

2021 Grant Application Announcement -

Round of Mini Grants

The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice is inviting applications for the tenth round of mini grants. For more than forty years, Carlos Vega fought for social justice in the Greater Holyoke area. In 2010, a small group of family and friends started the Fund to support the kind of social justice initiatives that were important to Carlos.

The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice awards small grants, typically ranging from \$250 to \$1,000, to individuals and non-profit groups for a specific, one-time program or project that focuses on the fundamental primary causes of injustice, fosters change, and promotes self-help and empowerment. The purpose of the grants is to support the efforts of those who are addressing issues of poverty and oppression, and involve people who are socially and economically marginalized in Hampden County.

Previous mini grants have supported a variety of organizations including: Clinical and Support Options, Enchanted Circle Theater, Girls Inc. of the Valley and Plunge Arts, First Shift Productions, Granby Public Schools, The Gray House, Holyoke Public Schools, Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative, Holyoke Senior Center and Western Mass Elder Care, Home City Development, OneHolyoke CDC, The Performance Project, Treehouse, Seeds of a Father, and Wistariahurst Museum.

The Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice is administered through the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts and is overseen by an advisory committee. Since 2012, the Fund has awarded \$59,402 to forty-one organizations in the greater Holyoke area.

Our deadline for applications is March 15, 2021. We expect to award grant funding on May 14, 2021. Grantees are expected to participate in the awards ceremony. For further information and/or to obtain an application, please visit the Carlos Vega Fund for Social Justice website at <http://www.carlosvegafund.org/> or contact Aaron Vega at carlosvegafund.413@gmail.com or 413-522-0268.

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