



REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE FUND DOCKET SPRING 2006

Tides Foundation invites you to support the 14 outstanding organizations that comprise our Spring 2006 Reproductive Justice Fund Docket. Working from coast to coast, these groups are building a powerful reproductive justice movement. In order to catalyze additional support, we have received a generous matching grant of \$75,000. With your support we will be able to fund all of the groups at or near their requested amounts.

These organizations were selected through a comprehensive, competitive process that included Tides staff, donors and a team of activists: Evelyn Chin, Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice (Oakland CA); Kalpana Krishnamurthy, Western States Center (Portland OR); Eshauna Smith, Brownstone Consulting (Bethesda MD); Pame Kingfisher (Minneapolis MN); and Silvia Henriquez, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (New York, NY).

In 2006 Tides RJ Fund supports efforts to broaden the base of the U.S. reproductive justice movement by funding grassroots organizing and advocacy efforts that work at the state and local level to engage and empower historically underrepresented women. Building the involvement and leadership of women of color, low-income, immigrant, rural, young, LGBT women, and their communities, Tides funding supports an expanded, revitalized reproductive justice movement that has the power to affect public policy and public opinion. Particular attention is being paid to organizations building cross-movement alliances between reproductive justice efforts and labor, environmental, economic justice and other social justice organizations.

On the following pages, you will find a list, including descriptions and requested amounts, of the organizations comprising the Spring 2006 RJ Fund Docket.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Thanks to the commitment and generosity of an anonymous donor to the Tides Foundation, \$75,000 is available to the RJ Fund as a 1:1 challenge grant. In other words, **the first \$75,000 in contributions to the RJ Fund will be matched dollar for dollar.** Including this match, we currently have \$275,000 available in the fund. Our goal is to raise an additional \$175,000 to fund all of these organizations at their requested amounts and bring the total funding for this round to \$450,000. Please talk to Vanessa Daniel (vdaniel@tides.org), Jane Lin (jlin@tides.org) or Cathy Lerza (clerza@tides.org) if you are interested in helping us make this match.

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**Alaska Community Alliance on Toxics
Anchorage AK**

ACAT is a statewide environmental health and justice organization founded in 1996 in response to requests from individuals, tribes, and other communities seeking technical assistance and organizing support because of concerns related to toxic contaminants. Across Alaska, toxic waste, the result of industrial and federal government neglect, creates significant health and environmental problems primarily for rural people. ACAT's new Environmental Reproductive Justice Project addresses involuntary infertility, the result of exposure to these toxic contaminants, which is a major concern for indigenous peoples of Alaska. ACAT is one of the first environmental justice organizations to take on reproductive justice issues and to build linkages between the two movements.

**Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice
Oakland CA**

Founded in 1989, ACRJ works for self-determination for Asian women, girls and communities through the lens of reproductive justice. Using core strategies of community organizing, leadership development, and movement building, ACRJ addresses reproductive justice issues among underserved, low-income Asian women and girls from immigrant and refugee families.

**California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
Los Angeles CA**

CLRJ is a new (2004) statewide policy and advocacy organization whose mission is to advance California Latinas' reproductive health and rights within a social justice and human rights framework while striving to ensure that policy developments are reflective of the priority needs of Latinas, their families and their communities. CLRJ advances its mission through targeted, culturally-based policy advocacy, coalition-building, community education and strategic communications strategies that further its core policy goals and are specifically geared toward educating and mobilizing Latina/o constituents, both on the state policy level and within target Latina/o communities. CLRJ recognizes that Latinas' reproductive health and rights must be assessed and addressed in light of other priorities that affect Latinas' overall health and well-being, including their rights to self-determination and opportunities in all aspects of their lives.

**Georgians for Choice
Atlanta GA**

Georgians for Choice is a unified voice for organizations committed to attaining and protecting reproductive freedom. Founded in 1986, this 50-member, multi-racial coalition creates opportunities for all Georgians to exercise their constitutional rights regarding their reproductive health.

Idaho Women's Network

Boise ID

Since 1988, the Idaho Women's Network has united the voices and interests of Idaho women, families and communities. Through multi-issue education and grassroots organizing, IWN improves the policy climate, develops and promotes values-based policies, and builds political power among those who are the most disenfranchised and underrepresented, including rural women. IWN seeks funding to organize three regional reproductive rights summits and for its grassroots organizing to protect and promote women's reproductive health and rights in Idaho.

Khmer Girls in Action

Long Beach CA

Khmer Girls in Action was created to increase the power of the Cambodian and South Asian community of Long Beach CA, especially its ability to challenge oppressive systems and institutions not accountable to immigrant/refugee needs. Recognizing that young women of color are often marginalized in social justice movements, KGA invests in building young women's leadership, strength, and voice to be leaders in this struggle. KGA, founded in 2003, seeks support for its leadership development work with young Southeast women and girls in the reproductive health justice movement.

Missouri Religion Coalition for Reproductive Choice

St. Louis MO

For 23 years, MORCRC has brought together people of many faith backgrounds to advocate for all persons to have access to complete reproductive healthcare. Its work is grouped into five overlapping program areas that combat Right Wing organizing within the faith community: the Black Church Initiative, Clergy for Choice, Community Education, Public Policy, and Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom. MORCRC seeks support for its *Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom* initiative, which reaches young people ages 14-30 with education about reproductive healthcare and offering them opportunities to become activists, organizers, advocates, health promoters, interns, and board members.

National Advocates for Pregnant Women

New York NY

Founded in 2000, NAPW's mission is to secure the human and civil rights, health and welfare of pregnant and parenting women, focusing especially on low income women, women of color, and drug-using women, to further the interests of their families, and to advance reproductive, family, and social justice. NAPW's constituency is predominantly African American. Through legal advocacy, local and national organizing, public education and policy development, NAPW works to ensure that women – including women of color, low-income women and those who use drugs – are able to control their reproductive lives and maintain their dignity and bodily integrity and that addiction and other health and welfare problems women face during and after pregnancy are addressed as health issues, not as crimes.

**National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum
Washington DC**

Founded in 1996, NAPAWF is a national, multi-issue advocacy organization dedicated to advancing social justice and addressing the concerns and increasing the rights of Asian Pacific American women and girls. It is building a grassroots progressive movement for social and economic justice and the political empowerment of APA women and girls within its membership and chapters, and connects base building efforts to policy and social change. NAPAWF seeks support for its Fierce Sister advocacy trainings/convenings that build skills and knowledge for chapter leaders/members to engage in local and state reproductive justice policy efforts in California, Seattle and Washington, DC.

**National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health
New York NY**

NLIRH’s mission is to ensure the fundamental human right to reproductive health care for Latinas, their families and their communities through policy advocacy, community mobilization and education. NLIRH believes that in order to improve the reproductive health of Latinas, reproductive health and rights issues must be placed within a broader social justice framework that seeks to bring an end to poverty and discrimination and affirms human dignity and the right to self-determination. NLIRH also recognizes that women of color and Latinas in particular have had limited access to the institutions and officials responsible for setting and implementing policies that directly affect many Latinas’ lives. NLIRH was founded in 1994.

**Native American Community Board
Lake Andes SD**

For more than 20 years, the NACB has addressed health issues pertinent to the Yankton Sioux community through cultural preservation, education, coalition building, environmental and natural resource protection while working toward a safe community for women and children at the local, national and international levels to obtain its goals. NACB’s Indigenous Women’s Reproductive Justice Program spearheads a national, broad-based coalition of Native American, women’s, health and civil liberties organizations to hold accountable the Indian Health Service to its own policies and laws of guaranteeing abortion and pregnancy prevention services to low income, Native American victims of rape or incest and to Native women whose lives are endangered by pregnancy.

**Sicangu Way of Life
Whitewood SD**

Sicangu Way of Life, founded in 2000, is committed to re-establishing and strengthening sustainable communities grounded in Lakota thought and philosophy. Its mission is to empower the people of the Seven Council Fires of the Lakota/Dakota/Nakota National in the revival of holistic, traditional cultural practices by providing education opportunities and resources to perpetuate their collective responsibility as keepers of the sacred Black Hills. Sicangu’s First Breath of Life- Lakota Women’s Reproductive Health and Rights Initiative will assist Lakota women in redefining reproductive rights in a more traditional way and re-establish traditional midwifery practices.

Young Women’s Collaborative
New York NY

The Young Women’s Collaborative (YWC) is a joint effort of four national, young women-led reproductive health and justice organizations, including Choice USA, National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum (NAPAWF), National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH), and the Third Wave Foundation to advance institutional change at the intersection of reproductive health and social justice. The Collaborative seeks support for a unique and replicable model of joint base building and leadership development in the Southwestern United States to nurture the next generation of reproductive justice leaders. The program is working to build local, regional and national support for activists and leaders through trainings, ongoing technical assistance, regional media, resource leveraging, and networking. The Collaborative is a project of the Third Wave Foundation.

Western States Center
Portland OR

Western States Center’s *Family, Community and Sexuality Project* is a multi-year program to develop cohesive progressive strategy and ongoing organizing around issues of marriage, family, and sexuality. The program is a response to the Right’s systematic and concerted use of these “hot button issues” as a tool to push a multi-pronged policy agenda with deep political and economic consequences that disproportionately affect women, people of color, low-income people, young people and queer people. Founded in 1987, Western States Center’s mission is to build a progressive movement for social, economic, racial and environmental justice in the eight Western states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and Alaska.