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Dear BEA Participants,

It is our pleasure to send you this invitation to your organization to consider self-nominating a representative of your organization (staff, member leader, or board member) for the BEAI Fund Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will provide key political leadership for the BEAI Fund, and guide the Fund’s grantmaking decisions.

As you may be aware, the BEA has been involved in intensive work to create the BEAI Fund. This Fund is one vehicle to help address the historical disparity that has kept the grassroots organizing sector underfunded, and will help ensure that the grassroots sector has the resources it needs to scale its impact and secure lasting solutions to today’s social, environmental, and economic crisis. Many of you provided key input in 2016 to develop the details of the Fund, which promotes four interlinked elements:

A. Community Organizing at the Forefront of Change and  
B. Building Partnerships Across Sectors and Geographies  
C. To Advance a Just Transition  
D. While Building the Capacity of the Grassroots Sector

We invite you to see the BEAI Fund one-pager and Primer for more information on the Fund, along with the details on Advisory Board qualifications, composition, and responsibilities.

We hope that you will consider this opportunity to nominate yourself or someone from your organization for the BEAI Fund Advisory Board. It is both a significant commitment and an exciting opportunity to play a critical role in getting funding to the grassroots organizing sector. Please contact Jennifer Near for more information.

Nominations are due by Thursday, October 26, 2018.

Thanks so much for your consideration!

In solidarity,

Jose Bravo and Molly Greenberg,  
Weaver Co-Chairs