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Annie Casey Foundation	<p>The Annie E. Casey Foundation supports child welfare, community change, economic opportunity and juvenile justice. Its education funding stems from its economic opportunity program. The Annie E. Casey Foundation works in the areas research, advocacy and policy-making and makes many of its research findings available on its website.</p> <p>The Foundation's juvenile justice reform agenda is designed to improve the odds that at-risk youth can make successful transitions to adulthood. We are working to create a system that locks up fewer youth and relies more on proven, family-focused interventions that create opportunities for positive youth development.</p> <p>The Foundation's racial and ethnic equity and inclusion portfolio equips the philanthropic sector with tools and resources to advance equitable opportunities for all children, families and communities, regardless of their skin color or community of residence.</p> <p>This funder does not accept unsolicited proposals for funding.</p>
Arnold Ventures	<p>Our work in criminal justice is about changing the system to improve people's lives. Are people being treated fairly without regard to race or income? Is there an underlying issue like substance use disorder or mental illness that the system is unable to address? To get a clear picture, we look at interactions with the justice system from start to finish — policing and pretrial, probation and parole, prison reform, and reintegration — and engage with experts and those directly affected to explore new policies and practices.</p> <p>Policing: We seek to transform American policing by supporting projects that advance police effectiveness and increase positive encounters between police and the community. We work with partners to analyze enforcement trends, test policing strategies, and build a toolbox of effective responses and cross-agency partnerships to improve public safety and fiscal outcomes. And we help implement promising reforms, then rigorously study their impact on crime rates, local budgets, officer safety, and public confidence, particularly within communities most affected.</p>
Chan Zuckerberg Initiative	<p>Criminal Justice Reform</p> <p><i>Transforming Prosecution</i> Prosecutors' everyday decisions impact millions of lives. We support organizations, like Fair and Just Prosecution, that bring public accountability and transparency to prosecutorial practices, and also partner with prosecutor offices across the country to help drive data-informed decision-making.</p> <p><i>Expanding Opportunity</i> Today, 9 in 10 employers and 4 in 5 landlords use background checks to determine work and housing eligibility. Even small offenses can prevent people from moving forward with their lives. The bipartisan Clean Slate Initiative is advancing policies to clear records for those who stay crime-free. We also partner with groups that help give people impacted by the system more opportunity, including access to education inside and outside prison.</p> <p><i>Strengthening the Movement</i> We can't make lasting changes without a broad social movement. Our partners on the front lines, like FWD.us, the Formerly Incarcerated, Convicted People and Families Movement (FICPFM), and Alliance for Safety and Justice, are organizing and advocating to reform the criminal justice system.</p>
Ford Foundation	<p>CHALLENGING INEQUALITY GENDER, RACIAL, AND ETHNIC JUSTICE Program</p> <p>Advancing Freedom and Dignity: Our work focuses on countering abuses of power and reimagining the state's role in protecting the safety and dignity of all people. This looks different in different places: from the mass incarceration of young men of color in the U.S. to violence against indigenous leaders and social justice activists in Latin America to the brutal repression of LGBT people and those who are HIV positive in parts of Africa.</p> <p>We support efforts to strengthen the rights and influence of those who are most affected by violence and suppression, shift repressive power dynamics, promote alternative models of justice, change public perception, and shape policy—and engage state authorities as partners in that process.</p> <p>Our work on criminal justice focuses on ending a racially discriminatory era of mass incarceration that has become a defining feature of American life for too many communities. We support a myriad of criminal justice reforms, particularly at the state and local level, that reduce prison populations and redirect savings from prison budgets to investments that will reduce crime and improve the well-being of communities across the United States.</p>

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Open Society Foundation	<p>Equality and Antidiscrimination : Supports groups that speak out and litigate on behalf of communities who face discrimination—at work, on the street, in access to health care and other public services, or before the law.</p> <p>Racial Justice in the USA: OSF supports groups that work on a range of issues affecting communities of color, including the racial wealth gap, a justice system that disproportionately incarcerated African Americans, and overly punitive school discipline policies. It has also focused on efforts to improve opportunities for black men and boys in the United States, and to support the development of the next generation of minority communities across the country.</p> <p>Fighting Prejudice and Hate: In the US, OSF funds efforts to better document and track hate crimes. OSF is also the leading private funder of efforts to support Europe’s estimated 10 to 12 million Roma people.</p> <p>Statelessness: Pursues legal action to address statelessness, which can fuel conflict and exclude entire communities from access to their rights.</p> <p>The Open Society Foundations announced a \$220 million commitment in 2020 for support of efforts to build power in African-American communities across the United States. The largest portion of the funding, \$150 million, will be awarded as five-year grants to Black-led justice organizations that have played a critical role in catalyzing and sustaining calls for racial justice and equity. Recipients include emerging groups such as Black Voters Matter and Circle for Justice Innovations, as well as more established organizations such as Repairers of the Breach and the Equal Justice Initiative.</p> <p>The remaining \$70 million will support efforts to advance racial justice, including financial, advocacy, and technical assistance for city governments and local organizations working to reimagine public safety, move beyond the culture of criminalization and incarceration, and create safe, healthy, and racially just communities.</p>
Public Welfare Foundation	<p>For over seventy years, Public Welfare Foundation has supported efforts to advance justice and opportunity for people in need. Today, our efforts focus on catalyzing a transformative approach to justice that is community-led, restorative, and racially just through investments in criminal justice and youth justice reforms.</p> <p>Investing in Criminal Justice & Youth Justice Reform We look for strategic points where our funds can make a significant difference and improve lives for those impacted by the justice system. We operationalize our investments in target locations, working with communities to drive transformation from multiple angles including policy advocacy, organizing, leadership development, and demonstration projects. We prioritize investing in the leadership of those most proximate to the issues facing this nation, not because it is novel, but because it is necessary.</p> <p>Public Welfare Foundation’s Criminal Justice Program makes grants primarily to state-based groups that are working to:</p> <p>Advance the redirection and prioritization of state and local resources toward targeted investments that support system-involved individuals in their communities, through research and strategic thought leadership. Reduce state incarceration levels and racial disparities through reforms in sentencing, charging, and supervision policies and procedures.</p> <p>The Public Welfare Foundation has a two-step application process that includes both a Letter of Inquiry (LOI) and a full proposal.</p>
Rosenberg Foundation	<p>Through its grantmaking, the Rosenberg Foundation supports leadership development, policy advocacy and grassroots organizing to dismantle barriers to opportunity for low-income communities and communities of color through the following priority areas.</p> <p>Justice & Public Safety: Through its Justice and Public Safety portfolio, the Foundation uses a mix of grantmaking, communications, and direct activities aimed at advancing sentencing reform; promoting alternatives to incarceration; and reducing recidivism through reentry, including by bolstering employment opportunities for the formerly incarcerated.</p> <p>Civil Rights & Civic Engagement: At the Rosenberg Foundation, we believe that strengthening civil rights advocacy in California is of paramount importance; indeed, it is at the heart of our overall aim to improve the lives of Californians in every way.</p> <p>The Foundation accepts LOIs. Grants are usually <\$100K.</p>
Russell Sage Foundation	<p>The Russell Sage Foundation program on Race, Ethnicity & Immigration seeks investigator-initiated research proposals on the social, economic, and political effects of the changing racial and ethnic composition of the U.S. population, including the transformation of communities and ideas about what it means to be American. We are especially interested in innovative research that examines the roles of race, ethnicity, nativity, and legal status in outcomes for immigrants, U.S.-born racial and ethnic minorities, and native-born whites.</p> <p>A primary goal of the program is to encourage researchers from different social science traditions studying issues of race, ethnicity, and immigration to work together in productive and innovative ways. We encourage multi-disciplinary perspectives and methods that both strengthen the data, theory, and methods of social science research and foster an understanding of how we might better achieve the American ideals of a pluralist society.</p>
WT Grant Foundation	<p>The Foundation’s mission is to support research to improve the lives of young people ages 5-25 in the United States. One way that we pursue this mission is by investing in high-quality field-initiated studies on reducing inequality in youth outcomes.</p> <p>Our focus on reducing inequality grew out of our view that research can do more than help us understand the problem of inequality—it can generate effective responses. We believe that it is time to build stronger bodies of knowledge on how to reduce inequality in the United States and to move beyond the mounting research evidence about the scope, causes, and consequences of inequality.</p> <p>Toward this end, we seek studies that aim to build, test, or increase understanding of programs, policies, or practices to reduce inequality in the academic, social, behavioral, or economic outcomes of young people. We prioritize studies about reducing inequality on the basis of race, ethnicity, economic standing, language minority status, or immigrant origins.</p>

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<p>Charles Koch Foundation</p>	<p>The Foundation supports educational initiatives in economics, philosophy, entrepreneurship, criminal justice, and other disciplines that have a direct impact on opportunities to thrive.</p> <p>Criminal Justice Reform: The Foundation supports research that emphasizes human dignity and enhances public safety, with a particular focus on reducing overcriminalization, recidivism, and barriers to second chances for ex-offenders.</p> <p>The Charles Koch Foundation requests grant proposals for research related to criminal justice reform. We are especially interested in research that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies perverse incentives within the criminal justice system Studies the scope and impact of overcriminalization, particularly in relation to prosecutorial norms Explores the success and scalability of diversionary programs Explores early contact with the criminal justice system Explores effective policing that reduces overcriminalization Explores viable alternatives to the current plea bargain system Sheds light on those collateral consequences that have the most severe impact Develops novel solutions for handling violent crime in ways that do not increase the prison population or present a threat to public safety Comparatively explores the efficacy of bail reform efforts
<p>Marguerite Casey Foundation</p>	<p>Criminal Justice Reform</p> <p>For decades, criminal justice policies have destabilized low-income families and communities of color. These policies negatively reverberate through employment, education, housing and health for individuals and snowball into challenges for families and their communities. The impact of these policies falls hardest on communities of color; currently one in ten Black males in their 30s is incarcerated in California.</p> <p>The Marguerite Casey Foundation does not accept unsolicited letters of inquiry, requests for funding, or grant proposals.</p>