

GREGORY JACKSON

Repaired Nations

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BIG BOLD IDEA

Reverse historic social and economic marginalization in Black communities by providing culturally appropriate community education, funding for cooperative infrastructure, and network and advisory services.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Repaired Nations educates and organizes low-income Black youth in the Bay Area, California to launch cooperative enterprises for sustainable economic security through shared ownership and control of housing and businesses. Repaired Nations focuses on building wealth in Black communities by giving youth the tools needed to remain rooted: access to land and access to capital. Book clubs, workshops, and trainings educate and inspire communities to engage in cooperative effort, while giving grounded, practical skills for collective ownership.

PERSONAL BIO

Gregory Jackson, Jr. is co-founder of and lead steward for Repaired Nations. Early on, he recognized that many social problems are rooted in the unequal distribution of wealth and decision-making power. As a youth, he witnessed the perils of imbalanced decision-making power as his father's towing business was affected by inequitable bargaining and payment practices that ultimately resulted in a class action lawsuit against a national emergency service provider. Gregory's work is focused on cooperative-business development in Black communities, like his home in East Oakland, California. In 2020, following his Equal Justice Works Fellowship with Sustainable Economies Law Center, Gregory was named Cross-Sector Champion of the Year by the U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives. And key network-building clients, the Black Cultural Zone and the East Bay Permanent Real Estate Cooperative, generated widely publicized, significant progress. Gregory envisions cooperative corridors in East Oakland, where the historically disadvantaged are given autonomy to self-determine the development of their neighborhoods. Gregory knows that youth are the future and believes the stewards of today must learn to co-create with the inheritants of tomorrow.

Organization/Fellow Location

Oakland, United States

Impact Location

United States

Organization Structure

Hybrid

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