



The Northwest Region is NCRP's fifth site in a series of reports from the [Grantmaking for Community Impact Project \(GCIP\)](#)

"Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities: Impacts of Advocacy, Organizing and Civic Engagement in the Northwest Region" looks at how 20 nonprofits and their allies helped improved their communities and amplified the voices of vulnerable residents in the democratic process through advocacy and community organizing efforts. These nonprofits leveraged foundation grants that generated a \$150 return for every dollar invested in their policy engagement efforts.

The 20 nonprofits from the region are:

IDAHO

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| - | Idaho Community Action Network (ICAN) |
| - | Idaho Rural Council (IRC) |
| - | Snake River Alliance (SRA) |

MONTANA

- Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)
- Montana Women Vote! (MWV)
- Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

OREGON

- Basic Rights Oregon
- CAUSA: Oregon's Immigrant Rights Coalition
- Center for Intercultural Organizing (CIO)
- Children's Institute (CI)
- Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT)
- Partnership For Safety and Justice (PSJ)
- Rural Organizing Project (ROP)

WASHINGTON

- Community to Community Development (C2C)
- OneAmerica With Justice for All
- Spokane Alliance
- Statewide Poverty Action Network (SPAN)
- United Indians of All Tribes Foundation (UIATF)
- Washington Community Action Network (WCAN!)
- Washington Low Income Housing Alliance

We looked also at the tremendous impact from 4 nonprofits in Alaska and Wyoming, and learned valuable insights from their work and experiences. These groups are:

ALASKA

- Alaska Youth for Environmental Action (AYEA)
- Anchorage Faith and Action - Congregations Together (AFACT)

WYOMING

- Equality State Policy Center
- Powder River Basin Resource Council

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[Small Grants Have Big Economic Impact](#)

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Edward O'Brien, Montana Public Radio

[Foundations' Investment in Advocacy Pays Off](#)

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