\$20,000	5th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Jewish Family Service of San Diego</a> *	\$20,000	2nd	Immigration Legal Services
<a href="#">Solidarity Engineering</a>	\$20,000	3rd	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Volunteers of Legal Service</a>	\$20,000	9th	VOLS Immigration Project - Free Legal Services for Immigrant Children and Youth
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>		

\*This will be the Foundation's final grant.

### GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

#### [Refugee and Immigrant Transitions](#)

San Francisco, CA

Refugee & Immigrant Transitions (RIT) is a San Francisco-based nonprofit that partners with refugees, asylees, and immigrants to help them thrive in new communities. Founded in 1982, RIT provides multilingual education, family engagement, and community leadership programs to over 2,000 low-income newcomers annually across the Bay Area. With a team of 34 staff members, many of whom are immigrants themselves, and volunteers who collectively speak 20 languages, RIT offers English and literacy classes, youth academic support, case management, and wellness programs. Through these holistic services, RIT helps clients achieve goals such as education, employment, and citizenship while fostering cross-cultural understanding and community belonging. RIT's work is rooted in a "Defend + Build" framework: defending immigrant and refugee rights through Know Your Rights trainings, case management, and advocacy, while building inclusive ecosystems through education, volunteer engagement, and leadership development. In FY25, RIT supported hundreds of adults and youth through classes and tutoring, launched new programs for Afghan seniors, and expanded academic support to additional schools in Oakland, San Francisco, and Concord. By combining direct services with advocacy and coalition work, RIT strengthens pathways to opportunity and ensures that newcomers are not only protected but empowered to lead and thrive in shared communities.

## ❖ 2025 Rapid Response Grants

In addition to its annual grantmaking, the Foundation reestablished its “Rapid Response” grant program this year. The goal of this program is to provide current grantees with access to additional resources that can be used to address urgent, unanticipated needs in which a relatively small amount of money can be utilized to overcome a specific obstacle with a discrete, one-time funding solution. The Rapid Response program is open to current grantees only.

Organization	Amount Awarded	Purpose
<a href="#">Brooklyn Org</a>	\$12,500	Empower immigrant orgs through safe convenings and coordination amid fear, cuts, and security issues
<a href="#">Envision Freedom Fund</a>	\$12,500	Know-Your-Rights and Preparedness Trainings for Formerly Detained Migrants
<a href="#">Make the Road New York</a>	\$12,500	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Project ANAR</a>	\$12,500	Rapid Response BAMEMSA Immigration Legal Support
<a href="#">Refugee &amp; Immigrant Transitions</a>	\$12,500	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Refugee Health Alliance</a>	\$12,500	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Solidarity Engineering</a>	\$12,500	Urgent humanitarian needs for asylum seekers and migrants at Mexican shelters
<a href="#">Volunteers of Legal Service</a>	\$12,500	General Operating Support
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	

### GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

#### [Volunteers of Legal Services \(VOLS\)](#)

*New York, NY*

Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS) is a New York City nonprofit that provides free civil legal services to low-income New Yorkers. Since 1984, VOLS has partnered with over 80 law firms and 150 community organizations to deliver high-quality assistance through six programs: Immigration, Senior Law, Microenterprise, Benefits Law, Children’s, and Incarcerated Mothers Law Projects. These initiatives address urgent needs such as immigration relief, end-of-life planning, and small business support. In FY25, VOLS served 6,400 New Yorkers and leveraged 24,000 hours of pro bono legal work valued at over \$17 million. VOLS’s Immigration Project is a cornerstone of its work, helping immigrant youth and families navigate complex and shifting laws. The team provides direct representation, community education, and pro bono training to secure work authorization, permanent residency, and citizenship. With a bilingual staff and strong community partnerships, VOLS ensures language access and cultural competence while responding to emerging challenges with trauma-informed resources and weekly legal briefings. The combination of expert advocacy and a robust volunteer network allows VOLS to strengthen communities and advance equity for thousands of New Yorkers each year.

## ❖ Arts and Culture Committee Grants

The Arts and Culture Committee believes that exposure to and training in the arts can be a means to strengthen the capacities of individuals and communities. The committee supports organizations that provide enrichment to under-resourced schools, community-based programs, and that bring senior citizens together to participate in creative and community-building experiences. This committee has begun a special initiatives program that will be periodically offering larger grants to certain organizations that align closely with the Foundation’s priorities.

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">ArtsWestchester</a>	\$15,000	14th	General Operating Support
<a href="#">Brooklyn Ballet</a>	\$20,000	12th	2026 Elevate Program
<a href="#">Brooklyn Public Library</a>	\$20,000	12th	Creative Aging program
<a href="#">Community-Word Project*</a>	\$15,000	14th	Collaborative Arts Residencies
<a href="#">Manhattan Theatre Club*</a>	\$10,000	7th	Write on the Edge Program
<a href="#">POLIN Museum</a>	\$25,000	9th	General operating support
<a href="#">Songcatchers</a>	\$20,000	7th	General operating support
<a href="#">Sing Sing Prison Museum</a>	\$10,000	3rd	General operating support
<a href="#">Variety Boys &amp; Girls Club of Queens</a>	\$20,000	2nd	Sky Farm
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>		

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### GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

#### [Songcatchers, Inc.](#)

*New Rochelle, NY*

Songcatchers, Inc. is a nonprofit organization based in New Rochelle, NY, dedicated to making high-quality music education accessible to children and families, regardless of income. For over 46 years, Songcatchers has provided affordable lessons, choirs, and enrichment programs that foster creativity, confidence, and community. Its offerings include after-school music instruction, early childhood classes, youth and intergenerational choirs, a summer music program, and the Songcatchers Orchestra. With a mission rooted in equity and peace through music, the organization serves a diverse population, focusing on immigrant and working-class families, while nurturing talent and creating pathways for youth leadership. In 2025, Songcatchers expanded its reach through new initiatives such as high school music programs and partnerships with schools serving students with emotional and cognitive disabilities. The organization also hosted community music pop-ups, public performances, and events like the Concert for Peace, providing students with valuable opportunities to showcase their skills. By combining mentorship, performance experiences, and inclusive programming, Songcatchers empowers young musicians to thrive and promotes cultural enrichment throughout the Sound Shore area.

## ❖ Third Generation Grants

Since 2021, the Foundation expanded its grantmaking allocation for third generation members of the family. The G3 Committee has decided to focus its strategic grantmaking on intersectional, grassroots organizations working in criminal justice reform, housing and tenants’ rights, and climate justice.

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">Baltimore Action Legal Team</a>	\$10,000	4th	General operating support
<a href="#">Black &amp; Pink National</a>	\$10,000	5th	General operating support
<a href="#">Communities Resist</a>	\$10,000	3rd	General operating support
<a href="#">Critical Resistance</a>	\$10,000	5th	General operating support
<a href="#">No More Deaths</a>	\$10,000	1st	General operating support
<a href="#">UPROSE</a>	\$10,000	3rd	General operating support
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>		

### GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

#### [Communities Resist](#)

Brooklyn, NY

Communities Resist (CoRe) is a Brooklyn-based legal services organization committed to advancing housing justice and racial equity for low-income communities across New York City. Founded in 2019, CoRe has grown into the city’s largest community-driven anti-displacement legal provider, representing over 130 tenant associations and serving thousands of residents annually. Its unique model combines affirmative civil rights litigation, eviction defense, and grassroots organizing to combat systemic housing discrimination and preserve affordable housing. With a team of attorneys and organizers, many from the neighborhoods they serve, CoRe ensures that tenants have the tools and representation needed to resist displacement and assert their rights. Through its Fair Housing and Education Project, CoRe enforces federal, state, and local fair housing laws, challenges discriminatory rezoning practices, and educates tenants about their rights. The organization conducts building-wide investigations into harassment and segregation, represents community coalitions in land-use disputes, and provides multilingual outreach materials and training sessions to empower residents. By integrating legal advocacy with community organizing, CoRe works to dismantle structural inequities in housing and create stable, inclusive neighborhoods where all New Yorkers can thrive.

## ❖ Environmental Justice & Climate Change Committee Grants

The Sills Family Foundation EJCC Committee supports certain environmental organizations that function on a grassroots level and others that offer research and collaborative opportunities.

In 2025, the EJCC Committee funded several renewal grantee organizations and one new organization, while also continuing its learning and consideration of prospective new programs and types of interventions.

Organization	Amount Awarded	Year of Funding	Purpose
<a href="#">Coming Clean</a>	\$30,000	14th	General operating support
<a href="#">Ecdysis Foundation</a>	\$30,000	4th	1000 Farms Initiative
<a href="#">GreenWave</a>	\$30,000	4th	General operating support
<a href="#">GRID Alternatives</a>	\$30,000	9th	Greater Los Angeles Solar Career Pathways for Youth Program
<a href="#">Mangrove Action Project</a>	\$20,000	1st	General operating support
<a href="#">West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc.</a>	\$30,000	18th	General operating Support
<a href="#">Women’s Earth Alliance</a>	\$30,000	8th	US Grassroots Accelerator Project
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>		

### GRANTEE SPOTLIGHT

#### [GreenWave](#)

*New Haven, CT*

GreenWave is a nonprofit organization pioneering regenerative ocean farming to create jobs, restore marine ecosystems, and combat climate change. Founded in 2014, GreenWave has grown from supporting a handful of farmers in New England to training and assisting more than 8,500 practitioners across North America. GreenWave is underscored by its four core programs: Training & Support, the Kelp Climate Fund, Farmer Infrastructure, and Market Development. These programs equip GreenWave’s coastal communities with the tools and resources to build resilient, farmer-owned supply chains. Its innovative model leverages seaweed and shellfish farming to produce sustainable food and climate benefits, including carbon and nitrogen removal and reef restoration. Looking ahead, GreenWave aims to drive sales of 10 million pounds of kelp by 2030 while expanding regional cohort programs in Maine and Alaska, scaling farmer-owned infrastructure, and launching new market opportunities such as kelp-based biostimulants for agriculture. By combining technical training, financial support, and industry partnerships, GreenWave is building a blue-green economy that strengthens coastal communities and delivers scalable climate solutions.

## ❖ Discretionary Grants

Listed below are the organizations to which trustees and family members chose to give grants based on individual areas of interest. Together, trustees and family members made a total of 69 discretionary grants, ranging in size from \$250 to \$10,000, and totaling \$201,500.

Donor Name	Organization Name	Official purpose of the grant	Award Amount
Adam Iarussi	American Friends of Jamaica	Matching Grant for Hurricane Melissa	\$4,000
Art Sills and Sarah DeBlois	J Street Education Fund		\$5,000
Art Sills and Sarah DeBlois	Mary C Wheeler School Inc.		\$5,000
Art Sills and Sarah DeBlois	Planned Parenthood of America		\$5,000
Art Sills and Sarah DeBlois	School is Open		\$5,000
Art Sills and Sarah DeBlois	Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports		\$10,000
Deborah Sills	Fund for the City of New York	Power of Two	\$8,000
Delaila Sills	18 Reasons	Just Fare Community Kitchen	\$250
Delaila Sills	Friends of the Alameda Animal Shelter		\$250
Delaila Sills	San Francisco SPCA		\$250
Delaila Sills	The Food Pantry		\$250
Eli Sills	National Lawyers Guild Foundation		\$1,000
Eliyahu and Rachel Sills	350.org		\$1,000
Eliyahu and Rachel Sills	Amazon Frontlines		\$4,000
Eliyahu and Rachel Sills	Gaza Soup Kitchen	Food Aid Tzedakah	\$3,000
Eliyahu and Rachel Sills	Junglekeepers		\$4,000
Eliyahu and Rachel Sills	Sunrise Movement		\$3,000
Jackson and Yoshi Hobbs	Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors		\$3,000
Jackson and Yoshi Hobbs	Institute for Family Development		\$3,000
Jackson and Yoshi Hobbs	Oregon Natural Resources Council Fund dba Oregon Wild		\$3,000
Jackson and Yoshi Hobbs	Renewables Northwest		\$3,000
Jackson and Yoshi Hobbs	Utopia Washington		\$3,000
Jacob Sills	Good Works Education Fund	No More Deaths	\$4,000
Jordan Sills	Natural Resources Defense Council	Climate Justice	\$1,000
Laila Iarussi	ACLU Foundation	Immigrant Rights	\$4,000
Laila Iarussi	North Brooklyn Angels		\$1,000
Larry Sills	Discalced Inc	Dance for PD	\$8,000
Leah and Eric Sills	Interfaith Center of New York		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	ACLU Foundation	Project Fresh Legs via Monica Barnes	\$3,000
Leah and Eric Sills	Al Otro Lado		\$2,000
Leah and Eric Sills	ArtsWestchester		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	Brennan Center for Justice		\$2,500
Leah and Eric Sills	Community Resource Center		\$2,500
Leah and Eric Sills	Congregation B'nai Jeshurun	In support of SCRIC	\$1,500
Leah and Eric Sills	Friends of ANIM		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	HHREC		\$5,000

Leah and Eric Sills	HIAS	HIAS' Legal Services work	\$3,000
Leah and Eric Sills	NRPL Foundation		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	Sousa Mendes Foundation		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	The Giving Circle of Westchester		\$1,500
Leah and Eric Sills	The Lincoln Park Conservancy		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	The Sharing Shelf		\$2,500
Leah and Eric Sills	United we Dream		\$2,000
Leah and Eric Sills	University of the Aftermarket Foundation	For scholarships only	\$5,000
Leah and Eric Sills	Vanguard Theater Company		\$1,000
Leah and Eric Sills	YIPE (Yonkers Partners in Education)		\$2,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Afghan American Community Organization		\$2,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Afghan-American Foundation		\$4,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Afghans for a Better Tomorrow		\$2,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Aid Afghanistan for Education		\$1,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	ARTogether		\$1,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Bishop O'Dowd School	Scholarship Fund	\$1,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Choose Love		\$3,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	For the People		\$3,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	My Yute Soccer		\$1,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Noor Islamic Cultural Community Center		\$5,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Oakland Public Education Fund	ELLMA Fund	\$4,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Rainbow World Fund of SF		\$1,000
Malaak Malikyar and Matthew Sills	Uplift Afghanistan		\$2,000
Peter Sills	Business Capacity Development Alliance	Canary Impact Fund	\$9,000
Peter Sills	Corporate Accountability		\$5,000
Peter Sills	The Doula Program		\$5,000
Peter Sills	Twinfield Union School	Twinfield Together Program	\$2,500
Peter Sills	Vermont Foodbank		\$2,500
Peter Sills	Voces Latinas, Inc		\$5,000
Peter Sills	Witness to Mass Incarceration		\$1,000
Talia Iarussi	Fund for the City of New York	Immigrant Defense Project	\$4,000
Tess Hobbs	Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports		\$5,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>			<b>\$201,500</b>

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