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The Libra Foundation approves \$10.5 million in renewals and sustained support for social justice organizations on the frontlines of change

San Francisco, CA – The Libra Foundation has approved \$10.5 million in renewals and sustained support to social justice organizations on the frontlines of protecting democracy and building progressive power. The devastating effects of COVID-19, police brutality and anti-Blackness have wreaked havoc on Black and Brown communities. People around the country are demanding change, and Libra is funding the organizations turning these demands into actions – envisioning and implementing a more just world.

The Foundation is providing \$9.2 million in funding to 41 existing grantee partners with a direct focus on Black, Indigenous, and People of Color-led groups, the pursuit of free and fair elections, and defunding police and prisons. In addition, Libra is funding \$1.3 million to 11 partners specifically supporting those hit the hardest by coronavirus, including nonprofits urgently needing tech support, incarcerated people, undocumented people, and survivors of abuse.

“We are thrilled to continue our support for these longtime grantees working on the frontlines of change, and provide help in the COVID-19 crisis,” said Executive Director Crystal Hayling. “We are stepping up our efforts to leverage new funding for Black-led groups, and walking the walk by increasing our own support.” Hayling said the details of a new effort to increase support for Black-led groups would be released later this summer.

The Board’s decision builds upon Libra’s commitment to funding grassroots organizations led by and for those disproportionately affected by systemic oppression – largely low income communities of color. Earlier this year, the Foundation announced that it is [doubling its grantmaking budget](#), slashing burdensome administrative requirements, and focusing on long-term relationship building.

For a full list of the grantees in this docket, please click [here](#).

The Libra Foundation funds in the areas of criminal justice and social policy, environmental and climate justice, and gender justice. This docket was shaped by an approach that uses program areas to more clearly see the overlaps of injustice and implement a more intersectional analysis. The Foundation prioritizes its network of movement leaders and social justice funders by valuing collaboration, shared learning, and partnership.