# ABELARD FOUNDATION - EAST 2012 GRANTS

#### **ALLIANCE FOR APPALACHIA**

Arnett. WV

To support the organizing and advocacy efforts of this 13-member coalition to end mountaintop removal and to support a just, sustainable economy in Appalachia.

# ALLIANCE FOR IMMIGRANTS RIGHTS & REFORM MICHIGAN \$10,000

Dearborn, MI

To support this coalition of labor, faith, civil rights, business and social service partners working to support immigrants' rights and reform the immigration system.

### ARISE CHICAGO WORKER CENTER \$10,000

Chicago, IL

To support its efforts with workers to confront and prevent workplace exploitation by assisting them to organize themselves on the job and partner with unions.

# **BRANDWORKERS INTERNATIONAL** \$10,000

New York, NY

To support its organizing, advocacy and legal action with low-income retail and food employees, focusing on immigrant food processing and distribution workers, and seeking to create a sustainable food system in New York.

# CHICAGO WORKERS COLLABORATIVE \$10,000

Chicago, IL

To support its efforts to promote full employment and equality for the lowest wage-earners in the Chicago region through leadership and skills training, critical assistance, advocacy and direct action.

# Ex-Prisoners and Prisoners Organizing for Community Advancement \$10,000

Worchester, MA

To support its organizing of those whose lives have been affected by incarceration to challenge societal policies and practices that prevent them from attaining a self-sufficient life.

# FAMILIES FOR FREEDOM \$10,000

New York, NY

To support this defense network by and for immigrants facing deportation, particularly due to criminal convictions, and its organizing campaigns, legal advocacy, media work, and congressional outreach to build support and awareness.

### FOOD CHAIN WORKERS ALLIANCE \$10,000

Los Angeles, CA

To support this coalition of worker-based organizations whose members plant, harvest, process, pack, transport, prepare, serve, and sell food, organizing to improve wages and working conditions for all workers along the food chain.

## MIGRANT JUSTICE \$10,000

Burlington, VT

To support its work to organize farmworkers through a strategy that enlists the support of allies across issues (worker/human rights; immigrant rights; food justice) and constituencies including farmers, working class white Vermonters, and communities of color.

# PHILADELPHIA STUDENT UNION \$10,000

Philadelphia, PA

To support the organizing of this youth-led effort to build the power of young people to demand a high quality education in the Philadelphia public school system.

#### RESTAURANT OPPORTUNITIES CENTER-DC \$10,000

Washington, DC

To support its organizing, research and policy advocacy among restaurant workers in metro-DC as part of the national network, ROC-United.

#### WAREHOUSE WORKERS FOR JUSTICE \$10,000

Chicago, IL

To support its organizing among warehouse workers in order to transform the distribution industry from poverty temp jobs to ones that provide living wage jobs with dignity.

#### WORKERS INTERFAITH NETWORK \$10,000

Memphis, TN To support this coalition of members of the faith and labor communities for its worker organizing and advocacy to establish living wages and fair working conditions for low-wage workers in the Memphis.