

# SECURITY & RIGHTS COLLABORATIVE

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## 2015 Grants

Total: \$1,061,739

### Advocate Travel & Convening Fund

<b>Center for New Community</b> \$15,000	<i>To support a convening of approximately 30 decision-makers and stakeholders invested in combatting organized Islamophobia and to align appropriate campaigns and initiatives into a collective strategy to define and marginalize the organized Islamophobia movement.</i>
<b>CLEAR Project &amp; Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Asian Law Caucus</b> \$3,396	<i>To cover travel expenses for an in-person meeting to discuss intersections of their community-based legal support in New York City and Northern California and learn from each other's experience and best practices and opportunities for future collaboration.</i>
<b>Northern Borders Coalition</b> \$2,342	<i>To cover travel expenses for MASA advocates to attend the quarterly Customs and Border Protection/NGO Working Group convening in which more than 20 NGOs and representatives from Customs and Border Protection (CBP) gather to discuss civil rights concerns within immigration enforcement practices and border issues more specifically.</i>
<b>South Asian Americans Leading Together</b> \$2,341	<i>To hold a strategy conversation with MASA groups and select allies on how to respond to, continue to push back against, and move forward after the flawed Department of Justice Racial Profiling Guidance revision.</i>
<b>Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition</b> \$1,500	<i>To support TIRRC's role in hosting and program development for the August 2015 Solidarity Summit convening held in Nashville, TN.</i>
<b>William J. Brennan Center for Justice</b> \$7,000	<i>To support a convening of advocates, community leaders and stakeholders from the three pilot cities of DHS's Countering Violent Extremism program to share information, provide guidance and develop joint strategies for community responses.</i>

**William J. Brennan Center for Justice**  
\$5,000

*To support an October 2015 briefing on Capitol hill in which advocates and experts presented research, analysis and perspectives on the implications, challenges and community impact of Countering Violent Extremism programs*

## Communications Grant

**ReThink Media**  
\$400,000

*To support ReThink Media's provision of a centralized set of communications tools, resources and services (including campaign support) to over 100 organizations with the goals of winning collaborative issue campaigns, providing rapid response support and increasing communications capacity within individual organizations as well as for the broader field.*

## Field/Capacity Building Grants

**Arab American Association of New York**  
\$30,000

*To support the Arab American Association of New York's New York Police Department Oversight and Accountability Campaign, specifically mobilization of grassroots constituencies to continue the pressure to reform of NYPD surveillance programs, calling for an audit of the program to expose the details of how it is financed, educating the New York City Council Public Safety Committee on the ongoing efforts on NYPD accountability, and playing a bridge-building role between Arab, Muslim and communities of color on police accountability issues locally and nationally.*

**Arab American Institute Foundation**  
\$40,000

*To support the Arab American Institute Foundation to enhance the civic engagement and political power of Arab Americans by creating direct lines of communication between Arab Americans and Congress; by conducting polling and developing publications to educate the public and elected officials on the unique challenges and concerns of Arab Americans; and to call for accountability for and preemptively combat harmful xenophobia and Islamophobia within political discourse, including a targeted accountability campaign in Pennsylvania.*

**Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services**  
\$60,000

*To support Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services' (ACCESS) National Network for Arab American Communities' racial profiling advocacy and civic engagement efforts, including their Take on Hate campaign and Arab American Advocacy Week.*

**Asian Americans Advancing  
Justice – Asian Law Caucus**  
\$60,000

*To support Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Asian Law Caucus' National Security and Civil Rights Program to continue providing legal services, policy expertise and community education and outreach to increase civil rights protections, challenge discriminatory law enforcement and surveillance practices, and strengthen the collective influence of MASA and allied communities. This grant will also support Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles with a \$10,000 sub-grant to conduct parallel work in the Los Angeles area.*

**Bill of Rights Defense  
Committee**  
\$20,000

*To support Bill of Rights Defense Committee's work to organize and support grassroots coalitions to challenge police practices using their updated Local Civil Rights Restoration Campaign tools, and to refine and implement trainings around a new anti-racism and anti-Islamophobia workshop that will address oppression within local organizing circles with the goal of building stronger multi-racial and multi-faith coalitions.*

**Center for Intercultural  
Organizing**  
\$20,000

*To support the Center for Intercultural Organizing's Fourth Amendment for All Campaign. The campaign includes public education, community organizing within MASA communities, leadership development trainings and support for ending profiling and surveillance in Oregon.*

**Desis Rising Up & Moving  
(DRUM)**  
\$60,000

*To support DRUM – Desis Rising Up & Moving to implement the work of its End Racial Profiling Campaign, whose goals including rolling back local FBI and NYPD practices of racial profiling, surveillance and informant use in NYC, and to impact national policy through both administrative and legislative measures to curb racial profiling policies.*

**Institute for Social Policy and  
Understanding**  
\$50,000

*To support Institute for Social Policy and Understanding's research project, Grassroots to Grasstops: American Muslims and Elections 2016, which will examine the priority issues and political engagement of American Muslims, and provide a set of actionable recommendations for advocates to engage this constituency in the 2016 elections.*

**Sikh Coalition**  
\$60,000

*To support Sikh Coalition to train a cohort of community advocates in its fifth Sikh Advocates Academy, and to support the work of the Senior Media & Communications Director to expand and deepen the communications and public engagement work of the Sikh Coalition.*

**South Asian Americans Leading Together**  
\$60,000

*To support South Asian Americans Leading Together's operations, which will include their policy work and leveraging the recently created White House Interagency Hate Crimes Task Force to increase community awareness and documentation of hate violence targeted at MASA communities.*

**Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition**  
\$25,000

*To support Tennessee Immigrant and Refugee Rights Coalition's capacity to support the leadership development, civic engagement and community organizing of Tennessee's diverse and growing MASA population, and to connect these communities and leaders to the broader immigrant rights, racial justice and law enforcement accountability work of their coalition and movement.*

**William J. Brennan Center for Justice**  
\$20,000

*To support the William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice's Liberty and National Security Program to: 1) work with grassroots partners to promote a balanced and informed approach to Countering Violent Extremism, both in policy and in the media; 2) provide critical capacity, expertise and resources to the continuing campaign for NYPD accountability and oversight of Muslim surveillance practices; and 3) conduct research and develop policies in partnership with Muslim, Arab and South Asian (MASA) and other impacted communities regarding NYPD's use of new surveillance and policing technologies.*

## Rapid Response Grants

**MAS Boston**  
\$15,000

*To support MAS Boston Society's work to coordinate community outreach and engagement and conduct communications work around the forthcoming trial of the Boston Marathon bombing suspect. Supporting MAS Boston Society at the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center (ISBCC), the largest Muslim community organization in the region, will ensure proactive and positive media and public engagement while protecting against possible backlash against the local (and national) MASA communities in this critical time frame.*

**ReThink Media**  
\$5,160

*To support ReThink Media's San Bernardino Crisis Response Capacity to provide additional capacity, training, and strategic communications support to CAIR-LA and other leading local organizations in San Bernardino and Los Angeles.*

## Security & Rights Action Fund Grants

**ReThink Media Advocacy**  
\$100,000

*To support ReThink Media Advocacy's provision of a centralized set of tools, resources and services to national security and human rights organizations with the goal of providing communications support to individual and collaborative legislative advocacy efforts.*