

**SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE
2007 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS**

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

AFRICA	\$167,749
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Ecumenical Church Loan Fund (ECLOF) \$50,000
The Ecumenical Church Loan Fund uses SDOP funds to provide affordable credit to economically disenfranchised groups and associations so that they may participate in their own development.

EGYPT
Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) \$50,000
This organization promotes social justice and enhancing the quality of life in impoverished communities with special emphasis placed on women and handicapped persons in the poorest regions of Cairo and rural Egypt. It provides SDOP funds to groups in these poor, oppressed and disadvantaged communities.

GHANA
Life Development Foundation \$2,749
This group of low-income residents in rural Ghana came together to build a public latrine with SDOP funds. The latrine will help to combat the periodic outbreak of cholera and other diseases associated with poor sanitation. The group had initially requested and received \$5,800 from SDOP in 2004 for this toilet project.

KENYA
Mbukima Self Help Group \$15,000
This is a co-operative project to construct 100 individual concrete water tanks to collect rain water from individual roofs and provide clean water for the village families. The group initially requested and was awarded \$30,000 in 2004 for this water project.

LIBERIA/SIERRA LEONE \$50,000
Funds would go towards sustainable community development projects in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Both countries have experienced civil war over two decades and as a result experienced tremendous destruction and trauma. Agricultural Missions Inc. will provide training to local community groups in the areas of sustainable agriculture, micro-credit and micro-enterprise development, financial management and advocacy. This is a joint project with Agricultural Missions, Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People.

ASIA	\$50,000
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INDIA
Development Promotion Group (DPG) \$50,000
The Development Promotion Group in India supports social development activities among women, children and neglected minorities in urban and rural South India. It receives block funding from SDOP to engage in varied community development projects in poor, oppressed and disadvantaged communities.

LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN	\$336,800
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ARGENTINA
Ecumenical Coordination of Service (C.E.S.E) \$50,000
The Ecumenical Coordination of Service is an ecumenical organization working in Brazil. It uses the SDOP funds to provide small grants to poverty groups that present their own projects for funding.

BRAZIL
Regional Ecumenical Center for Consulting and Service (C.R.E.A.S) \$50,000
In partnership with Self-Development of People, this organization adheres to Self-Development criteria and guidelines in allocating resources throughout Argentina.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
Batey Relief Alliance \$6,500
SDOP in partnership with Batey Relief Alliance seeks to improve the living conditions of low-income residents in the Bateys (sugar plantations) by improving access to clean and running water and improved sanitation.

CE-MUJER \$21,000
CE-MUJER will provide technical assistance for many of the women's federation members receiving SDOP funding. This project involves leadership and technical training. Participants will learn accounting, organizational and agronomist skills. The training will be provided by CE-MUJER, an organization that provides leadership and technical training to Women's Federations and Associations throughout the Dominican Republic. The training includes but is not limited to, skills development, animal husbandry and management.

Farmer Women Federation of San Rafael del Yuma (FEMUCABAYU), San Rafael del Yuma **\$19,000**
 Through the use of rotating funds, this project provides credit to members of this women's federation. SDOP funds will be used to purchase cows, pigs and sheep that will be given to the women to raise as a way to provide income for them and their families.

Federation of Community Organizations of Imbert, Luperon and Altamira (FOCILA) **\$18,923**
 This project involves the establishment of 60 small cattle family run businesses. Each family will raise a pregnant animal and later sell its offspring. The project will help diversify these rural women's income and thus help uplift their economic wellbeing as well as that of their families.

Women Association (AMUTEC) **\$46,027**
 This is an association comprised of low-income women working in the non-traditional women's jobs of making crafts and upholstery. They will use the SDOP funds to fix the roof of the building where they sell their furniture and crafts. Funds will also be used to make the building more secure.

Women Development Network **\$65,000**
 This network helps low-income women in Latin America and the Caribbean access resources to better themselves economically. Using SDOP funds, the network will help promote and facilitate the creation of sustainable and profitable joint projects amongst groups of low-income women in Central America.

Women Federation of Guerra, Dominican Republic **\$20,000**
 This project involves enlarging a warehouse to store provisions that are used in the community stores operated by members of the federation. Stores are very small and inventory shelving is next to impossible. The warehouse will allow the inventory to be maintained at proper levels.

Women Federation Marcelina de los Santos **\$15,000**
 This cheese factory was begun by several poor women in a rural, poor community. Project funds will provide increased work space for the factory employees and enable the women to purchase much needed materials and equipment to make the factory more viable.

Women Federation Secundina de los Reyes, Hato Mayor del Rey **\$18,500**
 This project is a revolving line of credit and training program for a women's federation of about 900 women in the rural areas of the Hato Mayor Municipality. The rotating funds are a credit source for women in the federation to start and improve small businesses while the training component will provide leadership skills to the women, empower them to make better decisions in their communities and increase their self esteem.

Young group "Nueva Vision" **\$6,850**
 This project focuses on the educational and technical training of youth to decrease early pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases as well as to prepare them to successfully establish a work place and operate a business. The second phase of the project will be the actual set-up of a work place as well as equipment and material purchase.

DOMESTIC PROJECTS

MIDWEST	\$180,000
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Afrikan Business Entrepreneurship, Dayton, OH **\$20,000**
 Low-income immigrants from Africa organized to form a business cooperative to import authentic products from their countries and sell them locally.

Benefit Rights Advocacy Group Cincinnati, OH **\$20,000**
 This project assists in the empowerment of a group of economically poor people making changes in county and state policies/laws that affect them by enabling them to learn organizing and leadership skills.

Beardstown Immigrant Families United Beardstown, IL **\$20,000**
 These economically poor families came together to have a voice in advocating for their needs primarily to address issues of inequality and discrimination.

Campaign to End the Death Penalty Chicago, IL **\$20,000**

This diverse network of family members and friends of Illinois prisoners organized themselves to speak out against the injustices of the criminal justice system, advocate for their loved ones and promote abolition of the death penalty.

Winning Circle Chicago, IL **\$20,000**
 Several low-income families organized themselves to develop awareness of and to overcome economic injustices through financial literacy and advocacy.

Hope Street Youth Development **\$20,000**

Wichita, KS

This project assists in empowering and self-development of young people from economically challenged communities in the Wichita, KS School District. SDOP funds will be used for leadership development. The leadership skills the students acquire will empower them to contribute positive changes in their schools and give them the experiential foundation they need as adults.

Immigrant Micro-Enterprise Development, Fargo, ND **\$20,000**

A group of economically poor immigrants came together to develop a multi-cultural market to host small businesses. The center will also provide business training.

Low-Income Tenant Union of the Kalamazoo Homeless Action Network Kalamazoo, MI **\$20,000**

The goal of this project is to empower a group of homeless people moving into private apartments to organize against housing discrimination, advocate for fair rental agreements and fight unfair evictions.

White Earth Land Recovery Project Callaway, MN **\$20,000**

Through cooperative efforts, the Anishinnabig Tribe of the White Earth Reservation is growing traditional Native American foods. Health education, greenhouse construction and maintenance and seed preservation are part of the project.

NORTHEAST **\$193,000**

Castle Square Tenants Organization Boston, MA **\$20,000**

Residents of this tenant organization sought to empower themselves by purchasing the property where they live to ensure that it continues to be for low and moderate-income residents.

Ex-prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement Worcester, MA **\$20,000**

These former prisoners are collectively supporting a public safety campaign to reform the laws governing the public use of criminal offender record information.

Developing Hispanics for a better tomorrow, Providence, RI **\$20,000**

Funds for this project will assist a group of immigrants in developing an English as a Second Language program and thus help increase their access to higher-paying employment. Learning English will also help to break down language barriers and improve their interpersonal skills and relationships with people around them. While there are other ESL programs in the area, there are not enough to meet the demand.

Economic Human Rights Campaign at Camden Yards Baltimore, MD **\$20,000**

This human rights group led by low wage workers organized itself with the objective of raising the minimum wage of day laborers and to change the perception that day laborers are lazy, drug addicts, mentally ill or panhandlers.

Friends Helping Friends Rochester, NY **\$20,000**

This project is a cooperative effort of food distribution that will help this community meet their own food needs.

Make the Road by Walking, Brooklyn, NY **\$20,000**

SDOP funds will assist immigrant worker initiated and led efforts at self-organization in the struggle for better working conditions. These low-income migrant workers are organizing to combat workplace abuses citywide. They plan to educate themselves, access legal services and organize for broad base policy change.

The Coalition for Parole Restoration, New York, NY **\$20,000**

This project focuses on giving the proper tools to prisoners to prepare for successful gaining of parole and transition back into their families and communities.

Justicia Para Inmigrantes (Justice for Immigrants) **\$20,000**

North Plainfield, NJ

This organization of immigrants seeks to fight racial profiling by law enforcement, stop violent attacks against the immigrant community especially Hispanics, and provide opportunities for education, mutual support and sharing information.

Teen Direct Action Welfare Group Inc. Charleston, WV **\$18,000**

This is a group of teens organized around making positive changes in their community by educating themselves and other teens on their rights, issues of poverty, bullying and other issues teens face.

Worker Center of Eastern Maine Brewer, ME **\$15,000**

SDOP funds will help to establish and maintain the Worker Center of Eastern Maine, an organization that advocates for low-income unorganized workers.

SOUTH **\$280,310**

Coalition of Immokalee Workers **\$21,200**

Immokalee, FL

Funds for this project will assist a group of farm workers to upgrade a multilingual radio station. The radio station will reach out to new immigrant farm workers in Spanish and Haitian Creole. By providing a voice in the indigenous languages spoken by the farm worker community and addressing issues that impact on this community such as human rights abuses the radio station will function as an education tool. It will also broadcast

important public service announcements.

Delta Self Help **\$20,000**
Elaine, AR

This project is a cooperative effort by a group of Mexican Americans in one of the poorest parts of the Delta to create and operate a thrift store and restaurant.

Eastside Concerned Citizens Inc. (E.C.C.I) **\$20,000**

Savannah, GA

This project supports a youth leadership and development program consisting of about 100 low-income youth. The grant will enable ECCI to develop future youth leaders for the community. The group of young people will also focus on neighborhood beautification and crime reduction; they will encourage other youth to become involved in neighborhood activities rather than crime.

Southern Alternatives Pecan Processing **\$25,000**

Leslie, GA

African-American women in rural Georgia organized themselves to purchase and process pecans and sell them through the mail. The cooperative will sustain them and their families economically.

Nashville Homeless Power Project **\$20,000**

Nashville, TN

This is a project involving a group of homeless and formerly homeless persons striving to eradicate the root causes of poverty and oppression. SDOP funds will assist the group with leadership development, staffing and infrastructure costs.

Sudanese Self-Help Program **\$20,000**
Gallatin, TN

To address their need for healthy and affordable food these Sudanese refugees are developing their own community gardens. The produce will also provide a source of income.

South Carolina Sea Island Small Farmer Cooperative **\$60,450**
Ravenel, SC

Members of this cooperative united in their efforts to improve the economic wellbeing of farmers with limited resources through increased farm production in this drought stricken area.

Young Farmers of the Lowcountry **\$13,700**
St. Helena Island, SC

This group of young farmers will learn how to plant and operate an organic farm. They will use produce sales to reinvest in equipment, seeds and tools.

South Plaquemines Parish United Fisheries Cooperative **\$75,000**

Port Sulphur, LA

After being devastated by hurricane Katrina this multiracial cooperative of shrimpers, crabbers and fishermen came together to rebuild their dock. The project is expected to change the economic status of the community.

San Antonio Time Dollar Community Connections **\$4960**

San Antonio, TX

The project is a tool for community building and system change based on forming networks of support that build on the strengths, talents and skills of its members. Group members pool their resources and thus provide each other the services and resources needed. These include maintaining the community organic garden, and distribution of free food. These additional funds are for technical assistance. The initial SDOP grant of \$20,000 awarded to the group in 2006 enabled it to hire a time dollar member to coordinate the volunteer hours and help defray some of the costs involved.

WEST	\$183,100
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Anti-Hunger Action Committee **\$58,100**
Salt Lake City, Utah

This group of residents without medical insurance are advocating for and educating varied audiences about the plight of residents without medical benefits.

Art Studio of the Mind's Eye **\$30,000**

Portland, OR

Funds for this project have enabled a group of artists who are mentally ill or recovering from mental illness to move to a larger studio where they can paint and display their work.

Women's Information Network **\$30,000**
Cottage Grove, OR

A group of women who have been formerly abused came together to purchase a residence. The residence will enable the women to continue their personal recovery and advocacy work against domestic violence and poverty.

Wolf Creek Teen Center Project **\$15,000**

Wolf Creek, OR

Funds for this project will go towards maintenance and operation of a youth center that is owned and operated by Wolf Creek community youth and their families. The youth center will give the youth an opportunity to focus on positive activities rather than crime.

Mendocino Coast Environmental Center **\$20,000**

Mendocino, CA

These low-income local artisans came together to form a non-profit information center and retail store that provides them with a place to sell their work.

The Day Worker Center of Mountain View **\$30,000**

Mountain View, CA

The project supports a center that provides a safe and secure meeting place for day workers to negotiate wages with employers.

2007 SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY PROJECTS

SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST	\$20,000
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Tierra Nueva Coffee Project	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT	\$44,296
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Low Income Tenant Union	\$10,000
Keep Receipt Program	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$20,000</u>

Eastminster Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$700
Immigrant Rights Organizing Project	<u>\$8,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$9,200</u>

Miami Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	<u>\$224</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$224</u>

Muskingum Valley Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$720
The L.I.F.E. Project	<u>\$6,482</u>

TOTAL \$7,202

Western Reserve Presbytery

Council Gardens Community Garden \$2,000
PITCH (People in Transition Conquering Homelessness) \$2,000
Web TV to Expand Outreach \$3,670
TOTAL \$7,670

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES \$73,330

Administrative Expenses \$1,330
Immigrant Development Center \$25,000
White Earth Farm to School Project \$25,000
TOTAL \$51,330

Central Nebraska, Homestead and Missouri River Valley Presbytery

Community Food Program \$10,000
The Daisy: Employment Training for Homeless Women \$8,000
TOTAL \$18,000

Northern Plains Presbytery

Immigrant Micro-enterprise Development \$2,000
White Earth Land Recovery \$2,000
TOTAL \$4,000

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS \$26,685

Chicago Presbytery

Administration Expenses \$2,685
Campaign to End the Death Penalty \$2,000
Diabetes Resource Group \$4,000
Dime Child WDCR \$3,000
Lights of the Round Table \$3,000
Peoples Development Group \$3,000

Prison Reform, Inc. \$2,000
SITY (Stop Ignoring the Youth Movement) \$2,000
Spread Parents with Disabled Children \$3,000
The Winning Circle \$2,000
TOTAL \$26,685

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS \$15,507

Mississippi Presbytery

Administrative Expenses \$245
TOTAL \$245

Sheppards & Lapsley Presbytery

Daddy's Little Girls \$5,500
Youth on the Move \$3,782
TOTAL \$9,282

Transylvania Presbytery

Seekers of Self-Development \$5,980
TOTAL \$5,980

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC \$46,138

Charlotte Presbytery

LIFE: Self-Empowerment Center Latino \$4,500
NOVICI Group \$7,516
TOTAL \$12,016

The James Presbytery

Divas with Promise \$11,437
TOTAL \$11,437

New Hope Presbytery

Dunbar Community Center \$10,785
TOTAL \$10,785

Western North Carolina Presbytery

Avery Amigos Women's Support Group	\$5,794
Service Center for Latinos Woman's Group	<u>\$6,106</u>
TOTAL	\$11,900

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST	\$88,477
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Albany Presbytery

State Street English as a Second Language	\$5,767
Weed and Seed Youth Leadership Development	<u>\$2,275</u>
TOTAL	\$8,042

Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery

Building Engineers and Scientist for Tomorrow	<u>\$2,500</u>
TOTAL	\$2,500

Elizabeth Presbytery

Community in Action for Life Skills	\$2,794
Roselle Family Success Center	<u>\$9,000</u>
TOTAL	\$11,794

Genesee Valley Presbytery

Consumer Network Association	\$5,533
Self-Advocates Team Together	<u>\$5,714</u>
TOTAL	\$11,247

Hudson River Presbytery

Youth Arts Group Mentorship Project	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$10,000

Long Island Presbytery

Long Island Barber Institute	<u>\$10,194</u>
TOTAL	\$10,194

New Brunswick Presbytery

New Directions	\$3,500
Urban Dance Project	<u>\$5,730</u>
TOTAL	\$9,230

New York City Presbytery

142 nd Street Block Association	\$3,700
Biko Arts Collective	\$3,000
Mirabel Sisters Cultural and Community Center	\$5,000
La Union de la Comunidad Latina	<u>\$4,990</u>
TOTAL	\$16,690

Northern New York Presbytery

DePeyster Food Group	\$2,050
Organic Farming Library	<u>\$1,730</u>
TOTAL	\$3,780

Palisades Presbytery

Time to Care	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC	\$34,907
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Cascades Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$1,907
Café de la Soul	\$14,000
Transformation House	<u>\$14,000</u>
TOTAL	\$29,907

Presbytery of San Francisco, Redwoods & San Jose

9 to 5 Bay Area Working Women	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000

SYNOD OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS	\$29,995
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Administrative Expenses	\$4,995
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Parents of Wee Care	\$15,000
Save Our Section 8 Colorado	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$29,995

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC	\$39,182
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Central Florida Presbytery

Legal Assistance for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	<u>\$12,787</u>
TOTAL	\$12,787

Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$485
Metanoia Youth Entrepreneurship Incubator	<u>\$4,200</u>
TOTAL	\$4,685

Greater Atlanta Presbytery

GACT-Tummy & Soul Cooperative Catering	<u>\$13,749</u>
TOTAL	\$13,749

Tropical Florida Presbytery

Moving Forward	<u>\$7,961</u>
TOTAL	\$7,961

SYNOD OF SO. CALIFORNIA & HAWAII	\$21,821
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Pacific Presbytery

Empowerment Services	\$5,788
Support for Harbor Area Women	<u>\$9,000</u>
TOTAL	\$14,788

San Gabriel Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$703
Hombres Unidos	<u>\$6,330</u>
TOTAL	\$7,033

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY	\$144,298
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Administrative Expenses	\$6,791
ANGEL Treats – Youth Entrepreneurial Endeavor	\$30,000
Stargazers	<u>\$30,700</u>
TOTAL	\$67,491

Donegal Presbytery

Club Constructores	\$10,000
“HCCC” Home, Car, Care, Carpet	\$10,595
Manos a La Obra	<u>\$9,000</u>
TOTAL	\$29,595

Huntingdon Presbytery

J House Sound System	\$1,419
Life Skills Training Using Computers	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$6,419

Lake Erie Presbytery

Tailoring & Craft Artworks	<u>\$6,493</u>
TOTAL	\$6,493

Philadelphia Presbytery

ACPPA Artist Cooperative	\$13,300
Haddington Residents Association	<u>\$15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$28,300

West Virginia Presbytery

Direct Action Welfare	<u>\$6,000</u>
TOTAL	\$6,000