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Giving for Racial Justice and Equity

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Following the recent tragic deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor, people in communities across the United States are experiencing sorrow and outrage. Many have been moved to protest these acts of violence against Black and African American people, and to reject the underlying systemic racism.

At this time, many are also asking how they can make a difference. For those who would like to give financially to advance racial justice, NPT has curated the following list of national organizations that work to address racism and discrimination through community building, awareness raising, advocacy efforts and direct support for communities of color.

This list is certainly not exhaustive, and it is limited to 501(c)(3) public charities that can be supported through donor-advised funds. We encourage our donors to research all charities and their charitable impact prior to entering a grant recommendation. For additional questions or information, please contact us at npt@nptrust.org.

The Center for Popular Democracy (EIN 45-3813436)

Through its large network of local offices and affiliates, the Center for Popular Democracy works to build an inclusive and equitable society by building relationships and alliances that support people of color, immigrants, working families, women and LGBTQ communities.

<https://populardemocracy.org/>

Equal Justice Initiative (EIN 63-1135091)

EJI works with communities that have been marginalized to challenge racial and economic injustice, protect basic human rights, and end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States.

<https://eji.org/>

Know Your Rights Camp (EIN 95-1644609)*

Know Your Rights Camp engages youth across the country to advance the well-being of communities of color. Their Legal Defense Initiative partners with local defense lawyers to provide legal resources for those in need.

**Know Your Rights Camp is a fiscally-sponsored project of the Entertainment Industry Foundation. To support Know Your Rights Camp using your DAF, recommend a grant to Entertainment Industry Foundation and list "Know Your Rights Camp" in the grant purpose field.*

<https://www.knowyourrightscamp.com/>

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (EIN 13-1655255)

The NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund fights for racial justice and an inclusive society through litigation, advocacy, and public education efforts.

<https://www.naacpldf.org/>

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National Police Accountability Project (EIN 13-4045142)

Originally a project of the National Lawyers Guild, NPAP's mission is to promote the accountability of law enforcement officers and their employers to effect lasting change in the legal system.

<https://www.nlg-npap.org/>

National Urban League (EIN 13-1840489)

The Urban League's mission is to elevate living standards for African Americans and other historically underserved groups through collaborations with local and national policymakers, corporations and community leaders.

<https://nul.org/>

Race Forward (EIN 94-2759879)

Race Forward works to advance racial justice through research, media content, educational conferences and advocacy efforts.

<https://www.raceforward.org/>

Racial justice and equity are closely entwined with many other issues as diverse as educational access, economic mobility, criminal justice reform, health, access to the arts and community development. As such, there are myriad entry points for funders.

In addition, though the list above features exclusively public charities working nationally, there are countless organizations throughout the country that work extensively on racial justice and equity at the local or regional level. Local [community foundations](#) may be a good resource for those looking to identify organizations close to home.

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