

We foster investigative journalism that has an impact, when and where it's needed most. This year, the Fund for Investigative Journalism provided **funding and other critical support for 140 new investigative projects in 44 states** — far more than at any time in our 55-year history. Stories published with our support sparked **46 changes to policies and practices** this year.

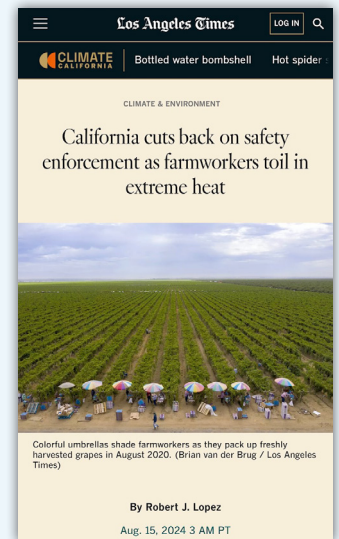
## 2024 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

### Story uncovers dangers for migrant farmworkers, sparks reform

**THE STORY:** Farmworkers are not protected from health hazards as temperatures rise

**OUR SUPPORT:** A \$2,500 seed grant and a full \$10,000 grant for in-state travel and reporting time, plus free legal help

**THE IMPACT:** The state safety agency immediately stepped up enforcement; state lawmakers are drafting a bill to introduce in January 2025



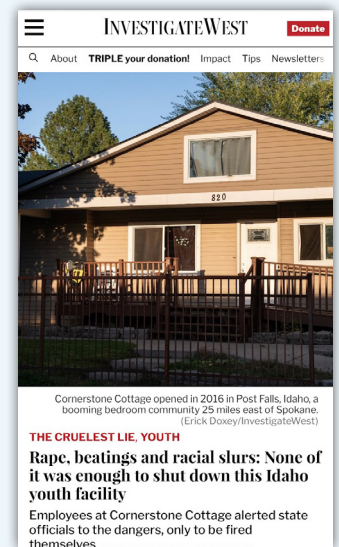
## 2024 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

### Investigation leads to closure of youth home, spurs new state law

**THE STORY:** At-risk youth are abused in a state-run group home, and whistleblowers are punished

**OUR SUPPORT:** A \$6,000 grant for reporting and editing time and records fees, plus free legal help

**THE IMPACT:** The home was shut down and a new law was enacted to increase oversight of similar homes statewide



# The journalists we support – and their impact

We provide targeted assistance directly to journalists for unbiased, nonpartisan investigations that have an impact. Our board of directors, all accomplished journalists, reviews proposals and decides which to support. Our programs include:

- Grants for stories on any topic in any medium
- Editorial and legal support to boost the quality and impact of grantees' reporting
- Smaller seed grants for preliminary reporting
- Fellowships for journalists from diverse backgrounds
- Follow-up grants to extend the impact of initial reporting
- Emergency grants on timely topics
- Educational programs that share our grantees' work to help strengthen the field

## 2024 AT A GLANCE

140

new grants for investigative stories

67%

matched with free editorial or legal help

79%

covered state and local stories

32%

are journalists of color

64%

are women

80%

are freelancers

## 2024 IMPACT

114

stories or series were published from grants made in the last two years (others are still in the field reporting)

67%

of these stories have already helped spark impact. This impact includes

- **46** practice changes by governments or corporations
- **9** official investigations or audits
- **14** state and local policy changes
- **6** federal policy changes
- **10** bills or packages of reforms that are pending in state legislatures
- **6** lawsuits or indictments

# 2024 IMPACT SNAPSHOTS

## Report on labor abuse sparks change at Amazon

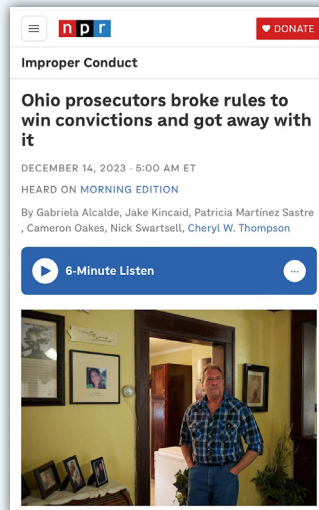


**THE STORY:** Amazon warehouses overseas exploit workers with illegal fees

**OUR SUPPORT:** A \$6,515 grant for a freelancer to interview workers' families

**THE IMPACT:** Amazon changed its policies globally and reimbursed workers

## Series on prosecutorial misconduct fuels reforms

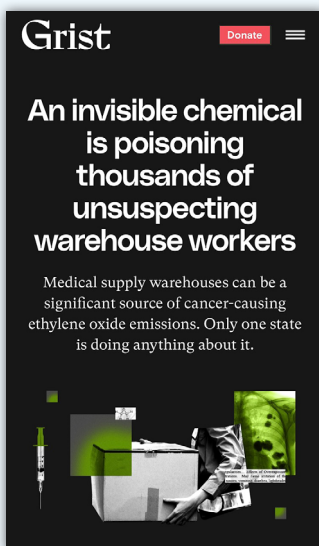


**THE STORY:** Ohio prosecutors violated defendants' rights in scores of cases

**OUR SUPPORT:** A \$10,000 grant to grad students to finish the story with NPR

**THE IMPACT:** A state agency changed its policies and created new training

## Story uncovers workplace toxins, sparks federal review

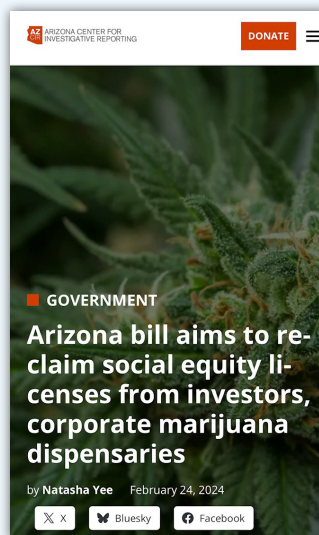


**THE STORY:** Warehouse workers are exposed to dangerous chemicals

**OUR SUPPORT:** A \$10,000 grant to travel and pay for air monitoring

**THE IMPACT:** Federal agents raided a site and launched an investigation

## Investigation of marijuana licensing spurs legislation



**THE STORY:** When Arizona legalized cannabis, corporations got the licenses

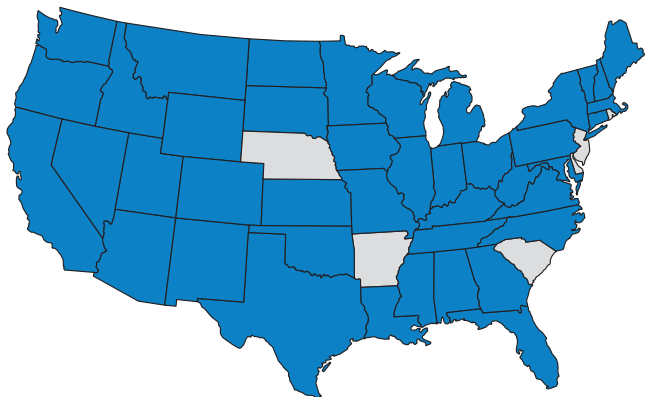
**OUR SUPPORT:** \$30,000 for a Diversity Fellowship in a nonprofit newsroom

**THE IMPACT:** State legislation is pending to reallocate licenses equitably

# Growing to increase our impact at a critical time

We've more than tripled the number of investigative stories we support, thanks to increased donations from individuals and foundations who want to support public-service journalism. Even more journalists will turn to us in 2025 for help to do groundbreaking stories – and we will continue growing to meet the increased need.

## Supporting Stories in 44 States in 2024

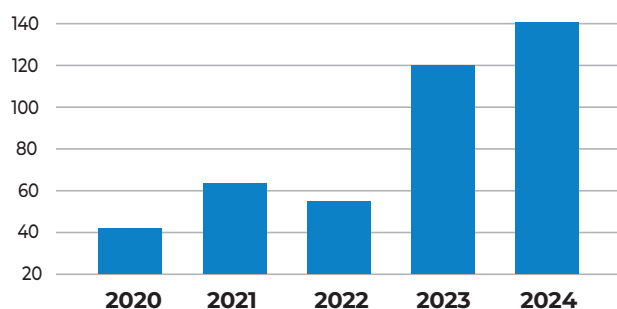


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