

Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice (DCCSJ) Community Organizing Award

In coordination with our division's mission of critically examining and recognizing humanistic social formations and supporting networks that pursue critical practice, this award recognizes an organization that has exhibited sustainable impact on an identifiable area of community need.

Core Criteria:

- **Impact:** The nominated organization (initiative, or collaborative effort) should demonstrate an impact on a community in need.
- **Sustainability:** The organization, initiative, or community collaboration needs to have built/contributed sustainable efforts toward the future of the organization. Examples include structures, relationships, or practices that support long-term impact beyond a single project or effort.
- **Community Need:** The community needs should also be clearly identified, communicated, and presented to the awards committee so that people can have informed and clear voting standards.
- **Leadership:** The leadership, understood broadly, including shared, community-based, or organizational leadership, should be evidenced and highlighted in the recipients, and how the organization has been shored up and/or developed under current leadership.
- **Inclusivity & Public Education:** The recipient should have also shown evidence of coalition building toward inclusion and demonstrated efforts toward educating those unaware of the needs of the previously mentioned community groups.

Eligibility: Organizations should have been active for some time frame of significance (1 year or more). Eligibility may include established non-profits, grassroots organizations, and/or newer community organizations demonstrating impact.

International in Scope: At the inception of this award, DCCSJ members emphasized the importance of recognizing the international scope of the ASC and ensuring that recipients are not limited to the U.S./Global North. We strongly encourage nominations that reflect the global nature of our field. Members also encouraged consideration of organizations connected to the host city of the ASC Annual Meeting, as well as organizations serving regional and rural communities. Doing so provides an opportunity to strengthen connections between critical criminology and local organizations, community initiatives, and historically significant sites in the locations hosting the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

Nomination Materials: Nominations may include, but are not limited to, a letter of nomination, supporting documentation of the organization's work and impact, letters of support, and links to relevant websites, reports, or media. We encourage nominators to submit any materials that demonstrate the organization's sustained contributions to the community.

Nomination Deadline: **October 1, 2026.** Please send nomination materials to Emily Troshynski, email: emily.troshynski@unlv.edu

Nomination materials will be reviewed by the newly elected DCCSJ Executive Counselors.

*Note: The DCCSJ Praxis award is designated for individuals holding academic/educational positions. By centering community-based and collective work, this new DCCSJ Community Organizing award is intended to complement (not replace and/or duplicate) that recognition. This award is not necessarily given every year, but rather when a deserving organization or collaborative effort is nominated with clear evidence presented to the executive committee of the five core criteria and eligibility requirements.