

# GROUPS—Money for People



**The American Monetary Institute** works to demystify the role of money in society and points out that money power controls our monetary system and, through it, our entire society.

Their website has a *Brief Monetary History of the United States* and *Our Reaction to the Criminally Insane \$700 billion Proposed Grab*. They have also proposed The American Monetary Act, which returns jurisdiction over the US monetary system to our elected government from the banker-dominated Federal Reserve.

**Bailout Main Street.com.** With leading endorsers from Noam Chomsky to Healthcare-NOW, this campaign will have great appeal to progressives. They are gathering endorsers on their website, saying: “We need to organize in the workplace. We need to organize in the schools. We need to organize in the streets, in our neighborhoods, in our communities. And we need to be clear about what we’re for: A Just Economy for All Americans; one that creates 21st Century productive jobs, instead of relying on debt-driven consumption to sustain the economy.”



**The Road to Economic Recovery** has already begun holding Town Hall meetings and teach-ins around the country. National sponsoring organizations include Institute for Policy Studies, Jobs with Justice, National Community Reinvestment Coalition, US Action/True Majority, and United for a Fair Economy. They held 30 Town Hall meetings the week of December 7-13 across the country.

### **Coalition for Community Development Financial Institutions.**

CDFIs are trailblazers in their communities, leading the way for investing in distressed urban and rural neighborhoods and bringing people into the economic mainstream as contributors to the economy. Their links page can be used to find CDFIs around the country including Community Development Venture Capital organizations and Community Development Credit Unions. People can also help urge Congress and the Obama Administration to allocate a billion dollars to CDFIs as part of the Economic stimulus package.



### **Break The Bailout**

**Break the Bailout.** Linked to Breakthematrix.com promoting Ron Paul’s libertarian ideas, this campaign is broader in potential appeal. It is primarily web-based but hopes to expand to door-to-door canvassing and town meetings. They say:

“We come together, as conservatives, progressives, libertarians, liberals

and moderates to break the bailout; we see it as theft from the taxpayers by the banksters, Big Finance and Wall Street... We’re going to be using the modern advocacy device known as ‘civil informationing.’ This is 21st Century advocacy, a strategy that rapidly spreads educational information through the public. We’ll be starting that on the Break the Bailout Internet Show (Weekdays at 8 PM). By educating the public in a rapid and broad-based way, Break the Bailout will decentralize power and leadership.

**The People’s Summit Against the G20.** Under the rally cry of “New Ideas After the Capitalism Casino Goes Bust,” young people came together in Washington, DC November 14 to 16 for protesting, mutual learning and organizing. **Global Call to**

**Action to Demand a New Economic System**, also linked to the November G20 meetings, is a call that originated in the Global South and quickly spread around the globe. Calling for “new principles and rules to build an economic system that works for the people and the planet,” the statement is signed by 230 organizations from 51 countries, including the Alliance for Democracy. It says “Enough with market fundamentalism.” The so-called “Washington Consensus” that has preached deregulation, privatization, the over-leveraging of banks, and trade and capital liberalization is discredited and should be officially abandoned.

