

SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE 2005 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

AFRICA	\$325,255
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CAMEROON

Messi Women Farming Group, Ndop Central **\$9,445**

Poor, rural women have created this farming group and planned this project in order to address low economic opportunities in their village. The project entails constructing a processing mill for the transformation of grains into flour. The flour will then be sold in markets and used to enhance nutrition in the homes of the 15 members of the group.

Lower Bessi Women Farming Group, Batibo North West Province **\$7,600**

Members of this group produced palm oil with the feet. The oil is used for cooking and production of *savon* and *omo*. They decided to purchase processing mills for easier transformation of the oil and kernels, and to promote intensive organic agricultural activities that will lead to greater self-reliance and improve the members standard of living.

GHANA

“Help” Adze-Kofe Community, Krobo Tornu **\$15,000**

This project involves fish catching, processing and marketing. It also includes construction of cold storage rooms and fishing equipment. The group hopes the income from this project will help meet their basic needs.

KENYA

Migori Community Based Orphans, HIV/AIDS Center **\$17,000**

A group of 63 people, suffering discrimination while living with AIDS, organized themselves to better market horticultural produce, carpentry, tailoring, and handiwork. The project will provide needed income and offer members’ confidence they don’t have. Further, the project will train members in operating a business and will provide an opportunity to be trainers themselves.

Production of SoapStone Mwito Self Help Group, Kisii **\$15,000**

Costs to transport soapstone made by the Mwito Self Help Group is expensive. By purchasing a truck to transport soapstone products themselves to Mombasa Market, the group will reduce high costs by hiring outside commercial trucking companies and also reduce associated risks. Also, constructing a warehouse facility to accommodate a product storage area, exhibition center, meeting hall and office place will improve their productivity, enable them to overcome poverty and help improve their quality of life.

Nyandito Women in Development Group, Rongo **\$12,526**

This is a group of widowed and single mothers; AIDS affects 70% of them by the loss of a husband or parent. They must now begin life without the support of people they depended upon. The group came together to start and manage their own business. The purchase of milk coolers helps to preserve milk storage.

Tumaini Self-help Group, Kalong, Nana **\$12,000**

This project involves the purchase of motorbikes. The motorbikes will replace bicycles that are used in this hilly area of Kadongo to transport heavy loads of people and goods to far off destinations.

Laof Investments, Nairobi **\$25,000**

This mobile food vending enterprise will offer low cost food to manual laborers in the industrial regions of Nairobi. The project will entail purchasing equipment necessary to prepare, store, and transport the food. Since industrial (mainly construction) work is not concentrated in one area, it is necessary for the vendors to be mobile.

Kibera Youth IT Initiative, Nairobi **\$10,000**

This project involves providing low cost affordable computer training and Internet browsing for Kibera slum dwelling youth. The project is attempting to provide an opportunity to these youth to become computer literate so they can compete for jobs and obtain higher education.

SIERRA LEONE

**Boma Rural Youths Development Association
(Agricultural & Fishing Project) Boma Village** **\$8,975**

Burdened by illiteracy, inadequate food supply, years of disruptive civil war, and poverty the young adults of Boma seek to become self-sufficient in a new period of peace. They formed an agricultural and fishing program for income generation for ex-combatants in the civil war and returning youth of Boma.

**PADOWY Poverty Alleviation and Development
Opportunity for Women and Youths** **\$11,100**

Many people emerged from the 10 year old conflict in Sierra Leone without proper supplies needed to farm, and were thus living in poverty. This agricultural extension project includes training of women and youth in agricultural production and supporting the beneficiaries with seed inputs that they will use for food production and income generation to address urgent family needs within the area (i.e. education, food, clothing).

**Taima-Buya Romende Farmers Development
Association, Freetown** **\$15,520**

The goal of this project is to rebuild the war-affected lives of the community through restocking of farm equipment, seeds and livestock, micro-credit and adult literacy, and to enable people to buy seeds without the exorbitantly high rate of interest previously charged. A self-help spirit is encouraged. The members of the association are having to exercise forgiveness, tolerance and reconciliation over the war.

Organization for Peace, Reconciliation and Development **\$10,830**

Following the rebel war, members of this group faced deplorable economic and social conditions. The destabilized economy forced many group members to participate in humiliating, dangerous or risky activities such as begging, domestic work and commercial prostitution. OPARD-SL was organized by a group of ex-combatants and war-affected civilians wishing to promote, consolidate and sustain peace and development. This micro-credit project will provide group members funds to secure seed capital to start small-scale businesses.

**Rural Christian Aid for the Poor
Gaindema Section, Mile 91, Freetown** **\$17,320**

During the rebel war in Sierra Leone women suffered severely. Many were abducted, suffered sexual abuse, torture, and forced marriage. After the war ended these women found it difficult to marry because of social stigma, trauma, and deplorable living conditions. Scarcity of firewood, trees for construction, and impoverished soil severely limits income from agriculture. Agro-forestation through cultivation of trees for crops (such as palm oil and firewood) and for house construction is a viable means of generating income.

Baypina Women's Development Association (BWDA) \$12,460
This project seeks to promote the socio-economic autonomy of women that have suffered the ravages of war: killing of breadwinners, abduction of children, and sex slavery through self-development projects in agriculture and health education. BWDA is organizing these women at the community level into small groups to undertake projects by putting their resources together for mechanical rice cultivation, vegetable production, and raising goats.

SUDAN

Young Orphans Group, Khartoum \$3,750
A group of 13 Sudanese youth who lost their parents during the ongoing civil war in Southern Sudan came together to form a sewing cooperative. They will purchase sewing machines and materials and produce garments to sell to help pay for their education and provide a means of income.

UGANDA

Kagoma Youth Against HIV/AIDS Association, Kagoma \$10,000
A group of mostly youth whose families are afflicted with HIV/AIDS came together to start a poultry-farming project. The project seeks to purchase chicks, feed, and veterinarian supplies. The project will provide needed income, offer members the opportunity to live with respect and dignity, and train members in operating a business.

Association of Integrated Rural Development, Kasese \$17,100
This project involves planting and growing Moringa Oleifera trees as a high value crop. The planting and growing of these trees is a sustainable agricultural project and an income-generating project. Members of the community will sell the pods, seeds, and roots that are used to manufacture soap, cooking oil, cosmetics, drugs, and pesticides. The leaves are used as a source of food and the powder can be used to purify water.

Kasekulo Community Fishing Project, Kasekulo \$4,000
The fishing project will enable the members of the Kasekulo Community to move from primitive and illegal methods of fishing to modern methods.

Buyoba-Buteza Community Development Association Bulambuli \$19,000
Funds for this project will purchase a three-phase electricity transformer, which will allow for electricity in the Buyobo-Buteza community.

Adukait Grain Milling Project, Adukait \$10,000
Adukait is an impoverished area torn by war in recent years. Lack of a milling facility has resulted in hunger and lack of opportunity in an area recovering from the ravages of war. This community-based project entails construction of a grain mill that will provide grain-milling services to the entire community.

Rongo Mothers Association \$3,000
A group of 32 widows and divorced women of a suburb of Kasese town came together to learn tailoring skills so that they can produce modern clothing. This will generate income to provide an economically appropriate livelihood

Nalyani Development Association, Jinja \$3,000
A group of youth formed an Association that will purchase and operate a grinding mill to process millet and maize into flour that will be sold. Since the community is economically depressed the project will seek to uplift impoverished families.

Tukole Woman's Dairy Cattle Project, Jinja \$10,000
A group of 45 women have come together to buy calf-heifers to create employment to address problems such as poverty and nutrition for their household. The women will utilize the calf-heifers to improve income, empower their households and gain self-reliance.

Rwano Tweyimukye Group, Fort Portal **\$13,500**

This group seeks to improve its agricultural farming methods with modern technologies. There is a need to fight poverty and stamp out hunger. The project involves community empowerment through educating and training its members.

Kawuku Women's Group **\$7,000**

The average family income in this area is about \$30 US dollars per month. The women want to help supplement their family income by growing and selling mushrooms.

Karago-Kihondo Banana Growing and Horticulture **\$9,229**

In an effort to raise the standard of living and reduce poverty problems, members of this group came together to work on a banana-growing project. It also enhances food security and is a sustainable source of income for members.

ZIMBABWE

Simchembo Community Self-Development Project

Kwekwe **\$15,900**

This group wanted to see their community developed and transformed from poverty to prosperity. Many of their people are illiterate and this contributes to poverty. The group will address these conditions by training group members with skills to oversee the project, promote income-generating projects and fight against illiteracy by promoting a better standard of education.

ASIA **\$91,575**

INDIA

Women's Action Team, Neyyardam **\$3,500**

This group joined together to fight for equal rights and eradicate unemployment and poverty. Since bananas are in abundance in this area the group decided to make banana chips. The women will make and market this product.

Swathika Fishworker's Group, Ongole **\$15,000**

This group came together to replace its boats and fishing gear lost during the December 2005 Tsunami. As the group's only livelihood is fishing, they do not own land from which to get loans from the banks. Borrowing from middlemen involves high rates of interest and selling their fish to these middlemen at a lower price. The fishing gear will allow them to sell directly to anyone.

Depressed Women's Leprosy Group **\$10,000**

A group of women with leprosy decided to get together to rear white pork. The group hopes sales from the pork will assist them in becoming economically independent.

Foundation of Rural Development **\$15,975**

This group of villagers seeks to renovate old wells and ponds that serve as supplementary water resources during the dry season and to equip them with a pump set. Farming is dependent on wetland crops, since forest animals destroyed the dry land farming; therefore it is essential to overcome water shortages when the rainfall is erratic in order to have good crops.

NEPAL

Women Association for Development Effort (WADE) **\$13,600**
Dhankuta Koshi

The Magar, one of the poorest castes in Nepal has little economic, social or political power within their community. Most caste members lack access to healthcare, education, and a source of water. The women face discrimination from men within their own community and from members of higher castes. WADE, a cooperative of 50 Magar women farmers organized to build a community center. The women want to learn carpentry skills so they can build the center themselves. The center will provide a location for members to receive training and sell their products.

PHILIPPINES

Christian Fellowship Center Association (CFCA) \$10,000

Del Monte, Talacogon, Agusan del Sur

CFCA is a group of peasant and poor farmers that have come together to establish common efforts to enhance and upgrade their low economic condition. This project is a diversified Agro-Forestry Project that involves planting soft-wood tree species such as Falcata trees intercropped with table bananas and cash crops such as ginger.

Christian Furniture Project \$9,500

The project involves starting a furniture making business to improve the lives of the members. Income is needed to improve housing, provide electricity, healthy food, children's education, and medical care.

Bepad Transport Association, Carmen, Agusan del Norte \$14,000

Poor and rural people have decided to form a group to address their low economic opportunities. They plan to purchase vehicles that can accommodate 20 people and their cargo for the transportation of goods and farm products between farm sites and the marketplaces. In between harvest season, the vehicles will transport workers and passengers from their communities to work sites.

CENTRAL AMERICA	\$168,743
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CHILE

Arca del Pacto Home Committee, Tenuco, Cautin \$26,000

Several families formed the Arca del Pacto Home Committee to find and purchase land to construct homes for themselves to live in. The families could not afford to purchase land individually but by joining together to purchase the land, the Chilean State government will build the homes with no annual payment for 20 years.

Indigenous Community "Maria Yaupe, Paicavi Chico, Arauco \$9,455

This project involved construction of greenhouses to produce vegetables in order to provide income for several families. The project will also help improve the diet of children and the elderly and train members of the community in income producing vegetable production.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Producer & Farmers Federation of Azua \$17,633

A group of farmers plan to construct silos to store food such as corn, rice and other grains. By each farmer having their own silo they can improve their life and also avoid selling their products to intermediaries at unfair prices.

ECUADOR

Association of Social Participation Los Purahaes \$20,000

Many indigenous poor from the agricultural communities of the Riobamba area have moved to larger cities for economic reasons. Construction of a building for association members will provide educational and cultural services to the community. Indigenous craft sales to tourists will support the Center and provide income for the members. After completion of the building the group plans to install weaving machines, provide veterinarian services, training in community development and opportunity recovery of ancestral Purahaes culture for youth.

GUATEMALA

Indigenous Association of Integral Development \$20,000

Low-income people came together to fight poverty conditions in order to generate income for their families by raising and selling chickens. They will also learn how to administer the poultry farm. SDOP funds will enable them to purchase needed materials for the poultry farms.

HONDURAS

**Producers of Cream and Cheese San Isidro,
Descremedora San Isidro Trujillo, Colon \$19,800**

Co-Op members of this group deliver cream and cheese by bicycle. Unfortunately, they are limited to the area they serve by this means of transportation. The group decided to purchase a truck to increase their deliveries and sell more products, and a freezer to store excess product.

**EBENEZER Women Micro-Company
Francisco-Morazan \$17,600**

The group organized to create a company to make sewing products, which will drastically change their life conditions and improve their economic viability.

NICARAGUA

**Roofs for Housing, San Buena Ventura
Development Committee \$18,255**

This project entails providing roofs for 125 families. Previously, 90% of houses had plastic roofs in this community. The project is needed because of the poor living conditions of these families.

PERU

Quintay Peasant Community \$20,000

This project involves the construction of a micro hydro power plant for a region with 1,080 people. They need the electricity to develop their peasant community, develop new jobs, improve their children's education, and for use in their houses and work places.

EUROPE	\$28,000
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HUNGARY

Domokos Marton Kert Roma Community, Debrecen \$20,000

Roma families were being evicted from substandard housing where they had been squatting for 15 years. The families decided to build their own housing as a solution to deplorable housing. This project will provide a safe living space.

UKRAINE

Gypsy Community in Rusky Komorovci \$8,000

Gypsies living in this region are discriminated against and have difficulty finding and maintaining jobs. Some Gypsy families came together to buy a plot of land and farming equipment to grow vegetables. They also decided to make two wells for the village so everyone could have access to water for their needs. Thus, having a plot of land to grow vegetables will be very helpful in meeting their families' needs.

DOMESTIC PROJECTS

MIDWEST

\$107,900

Latinos en Action de CCI, Marshalltown, IA \$20,000

A local group of Hispanic immigrants were having difficulties with the language, culture, and understanding the legal system in protecting their rights. They formed a self-help group in the community for development and economic sustainability as well as for personal and group empowerment for their community. Through SDOP funding, they are working to share resources, generate ideas and solve problems.

Improving Quality of Life for Seniors, Carmel, IN \$18,000

This project involves a group of 45 Korean born senior citizens that formed an association. The group meets twice weekly at a senior center that provides classes in English as a Second Language, preparation for American citizenship, community resources, health and wellness. They also learn how to prepare nutritious Korean food and socializing skills.

Abandoned Buildings/Saving Homes in 46201

Organization for a New Eastside (ONE), Indianapolis, IN \$15,000

Homeowners living in the 46201 zip code area want to become better informed/educated about mortgage loan programs and equipped with options to avoid foreclosure due to disrepair of their homes and environment.

Latino Union of Chicago, Chicago, IL \$20,000

This group of low income, immigrant day laborers gathered on street corners to look for day work. They decided to organize themselves and form a union that would advocate for their rights and fair employment. They have built relationships with public officials, residents, organizations, and contractors while establishing a Workers Center in Albany Park.

Winds of Change, Chicago, IL \$19,900

These Native American artists decided to enhance their marketability by creating an artist registry and promoting sales of art and performances to promote their indigenous culture and maintain a sustainable livelihood. The project came about as a result of the group's desire to improve their skills in art and to increase their financial income.

Appalachian People's Action Coalition (APAC) Plains, OH \$15,000

Appalachian People's Action Coalition represents low-income and poverty residents in the Athens County community. This project was created primarily to build a bigger community wood working shop – thus providing training, education and funds needed to supplement this community's poor economic situation. The need for this project presents an opportunity for the community to become self-sufficient by manufacturing items made out of wood that they can sell as well as learning skills to make their own repairs.

NORTHEAST

\$230,000

The 16th and Monroe Street Tenant Association Washington, DC \$20,000

This twelve-member tenant association is working to secure its building that has been the target of profit developers. Two of the members have lived in their apartments for more than 25 years. Association members decided to embark on this project because of the unprecedented attempt by market developers to aggressively displace long time residents of the community in favor of a more affluent population.

Spirit of the Law Legal Clinic, Hudson, NJ \$5,000

This project has allowed women and their families who are survivors of domestic violence to develop themselves while also locating a range of services to help them gain independence from abusive relationships. The group sought funding in its efforts to expand its network of governmental, faith-based and community-based organizations willing to support survivors of domestic violence

**Farmworker Human Rights Organizing Project
Glassboro, NJ \$20,000**

This group sought funding to educate its members about their internationally recognized rights as immigrant workers; to organize their colleagues; and to structure goals and objectives in direct negotiations with employers to tackle issues such as low wages, inadequate housing, limited access to health care and education, and safety issues. They hope their advocacy work will influence policy decisions made at all levels.

**University West Burnside Neighborhood Association
Bronx, NY \$20,000**

An association of 175 tenants organized to advocate together in maintaining affordable, safe and quality housing conditions. In order to force landlords to act, the tenants maintained records or violations, documented abuses, attended public meetings and protested landlords at their private homes.

**NMASS Lower East Side Workers Center
New York City \$20,000**

This project is a community-based worker's organization with a diverse membership. Their group came together as a result of being hurt by the toxic air and economic fall out of the September 11 tragedy.

Eastern Service Workers Association, Rochester, NY \$20,000

The Eastern Service Workers Association was formed in 1976 by low-income working families to address poverty issues. The association applied for SDOP funding to assist with expanding its current services and develop new services. Low-income persons that are traditionally excluded from leadership roles will have enhanced opportunities to learn and apply skills with authority as well as responsibility.

The 142nd Street Block Association, New York City, NY \$25,000

Residents of the 142nd Street Block Association are besieged by inferior education; health-care and housing. SDOP funding has enabled the block association to formalize its structure to uplift the community by promoting a community spirit, and has connected residents with services that will improve their quality of life.

**Wind of the Spirit Immigrant Resource Center
Morristown, NJ \$20,000**

This project is a faith-based immigrant resource center comprised of both undocumented and legal immigrants. They have organized themselves around immigrant needs by providing English as a Second Language classes, education, advocacy and intervention. They build bridges to the non-immigrant community through a program called Amigos en Cristo.

Senior Advocacy Team, Philadelphia, PA \$20,000

This project is a public outreach campaign in Philadelphia to promote community integration of older adult consumers (older adults with mental illness) and also to disseminate anti-stigma messages. The project is needed because mental illness and aging are emerging as a major public health crisis. The Senior Advocacy Team works to support and empower themselves and other older adults with mental illness.

**Every Mother is a Working Mother Network
Philadelphia, PA \$20,000**

This project is organized to oppose punitive welfare reform, to campaign for “caring work” to be recognized as work, and for the value of this work to be reflected in right to welfare and other resources.

South Asian Support Center, Philadelphia, PA \$20,000

This project involves providing a forum for immigrants from India, Bangladesh and Pakistan to better themselves and their families through English language programs, translation services for driver’s licenses, apartment leases and other paperwork, as well as job training programs.

Direct Action Welfare Group, Inc., Charleston, WV \$20,000

The Direct Action Welfare Group (DAWG) is comprised of persons living in poverty striving to become leaders in their communities and working to build an organization that will provide a unified voice to effect change in West Virginia. The primary goal of DAWG is to move people off public assistance. Of the seven initial DAWG organizers, four have graduated from college.

SOUTH	\$206,245
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Cahaba Consumer Affairs, Inc., Selma, AL \$20,000

This project aims to teach mentally disabled members basic computer skills, adult education (reading, math, etc.), and arts and crafts. SDOP funds will be used to purchase computers and pay instructors to teach the skills. The Center also provides fellowship, personal support, and a network of resources.

Farm Worker Community Organizing, Fellsmere, FL \$20,000

This is a farm worker community organizing project. The workers are organizing to collect information about connecting with services in the community such as healthcare and improved educational opportunities for themselves and their children.

Smithville Neighborhood Freedom Center, Smithville, GA \$20,000

The Freedom Center was organized as a response to police abuse and harassment in a small town of rural Georgia. The Center monitors the courts and city government to ensure fair treatment of defendants and to maintain a voice from the African-American community.

2nd Chance, Lexington, MS \$20,000

This project provides information to bring about change in education through researching how other school systems are successful. Because Holmes County, MS is the fourth poorest county in the nation, there is a mind set, “what you have now is good enough”. 2nd Chance believe they can do better. They want to change the face of education. This research will enable students, parents, school officials and county administrators to rethink education.

Blue Springs-Hoke County Community Development Corporation, Raeford, NC \$15,000

This project has helped to prepare this rural community construct a 20-unit subdivision of affordable homes for low income to moderate-income families that work on hog, chicken, turkey, and tobacco farms, and initiate collaboration with six faith-based entities to provide home-grown jobs.

Enterprise First, Helena, AR \$17,245

This group of African Americans came together to establish a much needed transportation business. Helena is in the poorest area in Arkansas and one of the most impoverished areas in the U.S. People need transportation to travel to and from work but the city provides none. Over 67% of the population is African Americans. The project would benefit the group, their families, and their community.

**Dismantling Classism Project/ Women in Transition
Louisville, KY \$20,000**

This project is about seeking economic justice for welfare women in Louisville, KY. The group is seeking economic justice for the women by changing the social view towards welfare recipients. With the changed view both inward and outward, the women can build their individual and collective power to develop the critical skills needed to convert their human capital into capital wealth.

**Agricultural Cooperative Winston County Self-Help
Association, Louisville, MS \$24,000**

This group joined together to create an agricultural cooperative focused on increasing family income through increases in the profitability of their calf/cow operations. They have acquired cattle and need equipment to assist them with improving the feed production capabilities of each of their operations. They formed the cooperative to lessen the cost of operations and find ways to buy equipment for joint use by members of the cooperative.

Young Women's Fellowship, New Orleans, LA \$30,000

This project aims to break the cycle of poverty by teaching young Christian women how to improve their sewing skills, learn business practices to open/operate a consignment store for their hand-made products, and to invest their profits to help pay for their college education. The group members ages 14 to 22 are second to fifth generation African Americans living in poverty stricken single parent households. They do not want to repeat this cycle and want to be role models/support network for those generations coming after them.

**Generations Family Reunions & Event Planners
Moss Point, MS \$20,000**

This is an income generating project that involves planning and setting up of all aspects of family reunions, special events, conferences, workshops and seminars. The group is composed of members that receive government assistance or work in low paying jobs.

WEST	\$162,000
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**A Moveable Feast Catering/ Recovered Alcoholic Women
Long Beach, CA \$20,000**

This project is a self-help program that helps recovering alcoholics (women) learn skills necessary for employment. Most alcoholic women who come off the streets have not developed skills to compete in the working world. The disease of alcoholism is known to overwhelm those addicted thus curtailing activities that lead to gainful employment. Recovering alcoholics need a safe place to learn and execute their new acquired skill, this restaurant and catering business provides that space.

**Snake River Basin Business Association, Fort Hall Reservation,
Pocatello, ID \$18,256**

This project involves a group of small business owners and tribal members forming an association to support one another and other tribal members who might go into business on the reservation. A quote from the proposal –“...the project is needed in order to develop the structure of the business association so current members can be empowered to strengthen their small business or micro-enterprise with culturally appropriate entrepreneurial services, business training or credit lending, which is lacking in our area.”

Hoopa Native Service Crew, Hoopa, CA \$20,000

This group came together and purchased a van to increase their ability to assist those responding to forest fires. The Service Crew does not actually fight fires; they serve as support for fire fighters by setting up camps and distributing equipment and food to those on the fire line. The reservation has close to 70% unemployment, working on the service crew provides employment during the fire season and assists crewmembers to make ends meet during winter months. For many of them, the fire season provides a significant part of their yearly income.

Da' hui Man' gu Coop Community Land Trust Mapleton Los Angeles, CA \$20,000

This group of low- income families have organized to confront the issue of housing including fighting against eviction and gentrification. Big corporations are gentrifying the neighborhood and evicting families. The families are seeking to acquire collective and affordable housing. The group also intends to educate, organize and mobilize the community to promote autonomy, self-determination and the control of their own resources.

The Mercado Project, Blackfoot, ID \$18,744

A “Mercado” is a Latino based marketplace. This project involved a group that organized itself to develop a “mercado”. Before developing the marketplace though, the group equipped itself with tools that would enable it to become an active participant in the local economy and government by acquiring the knowledge and leadership to be active participants in the business economy. Many of them previously did not understand business and leadership principles. They also lacked trust in members of the lending institutions because they had experienced predatory lending practices.

Disabled Rights Action Committee, Salt Lake City, UT \$20,000

This project consists of a group of disabled people working toward community access and decent basic health care for themselves and others who have disabilities and who are low-income. Two terms that describe DRAC are “action” and “advocacy.” Group members constantly struggle with the reality that people with disabilities are viewed as minorities in our society and are often without voice, ignored and disrespected in areas of basic human rights and health care.

Chaparral Family Development Center, Chaparral, NM \$15,000

The project is comprised of fourteen low-income immigrant Hispanic women that sought funds to equip a commercial kitchen. (HUD funds are being used to build the center). The women hope to create jobs for themselves by beginning a catering business. They planned to cater private and public functions and to also provide meals for the childcare center. Chapparal is located about thirty miles north of El Paso and employment is next to nil.

Pueblo of Jemez Women's Society, Jemez Pueblo, NM \$10,000

In spite of the progress of the reservation leaders in bringing in healthcare, state of the art media, community centers and other services, the people of Pueblo Jemez continue to struggle with poverty. Thus it has not been possible to complete their traditional building where they perform certain functions annually. This project enables them to complete the building.

Para Los Ninos de Highline, Burien, WA \$20,000

This group consists of Latino parents who have organized themselves into a Latino Parents Support Network to become advocates for their children's education. The Highline School District has experienced 100% growth of Latino families in the last five years but the school district has done very little to facilitate the education of the Latino students. The Latino parents want to become better educated and informed in order to create change in the public education system.

2005 SYNOD AND PRESBYTERY PROJECTS

SYNOD OF ALASKA-NORTHWEST	\$10,500
Administrative Expenses	\$3,000
Haida Heritage Foundation	<u>\$7,500</u>
TOTAL	\$10,500

SYNOD OF THE COVENANT	\$45,903
Cincinnati Presbytery	
Administrative Expenses	<u>\$1,085</u>
TOTAL	\$1,085

Lake Michigan Presbytery	
Toni's Praise Place	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$10,000

Miami Presbytery	
Administrative Expenses	\$90
Milagro de Mujer (Miracle of Women)	\$5,000
Sol Azteca Mexican Folkloric Dance Group	<u>\$4,100</u>
TOTAL	\$9,190

Muskingum Valley Presbytery	
A.U.T.O. (Association for Urban Training)	<u>\$3,985</u>
TOTAL	\$3,985

Scioto Valley Presbytery	
Lord Our Righteousness Prison Ministry	<u>\$14,407</u>
TOTAL	\$14,407

Western Reserve Presbytery	
Administrative Expenses	\$518
North Community Construction Coop	\$2,000
Xsperiment	<u>\$4,718</u>
TOTAL	\$7,236

SYNOD OF LAKES AND PRAIRIES	\$73,087
Administrative Expenses	\$1,224
Lydia Project	30,000
Pioneer Fellowship Group	<u>\$20,000</u>
TOTAL	\$51,224

Northern Plains Presbytery	
Administrative Expense	<u>\$491</u>
TOTAL	\$491

South Dakota Presbytery	
Sudanese Community Childcare	<u>\$8,372</u>
TOTAL	\$8,372

Twin Cities Area Presbytery	
Residents Action Committee of Rivertown Commons	\$3,000
The X Committee	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$13,000

SYNOD OF LINCOLN TRAILS	\$28,250
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Chicago Presbytery	
Administrative Expenses	\$2,825
Alpha Omega Christian School	\$3,142
Association of African Migrants Assistance in Chicago	\$2,143
Enough is Enough Campaign	\$3,142
Kyros Theater/Kyros Music/Rhema Magazine	\$3,142
Metropolitan Area Group for Igniting Civilization, Inc	\$2,143
New Venture Co-Operative	\$1,643
Shut-up Prison Ministry	\$3,142
Jovenes en Accion	\$3,142
Women Standing in the Gap, NFP	\$2,143
Woodland Townhouse Cooperative	<u>\$1,643</u>
TOTAL	\$28,250

SYNOD OF LIVING WATERS	\$5,000
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Eastern Tennessee Presbytery	
Empowerment Through Self-Esteem, Inc.	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000

SYNOD OF MID-AMERICA	\$14,201
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Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery	
Water Removal	<u>\$7,500</u>
TOTAL	\$7,500

Southern Kansas Presbytery	
Administrative Expenses	\$671
Aztecas Athletic & Youth Club	\$3,015
Find-oneself, Lead, Initiate, Train, Excel	<u>\$3,015</u>
TOTAL	\$6,701

SYNOD OF THE MID-ATLANTIC	\$84,917
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Charlotte Presbytery	
MAP – More Advocate Power	\$6,160
Nevins Career Center	<u>\$8,000</u>
TOTAL	\$14,160

James Presbytery	
ISKCO Landscaping	\$5,000
The Yard Lady & Co	<u>\$4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$9,000

National Capital Presbytery	
Bates Street Townhomes Cooperative, Inc.	\$18,480
Crestwood Cooperative Association, Inc.	\$19,250
Kara House Cooperative	<u>\$7,678</u>
TOTAL	\$45,408

New Hope Presbytery	
Dunbar Community Development Club	<u>\$13,349</u>
TOTAL	\$13,349

Western North Carolina Presbytery	
Pigeon Community Development Center	<u>\$3,000</u>
TOTAL	\$3,000

SYNOD OF THE NORTHEAST	\$72,414
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Albany Presbytery	
Character and Academic Resources for Academic Success	\$4,625
Parent Survival Training	<u>\$4,100</u>
TOTAL	\$8,725

Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery

Death Road Presentation	\$2,635
Lineage Marketing Advertising Agency	\$2,500
Refrigerator Door Club	<u>\$410</u>
TOTAL	\$5,545

Elizabeth Presbytery

Community in Action for Life Skills	\$5,000
Justicia Para Immigrants	\$5,000
Roselle Collaborative for Youth & Families	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$15,000

Genesee Valley Presbytery

Human Rights Project House	\$9,161
The Mind Body and Soul Project	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$14,161

Geneva Presbytery

Independently Disabled Association	<u>\$4,125</u>
TOTAL	\$4,125

Long Island Presbytery

Bridgehampton Child Care and Recreation Center	\$4,000
Concern for Independent Living	\$1,500
Freeport Community Worklink Center	<u>\$4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$9,500

New Brunswick Presbytery

Family Enrichment Ministry	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000

New York City Presbytery

Masjid Adlin and Childcare Center	\$5,000
Thai Outreach, Thai Community Church of New York	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$10,000

Northern New York Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	<u>\$358</u>
TOTAL	\$358

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC**\$27,231****San Francisco Presbytery**

Mendocino Coast Environmental Center	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$10,000

Sierra Mission Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$2,231
Community Garden Project	<u>\$15,000</u>
TOTAL	\$17,231

SYNOD OF SOUTH ATLANTIC**\$18,472****Central Florida Presbytery**

Foundation for Life	\$6,100
Let Us Nurture Each Other With Love	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$11,100

Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery

Charleston Area Community Dev. Corp.	<u>\$4,000</u>
TOTAL	\$4,000

Northeast Georgia Presbytery

People of Hope, Inc. Manufactured Housing Community	<u>\$5,000</u>
TOTAL	\$5,000

Saint Augustine Presbytery

F.A.C.T. Southeast	\$2,000
Just A Little Shelter	\$3,500
Steps 2 Success of North Florida	<u>\$2,562</u>
TOTAL	\$8,062

SYNOD OF SO. CALIFORNIA & HAWAII \$57,438**Los Ranchos Presbytery**

Western Service Workers Association	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$10,000

San Gabriel Presbytery

Northwest Neighbors of Pasadena	\$1,000
Pathways Transitional Housing Group	<u>\$6,677</u>
TOTAL	\$7,677

SYNOD OF THE TRINITY \$134,349

Administrative Expenses	\$8,366
Official Internet Black News Network	\$20,000
PS West Drop In & Resource Center	\$14,294
Senior Self Help Volunteer Program	\$6,000
Step-UP	<u>\$26,120</u>
TOTAL	\$74,780

Huntingdon Presbytery

Glen Richey Fireman's Recreational Park	\$2,043
J House Student Café	\$2,130
The Children's Garden	<u>\$1,500</u>
TOTAL	\$5,673

Philadelphia Presbytery

Every Mother is a Working Mother Network	\$7,800
Mantua 39 th & Aspen Street community Org	\$14,000
South Philadelphia H.O.M.E.S., Inc.	<u>\$12,000</u>
TOTAL	\$33,800

Pittsburgh Presbytery

Administrative Expenses	\$2,096
Official Black News Network	<u>\$10,000</u>
TOTAL	\$12,096

West Virginia Presbytery

Safety & Energy Efficiency Improvement Project	<u>\$8,000</u>
TOTAL	\$8,000