Mobilize Power Fund  
2015 Grantees

Third Wave Fund launched its **Mobilize Power Fund** in July 2015 with a crowdfunded grant for BYP100 and their #SayHerName campaign to end state violence impacting Black women and girls. On July 13, shortly after the grant was announced, Sandra Bland was found dead in her jail cell in Waller County, Texas. The urgency of BYP100’s work was clear.

Since then, the **Mobilize Power Fund** has made monthly grants as a rapid response fund to support urgent direct action gender justice activism led by youth of color under 35. Grants are often made within two weeks of applying and applications can be submitted through a written narrative, video, or phone interview.

Through the **Mobilize Power Fund**, Third Wave is building a stronger gender justice movement led by and for young people of color and low-income communities. Individual donor and foundation support allows us to fund organizing outside of 501c3s, increasing the accessibility of funding. Learn more below about who we’ve funded so far in 2015.

### July

**BYP100 (National / Chicago, IL):**
$13,000 for the #SayHerName Campaign  
BYP100 organized teach-ins, town halls, and digital & direct action to make way for transformative visioning of what justice and safety looks like for Black women and girls.

### August

**Breaking The Silence Philadelphia Task Force:**
$5,000 for the #BreakingTheSilence Town Hall  
The #BreakingTheSilence Town Hall amplified issues facing young Black women & girls and supported gender-inclusive policy reform organizing.

**Rise Up Georgia (Atlanta, GA):** $3,000 for the Stone Mountain Campaign and Action  
The Stone Mountain campaign and action organized against white supremacist backlash and violence against young Black women in the Atlanta area.

**Lorena Borjas Community Fund (New York, NY):** $1,000 Bail Fund Contribution  
C.A., a Black trans woman from Brooklyn & the Bronx, faced abuse and violence while incarcerated and funds went toward her $10,000 bail.
September

Freedom Inc. (Madison, WI): $3,000 for the Cierra Finkley Mobilization Campaign
This campaign supported community efforts to free Cierra Finkley, a young woman of color & survivor of violence, and to organize actions that build awareness of her criminalization.

ICT-ACTS (Wichita, KS): $3,000 for an Anti-Domestic Violence March
Following the murder of a local business owner, a local coalition organized a march & rally in Wichita to raise awareness about the severity of domestic violence in Kansas.

Survivors Organizing for Liberation (Denver, CO): $3,000 for the Justice for Jessie Campaign
SOL mobilized a community-based anti-criminalization and accountability campaign after the shooting death of Jessie Hernandez by the Denver Police Department.

KORE-U (St. Louis, MO): $3,000 for the Leading the Way Retreat
On the heels of a high-profile HIV-criminalization case, KORE-U hosted a leadership retreat for HIV+ Black youth in the St. Louis area to address HIV/AIDS criminalization and stigma.

October

BreakOUT! (New Orleans, LA):
$3,000 for a Trans March of Resilience
BreakOUT! organized a National Trans March of Resilience, a demonstration for justice & equality led by trans people of color.

Garden of Peace Project (Pittsburgh, PA):
$3,000 for a Trans March of Resilience
As part of the #lifteveryvoice campaign, Garden of Peace Project received funds for the Trans March of Resilience and production of the Trans Voices: Open Letters monologues.

QPOCC & El Cambio (Greensboro, NC):
$5,000 for a North Carolina QTPOC Gathering
The NC QTPOC Gathering strengthened a partnership between QPOCC and El Cambio to convene young QTPOC leaders of color addressing violence, discrimination, and racism.

Momentum Alliance (Portland, OR):
$3,000 for the Reproductive Justice Youth Summit
Building on the success from their Reproductive Justice Summer Camp, youth-led Momentum Alliance hosted Portland’s first Reproductive Justice Youth Summit.

Urban Survivors’ Union (Greensboro, NC): $3,000 for statewide organizing campaigns
The NC chapter of the Urban Survivors’ Union, a grassroots coalition of drug users, led an education and mobilization campaign to legalize needle exchange in North Carolina.

November

GetEQUAL (Nat’l / Cleveland, OH): $10,000 for the #YearWithoutTamir Weekend of Action
Led by its Midwest Organizer, GetEQUAL organized a statewide #YearWithoutTamir Weekend of Action to mobilize against police violence and racial disparities in Ohio.

**Breaking The Silence Oakland Task Force:** $3,000 for the #BreakingTheSilence Town Hall
The #BreakingTheSilence Town Hall will increase visibility of intersectional oppression faced by Black women, girls, and gender non-conforming people in Oakland and the East Bay.

**December**

**HEART Women & Girls (Chicago, IL):** $3,000 for the Breaking Silence film and discussion series
HEART Women and Girls is partnering with Breaking Silence to produce a film centering Muslim women and girls about sexual violence within Muslim communities.

**OKC Artists for Justice (Oklahoma City, OK):** $3,000 for the It’s Still Not Over Campaign
Through the It’s Still Not Over Campaign, OKC Artists 4 Justice is organizing the community in preparation for the sentencing hearing of Daniel Holtzclaw, a former Oklahoma city police officer found guilty of sexual assault and supporting healing for the 13 Black women who filed suit against him.

**Out of the Flames of Ferguson (Houston, TX):** $3,000 for the #Justice4Brittany Campaign
Following the arrest of Brittany Morris, the #Justice4Brittany campaign is fighting against the violence and assault she experienced and mobilizing the community against police brutality and the broader systems of patriarchy and white supremacy that allows this violence to occur.

**Translatina Network (New York, NY):** $3,000 for their Bronx Community Awareness Campaign
As trans women of color face increased violence and injustice throughout the country, the Translatina Network is growing a leadership development group and community awareness campaign in the Bronx with the goal of empowering trans women of color to lead the change needed to support their lives & safety.

Support the **Mobilize Power Fund** with a one-time or monthly donation to Third Wave. Apply at [http://thirdwavefund.org/mobilize-power-fund.html](http://thirdwavefund.org/mobilize-power-fund.html).