Central Oregon Jobs with Justice Receives $3,000 Grant for Economic Justice

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Central Oregon Jobs with Justice has received a $3,000 grant from Resist, Inc., a national progressive foundation located in Somerville, Massachusetts, to provide general support for the economic justice work Jobs with Justice does in the community.

Central Oregon Jobs with Justice (COJWJ) is a coalition of 19 community organizations and unions that work together for workers' rights, the right to organize, and economic justice. Over 250 Central Oregon residents have joined the coalition since it was organized in 2003.

COJWJ is currently working with El Programa de Ayuda and Human Dignity Coalition on programs to assist the region's growing Latino and immigrant communities.

In the past year, Jobs with Justice has actively supported Our Community First, the coalition formed to stop a Wal-Mart supercenter in Bend; Tenants United for Fairness, the organization of mobile home park residents who are fighting for affordable housing and against evictions; Head Start workers who are bargaining their first union contract at COCAAN; and Mt. Bachelor employees who successfully organized to get their employer to provide legally-mandated rest and lunch breaks on the job.

Resist, Inc. began in 1967 with a "call to Resist illegitimate authority" in support of draft Resistance and in opposition to the Vietnam War. Resist has continued to fund movements for social justice, including: civil rights; environmental; international human rights; reproductive rights; women's rights; economic justice; prisoners' rights; media and culture; and lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender rights.

Over the years, Resist has evolved into a national foundation providing small but timely funding for grassroots peace and social justice groups. Resist has six funding cycles during the calendar year. Resist gives grants and loans of up to $3,000. In fiscal year 2005, Resist gave almost $282,000 to 136 organizations across the country.

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