

# The Overbrook Foundation

*2018 Annual Report on Grants*



*The Overbrook Foundation is a progressive family foundation that supports organizations advancing human rights and conserving the natural environment.*

Through its Environment and Human Rights Program, in 2018  
Overbrook Awarded:

**\$4,819,250** and **105 Grants**

The Environment Program Awarded:      The Human Rights Program Awarded:

**\$2,484,250**  
**56 Grants**

**\$2,335,000**  
**49 Grants**

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# 2018 Overview

## A Note from the President

As we begin the new year, I would like to take a few moments to briefly consider events that affected us and our grantees in 2018 and then look forward to the possibilities that may be opening for the Foundation's progressive agenda.

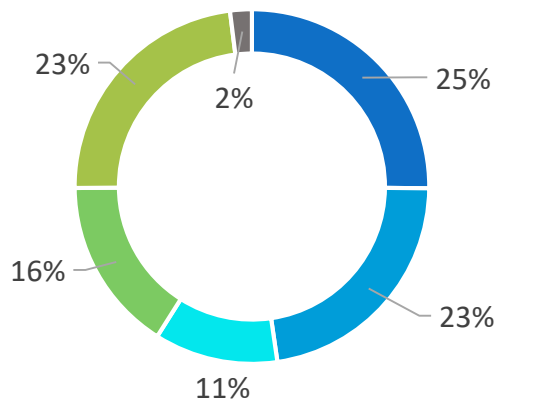
Important referenda on gerrymandering reform, automatic voter registration, same-day voter registration, money in politics, and ethics succeeded in ballot measures across the states. In the 116th Session of Congress, the House is now poised for serious engagement with climate change and other human rights concerns. Major reports issued near the end of the year (including the Fourth National Climate Assessment conducted by 13 departments and agencies of the U.S. Executive Branch) vividly put the world on notice that in only a very few years, perhaps less than a decade, stopping the worst effects of climate change will become impossible unless extreme measures are taken almost immediately.

Only a massive commitment to addressing climate change could possibly mitigate more extreme outcomes, ranging from flooding caused by rising seas and more violent storms to extreme drought and massive forest fires. As horrific as these "natural" disasters will be, the likelihood of massive disruption to business supply chains and economic output around the world and diminished food production caused by changing weather patterns including flooding and droughts is as frightening. Perhaps most pernicious will be the resultant forced migration of millions and subsequent political instability as people are pushed inland by rising seas and forced to abandon their homes for lack of water for drinking and agriculture. Expanding areas of the world are rapidly becoming simply uninhabitable.

Fortunately, we believe the Foundation is positioned to play a small role in confronting this emerging disaster. We believe there are two critical elements in promoting action on climate change. The first is to ensure that the populations most affected by climate change – in particular, younger voters and economically disadvantaged voters – stay engaged with the political process. The Foundation will continue its support to organizations working in their communities to engage traditionally disengaged voters in the voting and democratic process. The second opportunity is to expand work on the policy front, to ensure that robust, multi-dimensional thinking on climate policy continues, so that the intellectual foundation for action is laid and available whenever there are opportunities for action. Additionally, the Foundation continues to assess and learn about other emerging needs and opportunities. As one example, the Foundation has been focused on the work of existing and newer grantees engaged in youth-led organizing.

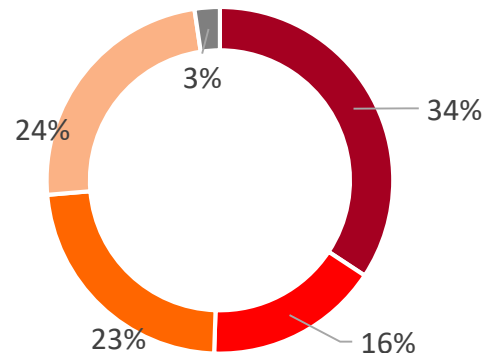
As the Foundation's Board and Staff, we are committed to the continued support of its Human Rights and Environment Program grantees whose work boldly advances social justice and environmental sustainability in this moment when their work and communities are facing such great threats.

### Environment Grants Awarded 2018



- Latin American Biodiversity Conservation
- Behavioral Change
- Corporate Practices
- Innovation
- Movement Building
- Other

### Human Rights Grants Awarded 2018



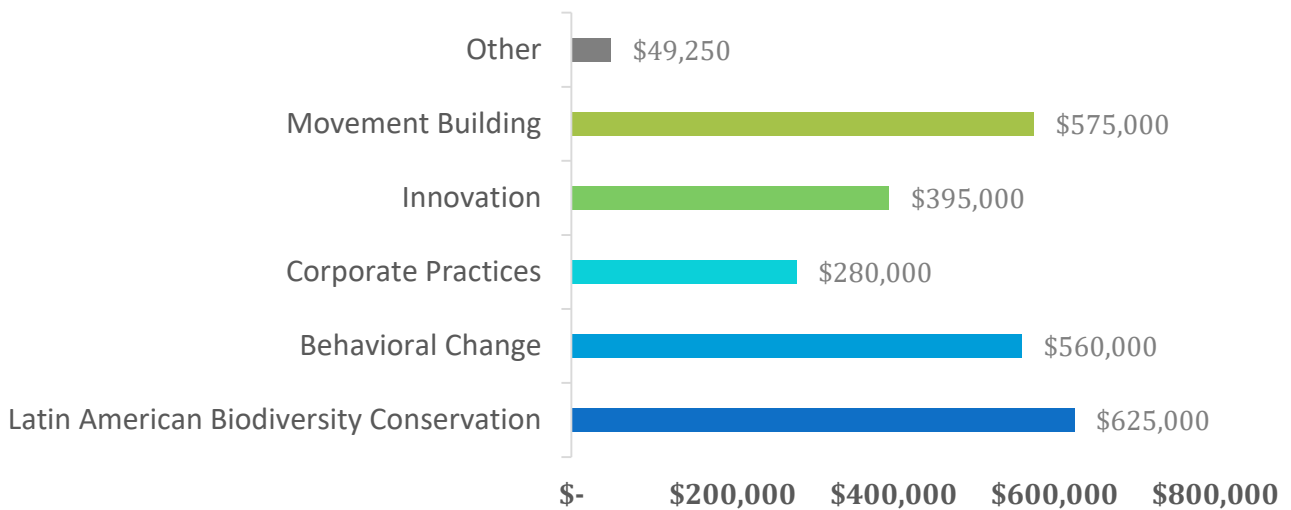
- Advancing Gender Rights
- Challenging Mass Incarceration & Criminalization
- Reforming Money in Politics
- Defending Human Rights Defenders
- Other

# Environment Program Overview

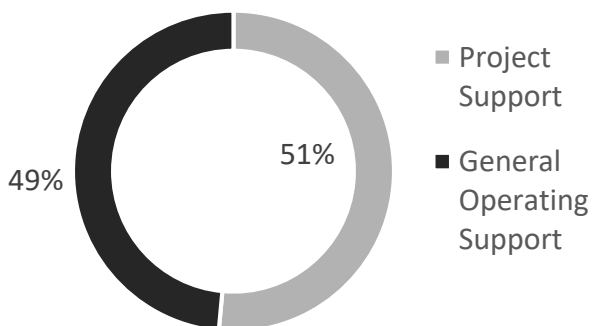
## Program Description and Review:

The Environment Program provides support to a variety of organizations in the United States and in Latin America. In Latin America, the Program funds initiatives that advance biodiversity conservation and sustainable community development, with a specific focus in the Mesoamerican region. In the United States, the program supports organizations that tackle some of today's biggest environmental challenges, including corporate and consumer practices, climate change, and waste. The Program's Movement Building portfolio aims to assist movements – rather than specific organizations or issues – to make them stronger, resilient, and impactful.

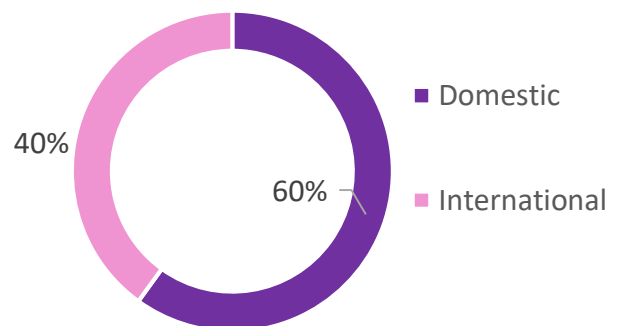
## Environment 2018 Grants by Program Area:



## General Operating Support vs. Project Support



## International vs. Domestic Grants:



# Environment Program 2018 Grantees

## Movement Building

- [Building Equity & Alignment for Impact \(Social and Environmental Entrepreneurs\)](#)
- [Catskill Mountainkeeper Inc.](#)
- [Climate Justice Alliance Our Power Campaign \(Movement Strategy Center\)](#)
- [Coming Clean Inc.](#)
- [EDGE Funders Alliance](#)
- [Environmental Grantmakers Association](#)
- [Grassroots Global Justice Alliance](#)
- [Ironbound Community Corporation](#)
- [Just Transition Alliance](#)
- [Little Village Environmental Justice Organization](#)
- [Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services](#)
- [The New Press](#)
- [The Wildfire Project \(Social Good Fund\)](#)
- [UPROSE](#)
- [Western New York Environmental Alliance](#)

## Behavioral Change

- [350.org](#)
- [ALIGN](#)
- [Alliance for Climate Education - ACE](#)
- [Clean Water Fund](#)
- [Food Tank](#)
- [Grist Magazine Inc.](#)
- [Groundswell](#)
- [Natural Resources Defense Council](#)
- [New York Harbor Foundation](#)
- [Power Shift Network](#)
- [Sunrise Movement Education Fund](#)
- [The Story of Stuff Project](#)
- [Urban Green](#)

## Latin American Biodiversity Conservation

- [Amazon Conservation Team](#)
- [Amazon Watch](#)
- [Asociacion de Comunidades Forestales de Peten](#)
- [Biodiversity Funders Group](#)
- [Grupo Ecologico Sierra Gorda \(International Community Foundation\)](#)
- [Legacy Philanthropy Works](#)
- [Mongabay Org. Corp](#)
- [Rainforest Alliance](#)
- [Root Capital](#)
- [Toledo Institute of Development and Environment \(Philanthropic Ventures Foundation\)](#)
- [Wildlife Conservation Society - WCS](#)
- [Ya'axche Conservation Trust](#)

## Corporate Practices

- [As You Sow](#)
- [EARTHWORKS](#)
- [Environmental Investigation Agency](#)
- [Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives](#)
- [Rainforest Action Network](#)
- [Stand](#)

## Innovation

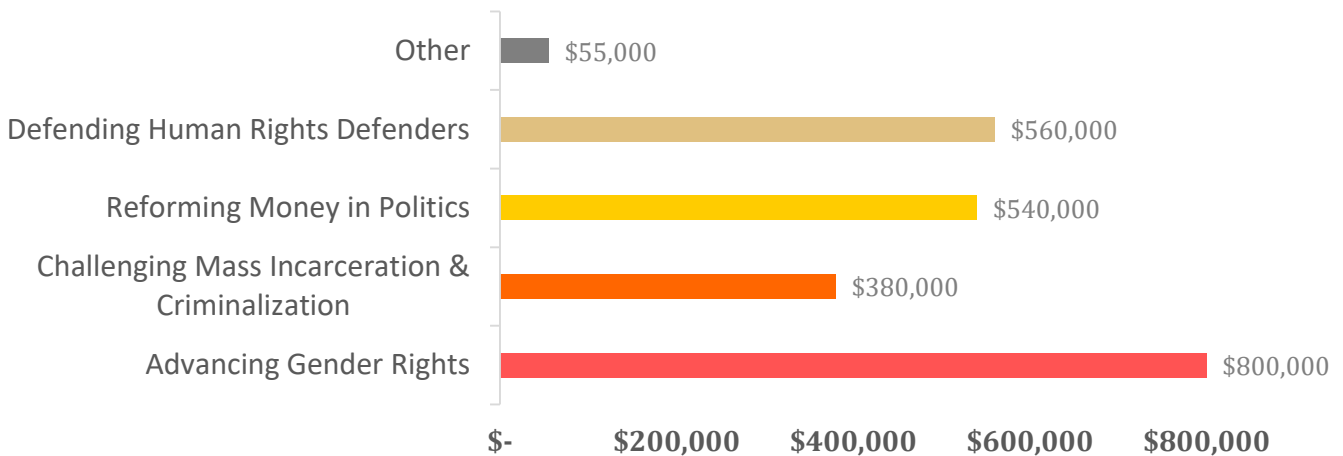
- [Food System 6 Accelerator](#)
- [In Our Backyards - ioby.org](#)
- [Just Fund \(Proteus Fund, Inc.\)](#)
- [Move NY \(Virginia Organizing Inc.\)](#)
- [Not An Alternative](#)
- [Plastic Solutions Fund \(Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors\)](#)

# Human Rights Program Overview

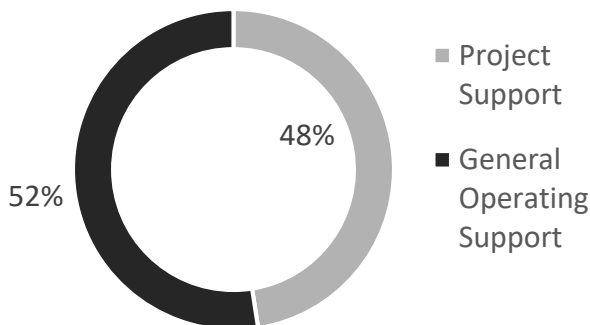
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In 2018, Overbrook's Human Rights program continued to support organizations promoting and defending Human Rights in the United States and Latin America. More specifically, the Foundation funded organizations that support human rights defenders in Central America and Mexico who face significant personal risk as they work to protect human rights and the environment. In the U.S., the Foundation supported organizations challenging the undue influence of moneyed interests in the political system. The Foundation's gender rights program provided support to organizations working across reproductive justice and LGBT rights issues. This included a focus on funding organizations advancing the reproductive justice movement and organizations challenging overly broad religious exemptions being used to undermine LGBT rights, racial justice and reproductive justice. Finally, through its most recent initiative approved in 2017, the Foundation has begun funding organizations challenging mass incarceration and criminalization, building on Overbrook's long-term support for organizations using human rights principles and framing to advance their missions.

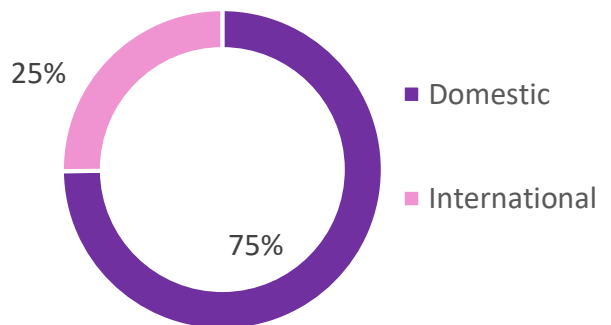
## Human Rights 2018 Grants by Program Area:



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# Human Rights 2018 Grantees

## Challenging Mass Incarceration & Criminalization

- [American Civil Liberties Union Foundation](#)
- [Borealis Philanthropy](#)
- [Innocence Project](#)
- [JustLeadershipUSA](#)
- [Legal Services for Prisoners with Children](#)
- [New York Civil Liberties Union Foundation](#)
- [Solitary Watch \(Institute for Nonprofit News\)](#)
- [US Human Rights Network](#)
- [Youth First Initiative](#)

## Human Rights Defenders

- [Amazon Conservation Team](#)
- [American Jewish World Service – AJWS](#)
- [Article 19, Office for Mexico & Central America](#)
- [Center for Justice and International Law](#)
- [Committee to Protect Journalists](#)
- [Environmental Defender Law Center](#)
- [Front Line USA](#)
- [Fund for Global Human Rights](#)
- [Indian Law Resource Center](#)
- [Just Associates, Inc.](#)
- [Urgent Action Fund for Women’s Human Rights – Latin America](#)
- [WITNESS](#)

## Other

- [Georgetown University](#)
- [The New Press](#)

## Gender Rights

- [COLOR](#)
- [Forward Together](#)
- [Funders for Reproductive Equity - Rockwood Fellowship](#)
- [Groundswell Fund](#)
- [Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund](#)
- [National Advocates for Pregnant Women](#)
- [National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum](#)
- [National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health](#)
- [New Voices for Reproductive Justice](#)
- [Rights Faith & Democracy Collaborative \(Proteus Fund, Inc.\)](#)
- [Take Root: Red State Perspectives on Reproductive Justice \(University of Oklahoma Foundation\)](#)
- [Third Wave Fund \(Proteus Fund, Inc.\)](#)
- [Transgender Law Center](#)
- [URGE](#)
- [Western States Center](#)
- [Young Women United](#)

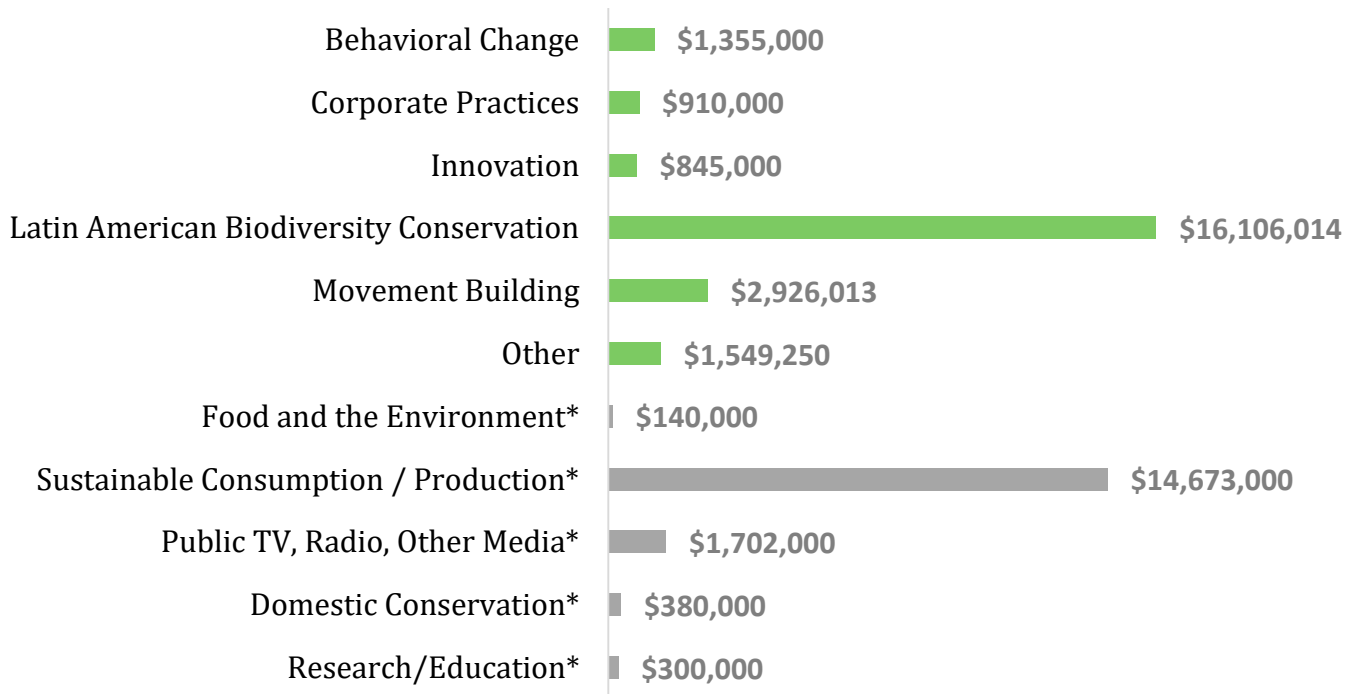
## Money In Politics

- [Brennan Center for Justice](#)
- [Democracy Initiative Education Fund](#)
- [Demos: A Network for Ideas & Action](#)
- [Free Speech For People](#)
- [Not An Alternative, Inc.](#)
- [OLÉ Education Fund](#)
- [Piper Fund \(Proteus Fund, Inc.\)](#)
- [Represent.Us Education Fund](#)

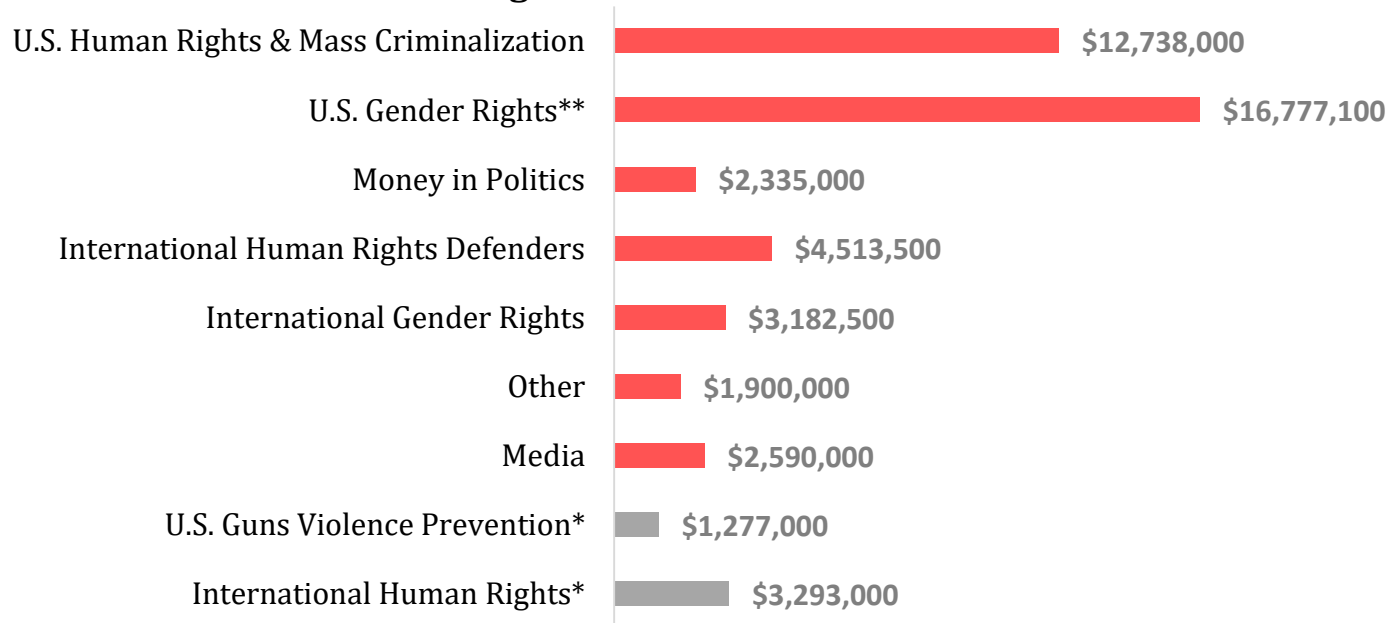
# Past Environment and Human Rights Giving

*Last Ten Years (2008-2018)*

## Environment Grants Awarded: 2008-2018



## Human Rights Grants Awarded: 2008-2018



\*Categories are Currently Inactive

\*\*U.S. Gender Rights includes: Marriage Equality/LGBT Rights, Reproductive Justice and HIV / AIDS

Since its inception, The Overbrook Foundation's Environment and Human Rights Program Awarded Approximately **\$88,592,377** in Grants