
The California Healing Justice Fund

— **Year 2 Funder Briefing** —

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A Brief Grounding in Healing Justice

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Healing Justice is a political and spiritual framework we utilize in our liberation movements to organize and strategize to end and heal from all forms of state violence. Our HJ framework honors wellness practitioners, artists, and cultural workers as integral to the frontlines of our movements and to the creation of the alternatives to state imposed systems that cause more harm than healing. We do this by co-creating sustainable and replicable health and public safety models that address the root causes of systemic trauma, heal state targeted communities from the impacts of colonization, racism, ableism, and white supremacy as a means to build a strong infrastructure for our movements for liberation. Without healing there is no justice.

Healing Justice Framework

HJ is a necessary framework when organizing against the over criminalization of Black and Brown bodies. We are called to build long term and sustainable health care and mental health models that are not dependent on the state. These models must be place based and must honor and uplift the indigenous modalities that exist in communities.

HJ is a strategy towards building a world where accountability and mending of harm is not only possible but central to liberation movements and community.

HJ builds power by collectively reclaiming our bodies, minds, and spirits. HJ centers all oppressed and systematically targeted peoples, such as Black communities, disabled communities, queer/trans/women, immigrants, poor and working class, currently and formerly incarcerated people and their families.

HJ is guided by disability justice, racial justice, economic justice, climate and earth justice, harm reduction, and abolition frameworks.

Healing in Practice: Land, Grief & Collective Care

- **Susana Victoria Parras** (she/her)
 - Co-Founder
 - Heal Together's Anti-Carceral Care Collective

- **Maria Ramos** (we/her)
 - Midwife & Founder
 - Campesina Womb Justice

▪ *Year 1 Grantees*

- **Grisanti Avendaño** (she/they)
 - Co- Executive Director
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 - *Movement Advisor*



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Evolving an Inclusive & Responsive Strategy

Mordecai Cohen Ettinger (they/them)

Founder

Health Justice Commons

Year 2 Grantee

Mia Mingus (she/her)

Director & Founder

SOIL: A Transformative Justice Project

Movement Advisor

Futurecasting & Revisiting Definitions

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Executive Director

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“The Human Rights Program at the Heising-Simons Foundation is dedicated to building the power and capacity of people directly impacted by systemic oppression. We believe Healing Justice is foundational to strong and sustainable movement infrastructure, which is why we have committed to investing in the California Healing Justice Fund. **By investing in Healing Justice, we are helping ensure that organizers and communities working across movements have the care, resilience, and support needed to sustain their work over time.**”

- **Gina Peralta**
Human Rights Program Officer
Heising-Simons Foundation

Funder Reflections

“When I started funding Healing Justice (HJ), I grappled with the question, “Is it possible to work on healthcare transformation and at the same time support Healing Justice as a strategy?” Yes! **HJ is a strategy that asks us to completely reimagine systems, including healthcare, as not-for-profit, decolonized, and decarcerated, so that they are effective and equitable, especially for those who have been historically marginalized and oppressed.** HJ invites us to envision liberated futures beyond the constraints of current institutions.

So, it is possible to focus on one entry point—the healthcare system in my case –while still holding on to the broader scope of HJ while also making sure to not dilute the inherently political and abolitionist nature of HJ. I’m sorry I was not able to join this call-- if there are other funders, in particular health funders, interested in connecting please reach out: rtardi@rwjf.org”

- **Rachele Tardi**
Senior Program Officer
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

**How does Healing Justice intersect
with your work?**

What questions do you have?

Call to Action: Get Involved!



\$565,000 by July 31st!

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THANK YOU for Joining Us!