

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY



2018-2019

ANNUAL

REPORT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

JAN. 2019

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
FAITH IN ACTION ASSEMBLY

We hosted a mayoral candidate forum with our annual MLK Assembly. More than 1000 citizens turned out to listen to candidates' plans for the city and to ask questions about the issues that are most important to Black, Latinx and low-income residents.

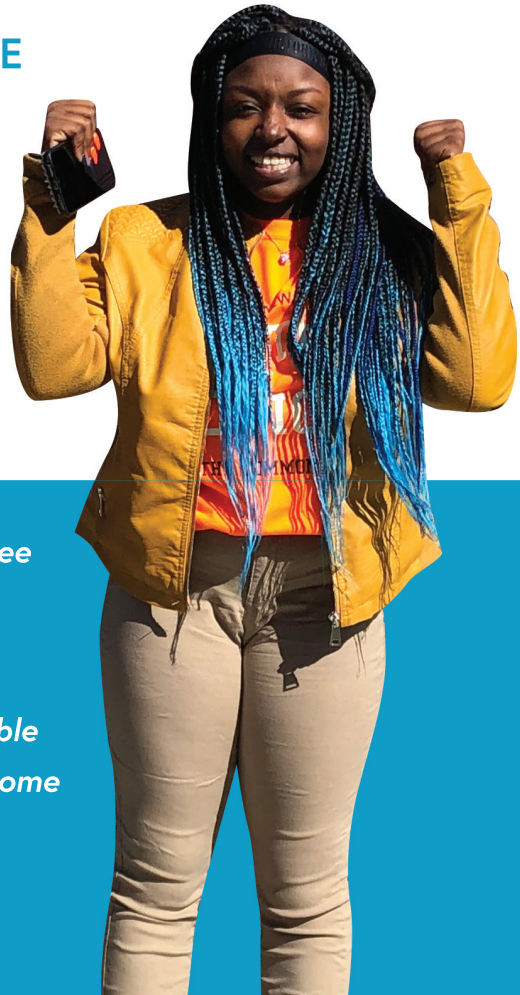
MAR. 2019

MILWAUKEE 53206

We engaged more than 400 residents in six different communities when we hosted a series of screenings and panel discussions around the documentary, MILWAUKEE 53206. The film tells the stories of families and activists fighting to survive and end mass incarceration in a community with the highest rate of incarcerated African American men in the U.S.

TOUCH OF THE FUTURE

CRS organizer, Yaacov Delaney, led 20 high school students from the Chicago International Charter School's Longwood campus through our annual Day of Faith at the Capitol. Discussions with state legislators empowered these students and allowed them to experience firsthand the significance of taking action for systemic change in their communities.



"If you don't advocate, you won't see the change that you want."

- Aziza, CICS Longwood High School student

"Coming from the struggle to be able to talk about the struggle to overcome the struggle."

-Tevon, CICS Longwood High School student

POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

CHICAGO MADE HISTORY!

Never before has a court-enforced consent decree to reform the city's police department been filed without the support of the U.S. Department of Justice. Here in Chicago, the first measure of this kind became a reality on January 31, 2019 and history was made.

CRS is proud to have stood - and still stand - alongside our coalition partners in this charge: American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Illinois, One Northside, Communities United, Equip for Equality, and Next Steps.

THE GOOD NEWS DOESN'T STOP THERE

On March 1, the consent decree became active with the selection of a city-wide independent monitor tasked with creating a project plan and implementing the requirements of the decree over the next 5-8 years.

On May 17, CRS settled its lawsuit against the City of Chicago allowing our organization to have a significant future impact on crisis intervention and diversion practices of the Chicago Police Department.

The final consent decree includes provisions for increased police accountability and ending the code of police silence, alternative diversion practices and crisis response teams, rights for people with disabilities and so much more.



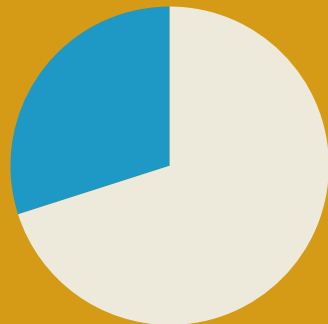
FINANCIALS

FY19 EXPENSE

Program \$2,079,847

Support \$888,552

Total \$2,968,399



● PROGRAM ● SUPPORT

THE CHICAGO REPORTER

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

In 2019, The Chicago Reporter built an exclusive and comprehensive database of 238 candidates seeking elected office. Our exclusive analysis showed aldermanic candidates raised more money (close to \$40 million) than candidates running for mayor. Our reporting also revealed that much of that money came from just a handful of powerful politicians, unions and business owners.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

Published a campaign finance analysis about the influence of the city's longest serving alderman, who is now under indictment.

Featured several, strong opinion pieces in our Perspectives section that highlighted the role race and power have historically played in electoral politics and how they promised to shape the next mayor and city council.

Were core partners of Chi.Vote, an interactive, non-partisan voting guide that we built in the runup to the mayoral election. This interactive guide included profiles on every candidate – including campaign finance data, articles written about specific races and stances on critical issues facing our city.

The logo for Chi.Vote features the words "CHI.VOTE" in a bold, white, sans-serif font. A red, five-pointed star is positioned between the "I" and "V". The logo is set against a light blue background.

Everything you need to vote in Chicago

POLICY AND ORGANIZING WINS

APR 2019

JUST HOUSING AMENDMENT – IT PASSED!

The passage of The Just Housing Amendment, which prevents landlords from discriminating against people with records for certain offenses, is a major step towards ensuring people with backgrounds are provided access to stable housing in Cook County. Over 1 million people are now protected from housing discrimination.

We are proud of our work with the Just Housing Initiative to get this amendment passed, and we salute the efforts of CRS leaders such as Anne Holcomb, a landlord herself, who provided testimony as to why this amendment is so vital.

MAY 2019

THE FAIR TAX – WE DID IT!

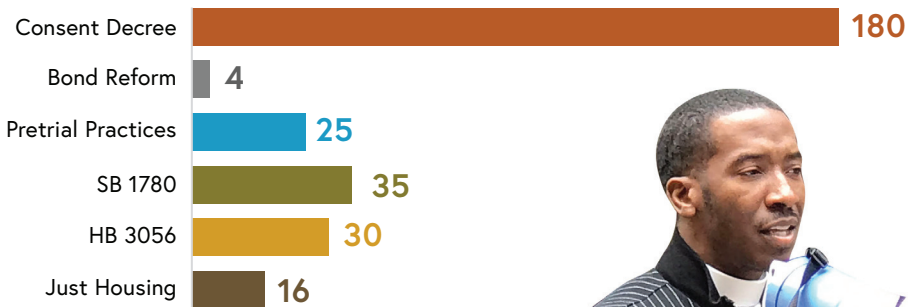
The Illinois General Assembly passed a constitutional amendment for a Fair Tax (SJCRA1). We worked on the Fair Tax initiative for 10 years as members of the Responsible Budget Coalition and are excited that Illinoisians now have the opportunity to vote on A Fair Tax on the 2020 ballot.

Illinois' current income tax structure is poorly designed and unsustainable. The state needs a long-term solution to our current fiscal problems. A Fair Tax provides lower tax rates for the middle class and can help ensure Illinois' financial stability by bringing billions of dollars of much needed revenue. This will increase racial equity throughout the state through improved funding for our schools and investing in our communities.

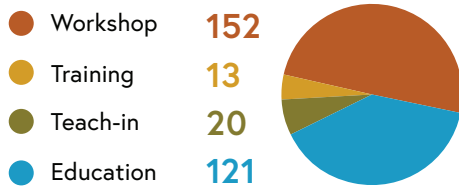


BY THE NUMBERS

HEARINGS ATTENDANCE



TRAININGS ATTENDANCE



THANK YOU

We are grateful for the partners, donors and supporters who strive for racial and economic justice with us.

COALITION PARTNERS

Coalition for Police Contracts Accountability
End Money Bond
Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability
Illinois Gun Violence Coalition
Responsible Budget Coalition
Restoring Rights and Opportunities Coalition of Illinois

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