



"Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities: Impacts of Advocacy, Organizing and Civic Engagement in the Gulf/Midsouth Region" looks at how 20 nonprofits in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi and their allies helped improved their communities and amplified the voices of underserved residents in the democratic process through policy engagement. These nonprofits leveraged foundation grants that generated a \$114 return for every dollar spent.

This report is the 7th in a series by the [Grantmaking for Community Impact Project \(GCIP\)](#) to encourage more funders and other grantmaking institutions to increase or start funding advocacy and community organizing.

The 20 nonprofits featured in the report are:

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- Center for Fair Housing (Mobile)
- Equal Justice Initiative (Montgomery)
- Federation of Child Care Centers of Alabama (Montgomery)
- Greene/Sumpter Enterprise Community, Inc. (Livingston)
- Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama (Birmingham)

Arkansas

- Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families (Little Rock)
- Arkansas for Public Policy Panel (Little Rock)
- Center for Artistic Revolution (Little Rock)
- Northwest Arkansas Workers' Justice Center (Springdale)
- Rural Community Alliance (Fox)

Louisiana

- Family & Youth Counseling Agency (Lake Charles)
- Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center (New Orleans)
- Louisiana Bucket Brigade (New Orleans)
- Southern Mutual Help Association (New Iberia)
- Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association of New Orleans (New Orleans)

Mississippi

- Children's Defense Fund (Jackson)
- Concerned Citizens for a Better Tunica County (Tunica)
- Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities (Jackson)
- Mississippi Low-Income Child Care Initiative (Jackson)
- Southern Echo (Jackson)

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