# SOCIAL JUSTICE

INSPIRING CHANGE IN COMMUNITIES NATIONWIDE

### **NFL SOCIAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE**

Open to all teams and players, our social justice efforts include an ongoing acknowledgement of the ways that systemic racism contributes to barriers to opportunity and equality. Our work encompasses programs and initiatives in four key areas:









**COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONS** 

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM** 

### THIS COMMITMENT INCLUDES



Dedicated financial resources from the league, clubs, and players to nonprofit organizations.



League-wide amplification of inspiring stories of players making differences in their communities and society.



Deployment of public policy and government affairs resources at the local, state, and national levels.



# **NATIONAL INSPIRE CHANGE GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**Ladies of Hope Ministries** 

Metro Family Services

National Urban League

**Oregon Justice Resource Center** 

MENTOR

Per Scholas

**Texas Appleseed** 

United Negro College Fund

**United Way Worldwide** 

Vera Institute of Justice

PLAYER/LEGEND MATCHING

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM COMMUNITY-POLCE RELATIONS

OTHER (MOSTLY COVID RELIEF)

37% Legends

**TEAM PROGRAM** 

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS:** 

COMMUNITY-POLICE RELATIONS

WORKFORCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

RACIAL EQUALITY

POVERTY

WORKFORCE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS:** 

**EDUCATION** 

**US Dream Academy** 

NAF

Alliance for Safety and Justice\* Anti-Recidivism Coalition **Association for Enterprise Opportunity** 

Big Brother Big Sisters of America **Boys & Girls Clubs of America Breakthrough Miami** CBMA'

Civil Rights Corps\* Community Justice Exchange Council on Legal Education Opportunity **Covenant House** 

**Center for Policing Equity** 

Dream Corps Gideon's Promise **Just City-Memphis** 

**BOLD** = new partner

63% Current NFL Players

26%

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: 1200+

NFL FOUNDATION SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS











# GRANT PARTNER SUCCESS

As part of its advocacy efforts, Alabama Appleseed won release for a 58-year-old man who served 37 years in prison for a convenience store robbery under Alabama's "three strikes" law. During his incarceration he became an artist and is pursuing higher education and a career in art.

# BY THE NUMBERS

# **ALABAMA APPLESEED:**

# **NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE:**

Chicago Urban League aided in the release of a grandfather who spent 18 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections. The NFL's grant provided vocational training and support towards full-time employment for him and others after release.

## **OPERATION HOPE:**

In 2020, Operation HOPE's financial wellbeing coaches provided 231,383 financial empowerment services to adults nationwide through its credit, small business, homeownership, and disaster recovery programs; and educated 3,531 youth through its Banking on Our Future program.

# **METRO FAMILY SERVICES:**

The Metropolitan Peace Academy graduated 35 outreach workers and case managers who specialize in strategies and best practices used to de-escalate violence and rebuild individuals, families, and communities in Chicago.

# NFL clubs in the last year.

THESE EVENTS INCLUDE: Virtual meetings with local government leaders and

NFL clubs and players have been supporting

social justice efforts in many ways. Hundreds of

social justice events and initiatives have been

organized and implemented by each of the 32

\$95 MILLION\*

CONTRIBUTED SINCE 2017 FROM SOURCES INCLUDING:

> Social justice grants approved by the NFL owners-players working group

Club contributions to social justice organizations and player-club social justice matching fund commitments

**NFL Foundation social justice matching grants** 

An ongoing financial commitment to the **Players Coalition** 



**CLUB INVOLVEMENT** 

Financial commitments to schools and community

organizations to assist in closing the digital divide.

Joint work with police departments to help build trust through youth football and to assist in the purchase of equipment, like body cameras.

Voter registration efforts.



PLAYERS COALITION IMPACT: 2018-2020

**85** DIRECT SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS

OP-EDS AND LETTERS TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

12 BILLS PASSED

148 EVENTS & MEETINGS HELD

# **SAY THEIR STORIES**

During the 2020 season, NFL players and coaches wore helmet decals and badges to honor victims of systemic racism, victims of police brutality, and social justice heroes. The NFL's Say Their Stories campaign told the stories of those being honored on the decals and badges.













### NFL-OWNED & **OPERATED PLATFORMS**

Network, Social and Digital highlighted more than 60 different social justice stories throughout the 2020 season.

New **Inspire Change** television spots highlighting NFL grant partners and victims of police misconduct were viewed more than 1 billion times throughout the 2020 season.







AS OF JANUARY 2021 | PHOTOS OF PLAYERS WERE TAKEN PRIOR TO COVID.