

## Five Documentaries Awarded Winter 2020 Grants from The Rogovy Foundation

(New York, NY). The Rogovy Foundation is pleased to announce the Miller / Packan Documentary Film Fund Winter 2020 award winners. The Fund awards grants totalling \$200,000 to a selection of film projects annually through its Summer and Winter open calls.

The Fund's five selection of award winners for this Winter period are:

**Beyond the Emergency** — A group of ordinary people stop playing by the rules, embracing civil disobedience and sounding the alarm for climate breakdown. They are rebellious - and they are flawed. A film about the human drama at the heart of social change. Directors: Maia Kenworthy & Elena Sánchez Bellot.

**\$huffle** — An investigation of massive fraud in the substance abuse treatment industry, as told by those who live it. Director: Benjamin Flaherty.

*The Last Strike* — In 1981, 11,345 air traffic controllers stood in solidarity on strike, defying President Reagan's order to return to work; he fired them en masse, forever altering their lives and the American labor landscape for the next four decades. The Last Strike take viewers inside the strike that changed everything, unravelling the mystery behind the moment American unions were nearly crushed. Directors: Danny Alpert and Ray Nowosielski.

*Untitled Lerone D. Wilson Project* — Themes of culture, diversity, and internet freedom clash in this study of how social media has reshaped our lives and upended decades of technological, journalistic, and political norms. Director: Lerone D. Wilson.

*Immunity* — The film investigates the burgeoning vaccine hesitancy movement while exploring the negotiation between individual health and collective security, all while the COVID-19 vaccine countdown begins. Director: Scott Hamilton Kennedy.

"With so many worthy submissions, it's always a challenge to find the best projects to support," said Hugh Rogovy, Foundation President, "these five represent strong narratives and timely topics, and we look forward to the impact they can achieve."

Applications are now being accepted for the Summer 2021 Open Call, which ends May 15th. Further details on the Miller / Packan Film Fund can be found at: <u>rogovy.org</u>

## About The Rogovy Foundation.

The Rogovy Foundation invests in inspired people and nonprofit organizations working to build a more enlightened and harmonious planet. The Foundation sees documentary film as a potent medium which broadens our vision and changes our perspectives.

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