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## RALIANCE Awards \$300,000 in Grants for Projects to End Sexual Harassment, Misconduct and Abuse

New RALIANCE Grants Will Further Fund Existing Projects to Make Organizations, Systems and Communities Safer Across the United States

WASHINGTON, D.C. – RALIANCE, a trusted adviser for organizations committed to creating equitable, respectful and safe environments, announced today that it will award a total of \$300,000 in grants to six organizations across the United States dedicated to supporting survivors and preventing sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse in their communities.

The recipients of the 2025 RALIANCE Impact grant are Catholic University, Collective Action for Safe Spaces, Creative Justice, FORGE Inc., Ministerios Fuente De Vida and Visioning BEAR Circle Intertribal Coalition, Inc. Each 2025 grantee organization has previously received RALIANCE funding – with these additional \$50,000 grants, these organizations will be able to continue their important work serving survivors, implementing prevention strategies and driving positive social change.

"RALIANCE is thrilled to continue our partnership with these six grantee organizations, whose work has already made significant positive impact on the survivors and communities they serve," said Yolanda Edrington, a Managing Partner at RALIANCE. "By focusing our funding efforts in 2025 on past grantees, we're ensuring that these organizations are able to make continued investments to sustain initiatives focused on preventing and reducing the likelihood of domestic and sexual violence."

Sexual violence is a widespread societal issue. Research from Tulane University, supported by RALIANCE, found that the vast majority of women (82%) and almost half (42%) of all men have experienced sexual harassment or assault in their lifetime. The same study also found more than one in four U.S. adults (26%) – or over 68 million people – have experienced sexual harassment or assault in the past year (2024), with significantly higher prevalence for women (32%) compared with men (15%).

A description of the 2025 RALIANCE Impact Grant recipients and projects are below.

**Catholic University**, based in Washington, DC, will conduct a feasibility study on optimizing Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Adolescent Problem Sexual Behavior in community practice settings, advancing a trauma-focused research-based approach to prevent youth sexual violence and reduce sexual violence risk and behaviors.

**Collective Action for Safe Spaces**, based in Washington, DC, will implement an archival, arts and community action project that aims to transform community safety by calling upon the legacies of Indigenous and African communities to usher in a cultural shift towards collective action to create safety without replicating patriarchal violence.

**Creative Justice**, based in Seattle, WA, will conduct restorative healing circles as part of its program to create a youth-led and adult-supported space for deep healing and accountability processes.

**FORGE, Inc**, based in Milwaukee, WI, will develop a policy toolkit aimed at preventing sexual violence in public and private spaces.

**Ministerios Fuente De Vida**, based in Glendale, CA, will work within Latino faith communities to transform the role ministry plays in preventing sexual abuse by training church leaders to understand risk factors and integrate sexual violence prevention in their work.

**Visioning BEAR Circle Intertribal Coalition, Inc.**, based in Greenfield, MA, will focus its grant on its Circles of Support program, which aims to reduce the likelihood of people in reentry to commit violence by providing them opportunities for leadership, economic stability, and meaningful inclusion in healthy communities.

With the NFL's support, RALIANCE was created in 2016 to unify the national sexual violence field to better support victims and survivors. In addition to the National Football League's (NFL) multi-million dollar support of RALIANCE's general operations, communications and advocacy work, together the NFL and RALIANCE have awarded nearly \$4 million in grants to prevention programs and projects that support survivors and make communities safer. In 2022, RALIANCE and the NFL announced the renewal of their grant partnership to expand RALIANCE's efforts to offer more resources and tools to create a safe environment when it comes to sexual harassment and abuse.

Learn more about the RALIANCE Impact Grant program at <a href="www.raliance.org/grant-program/grants">www.raliance.org/grant-program/grants</a>.

## **ABOUT RALIANCE**

RALIANCE is a trusted adviser for organizations committed to building cultures and environments that are safe, equitable and respectful. RALIANCE offers unparalleled expertise in supporting survivors of sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse and has established relationships with a national network of sexual assault service providers and prevention experts. Our mission is to help organizations across sectors create positive and inclusive environments for all. Visit <a href="RALIANCE.org">RALIANCE.org</a> for more information.