

2019 Grants

23 Initiatives Supported by Rawa

A Medic in Every Home | Deir Al-Balah

This women-led initiative provides in-home emergency first aid medical training in one of the hardest hit areas by escalations and shelling by the Israeli military. For the people who live in these areas, knowing how to deal with injuries can save the lives of their family members and neighbors, particularly since emergency services are lacking and often cannot arrive in time.

Hanging Strawberry Farm | Beit Hanoun

A woman/youth-led agriculture start-up that supports the cultivation of strawberries, a key export crop for Gaza, and provides job training and opportunities for recent graduates so they can stay connected to their land and contribute to improving their communities.

Wireless Microphone | Gaza & West Bank

A new independent online media project led by co-ed youth in Gaza (and also engaging youth in the West Bank) and promoting a political and social voice for youth yearning to creatively and critically express themselves.

Palestinian Cinema | Gaza

A youth-led cultural heritage and archive project focused on Palestinian filmmaking, aiming to preserve, celebrate, and promote Palestinian identity through cinema with a video series, publication, and short film competition.

Strengthening the Role of Marginalized Communities | Several areas

Resilience-building support and training for community-based committees to implement social initiatives and solve pressing issues faced by under-represented groups, including substance abuse victims, divorced women, and people with disabilities, and increase their participation in decision-making around policies and issues that affect their livelihoods.

Green Education | 3 schools in the North

Engaging co-ed students to learn about and lead activities around environmental issues, like volunteering to rehabilitate parks, promote green practices at their schools, and find safe spaces to enjoy nature, sports, and cultural activities.

Hizma Education | Hizma

A project providing pathways to university education (like loans) and volunteerism for youth in a threatened area with a high population of political prisoners

Al-Basta Theater | Old City

A mobile theatre that uses workshops, trainings and performances to address social cultural, artistic, and political issues. They have held very successful performances about and public stances about gender inequality, honor killings, and Israeli oppression of Palestinians. They are also active in reclaiming space and preserving the cultural tradition in the Old City of Jerusalem, where many Palestinian spaces are under threat.

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Khazaaen | Regional

A social archive that specializes in preserving ephemeral material and has become a treasure chest of nearly 80,000 documents (2,500 of which have been digitalized so far) that highlight the history of Palestine and the Palestinian cause via materials collected from families and every-day individuals across the Arab world.

[Visit Khazaaen's website](#)



[Read about the 2019 grants selection forum in a Global Fund for Community Foundations blog post.](#)



[Watch an animation about how Rawa works.](#)

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Urfod: Refuse, & Your People Will Protect You

A youth-led campaign advocating for the Palestinian Druze community that began in 2013 and was initially supported by Ahel. Urfod runs a hotline and provides legal assistance and psychological support.

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Colorful Visions | Kufor Kare

A women's art collective and space for incubating new work and engaging women and children in the Triangle area in creative practice.

Haifa Youth Movement | Haifa

Independent, youth-led activities, like a mobile library, arts exhibition, discussion series, and alternative music festival, that aim to resist the erasure of the local Palestinian culture and history in their city.

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Metras | All of Palestine

A digital media platform that produces journalistic and investigative pieces ranging from socio-economic issues to identity politics. Metras is well-read, especially among activist groups. It is among the websites that were recently blocked by the Palestinian Authority under the electronic crimes law due to their open criticism of the PA's policies.

[Check out Metras' website](#)

Youth for Return | Akka area Candles | Jaffa Beacon Academics | Taybeh

Civic engagement projects that bring together youth from different areas who usually cannot access each other to meet and learn about their cultural identity and history, including visiting destroyed villages and other historical landmarks, volunteering, organizing cultural events, and building awareness around how youth can be agents of social change.

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Children's Book Illustrators Residency | Bil'in

Children's book writers, illustrators, and painters meet for a few days in the threatened village of Bil'in for dialogue, development, and exchange of experiences.

Art to Heart | Nablus

A small organization that runs arts workshops and trainings that are meant to break down social barriers and challenge stereotypes around disabled, marginalized, and disadvantaged groups as well as support them to advocate for their rights using creative expressions.

Khel wa Khayal | Tulkarem

Reviving a local cultural heritage of horseback riding to expand it beyond the typically male-dominated practice to include women, children, and families, and to connect riders to the natural landscape around them.

Om Sleiman Farm | Ramallah area Manjala Farm | Ramallah Al-Fallah Farm | Kuf'r Nimeh

Agroecology/Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) initiatives that support chemical-free farming, sustainable practices, and water conservation and reclamation of unused, abandoned, or at-risk land, reconnecting communities with a sense of belonging to the land and its native plants with educational workshops, videos, events, and food subscriptions.

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Qalandia Refugee Camp Academy | Qalandia

A youth center inside the Qalandia refugee camp that engages youth who live near a military checkpoint and the separation wall with theater, performance, educational, and sports activities that connect them to their history and identity, and give them rare opportunities to be creative and playful.