

Grants Approved

The following grants were approved at the April 10, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors:

Education

Advance Illinois

Chicago, IL \$1,500,000

To support the launch of Advance Illinois, a new organization that would promote policies to create a world-class education system in Illinois that prepares all students to be college and work ready. (3 yrs.)

Editorial Projects in Education

Bethesda, MD \$304,105

To support coverage in *Education Week* and its Web site of how federal, state, and district human-resource policies affect student success in the classroom. (2 yrs.)

Illinois Network of Charter Schools

Chicago, IL \$400,000

To continue providing information about Illinois' charter schools to key public and policy-maker audiences and to strengthen charter public school policies in the state. (2 yrs.)

National Council on Teacher Quality

Washington, DC \$282,000

To produce a second edition of its 50-state report card on teacher quality policies and a special report on state teacher pension policies and to sponsor a research competition and national conference on how collective bargaining agreements affect teacher quality. (2 yrs.)

National Governors Association Center for Best Practices

Washington, DC \$300,000

To help Illinois and other states develop new models of teacher compensation and convene a policy academy on collective bargaining and the professionalization of teaching. (2 yrs.)

Ounce of Prevention Fund

Chicago, IL \$75,000

To engage in advocacy aimed at assuring that Illinois establishes a high-quality early learning system that meets the needs of at-risk children. (1 yr.)

SRI International

Menlo Park, CA \$580,524

To continue its comprehensive study of new teacher induction programs in Illinois and Ohio to determine their impact on teacher retention, teacher practice, and student learning. (2 yrs.)

Voices for Illinois Children, Inc.

Chicago, IL \$75,000

To build public and political will for expanding and assuring effective implementation of Preschool for All. (1 yr.)

Total Education \$3,516,629

Employment

Chicago Jobs Council

Chicago, IL \$525,000

To continue its ongoing federal, state, and local advocacy work to improve employment policies affecting low-income, low-skilled workers. (2 yrs.)

Civic Consulting Alliance

Chicago, IL \$400,000

To manage the Chicago LEADS Initiative, a system reform effort designed to improve workforce outcomes for individuals and businesses. (2 yrs.)

Economic Policy Institute

Washington, DC \$118,000

To support its national Living Standards project and its state-based work as part of the Economic Analysis Research Network. (1 yr.)

Goodwill/Easter Seals Minnesota

St. Paul, MN \$380,000

To expand the number of participants served in its Transitional Jobs Reentry Demonstration initiative. (8 mos.)

Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth

Lansing, MI \$100,000

To develop an implementation plan for the adult education component of the No Worker Left Behind initiative. (18 mos.)

Total Employment \$1,523,000

Environment

Clean Air Task Force Inc.

Boston, MA \$1,134,000

To support the promotion of climate friendly coal technologies in the upper Midwest. (2 yrs.)

Clean Wisconsin Inc.

Madison, WI \$230,000

To support a campaign against the next proposed conventional coal plant in Wisconsin. (1 yr.)

Council of State Governments

Lexington, KY \$1,500,000

To organize and convene a summit on energy and global warming for Midwestern governors. (2 yrs.)

Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center

Columbus, OH \$50,000

To build support for the regional effort to curb global warming and pollution. (1 yr.)

Great Plains Institute for Sustainable Development Inc.

Minneapolis, MN \$600,000

For ongoing work to accelerate adoption of advanced coal technologies with carbon capture and storage, building on regional agreements of Midwestern governors. (2 yrs.)

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Livermore, CA \$180,000

To support a comprehensive assessment of the potential to develop underground coal gasification in the Midwest. (1 yr.)

Michigan Environmental Council

Lansing, MI \$65,000

To continue to ensure that any new coal power plants built in Michigan use state-of-the-art clean coal technologies and to promote clean energy policies. (1 yr.)

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

St. Paul, MN \$150,000

To fund a second energy attorney to the staff, provide more administrative and research support for the energy team, and provide compensation for critical expert testimony. (2 yrs.)

National Caucus of Environmental Legislators

Washington, DC \$300,000

For continued efforts to recruit new members to the NCEL and convene a forum focused on state and federal environment and energy policies. (2 yrs.)

National Wildlife Federation

Reston, VA \$500,000

To engage the Conservation Movement in Coal and Energy Transition in the lower Midwest and to support the implementation of regional energy and climate agreements. (2 yrs.)

Natural Resources Defense Council Inc.

New York, NY \$500,000

To support efforts to oppose the construction of conventional coal plants and ensure that new coal plants use advanced technology and appropriate methods for carbon capture and disposal. (2 yrs.)

Ohio Environmental Council

Columbus, OH \$350,000

To support integrated gasification combined cycle as Ohio's preferred technology for coal-based electricity production and other advanced technologies, promote the development of carbon capture and storage, and study the upstream costs of coal production in the state. (2 yrs.)

River Revitalization Foundation

Milwaukee, WI \$207,500

To support non-governmental organizations' participation in the Milwaukee Regional Partnership Initiative. (1 yr.)

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

Madison, WI \$185,035

To retain experts for supporting the Wisconsin Governor's Global Warming Task Force. (1 yr.)

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Center on Wisconsin Strategy

Madison, WI \$100,000

To continue to build support among labor leaders in Wisconsin and other Midwest states for coal gasification as an alternative to conventional coal power plants. (1 yr.)

Total Environment: \$6,051,535

Gun Violence

President and Fellows of Harvard University

Boston, MA \$325,000

To support a project that includes conducting new firearm research, dissemination of results through a new on-line searchable database, and providing technical assistance to suicide prevention groups, police, and others. (8 mos.)

Illegal Gun Initiative

Ceasefire Pennsylvania Education Fund

Philadelphia, PA \$350,000

To support the Pennsylvania Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. (2 yrs.)

United Against Illegal Guns Support Fund

New York, NY \$325,000

To support four diverse Mayors Against Illegal Guns coalition members in hiring city coordinators to act as regional point persons for the coalition. (1 yr.)

Total Gun Violence \$1,000,000

Money and Politics

Center for Responsive Politics

Washington, DC \$187,500

To support the expansion and redesign of the Center for Responsive Politics' OpenSecrets.org Web site and *Capital Eye* electronic newsletter. (1 yr.)

Common Cause Education Fund

Washington, DC \$170,000

To support the policy research, development, education, communications, and advocacy activities of Common Cause/Wisconsin with an emphasis on campaign finance, redistricting, and state budget reforms. (2 yrs.)

League of Women Voters of Michigan Education Fund

Lansing, MI \$100,000

To support the organization's collaborative Campaign to Restore Confidence in Democracy initiative. (2 yrs.)

League of Women Voters of Ohio Education Fund

Columbus, OH \$250,000

To support efforts to educate and mobilize a constituency for political reform through the organization's "imPACT" (Political Accountability for Citizens Today) initiative, which would continue to focus on a range of campaign finance, election administration, judicial, redistricting, and government transparency issues. (2 yrs.)

Michigan Campaign Finance Network

Lansing, MI \$225,000

To support the development and promotion of a broad political reform agenda for the state of Michigan through policy research and advocacy, public and policy-maker education, coalition-building, and collaborative work with other Midwest reform advocates. (2 yrs.)

Ohio Citizen Action Education Fund

Columbus, OH \$300,000

To support the Ohio Citizen Action Education Fund's Money in Politics Project, whose goal is to advance a broad political reform agenda in partnership with other Ohio groups. (2 yrs.)

TakeAction Minnesota Education Fund

St. Paul, MN \$350,000

To support efforts to advance a broad political reform agenda in Minnesota through policy advocacy, public education, coalition-building, and organizing. (2 yrs.)

Total Money and Politics: \$1,582,500

Culture**The Adler Planetarium**

Chicago, IL \$40,000

To support the world premiere of *One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure*, and related programming and outreach activities. (1 yr.)

Asian Improv aRts Midwest

Chicago, IL \$60,000

To support efforts to build AIRMW's organizational capacity through supporting the leadership of the organization. (2 yrs.)

Chicago Jazz Philharmonic

Chicago, IL \$25,000

To support staff salaries and a collaboration with the Arts & Business Council to build organizational capacity. (1 yr.)

Chicago Tourism Fund

Chicago, IL \$75,000

To support the annual *Made in Chicago: Jazz Series 2008* and a new series featuring Latin Music. (1 yr.)

ETA Creative Arts Foundation

Chicago, IL \$80,000

To support capacity-building strategies that include developing new marketing approaches, upgrading technology, and expanding programs. (2 yrs.)

Kalapriya Foundation Center for Indian Performing Arts

Chicago, IL \$30,000

To support audience and program development. (1 yr.)

Ma'at Production Association of Afrikan Centered Theatre (MPAACT)

Chicago, IL \$30,000

To fund the establishment of a paid Managing Director position. (1 yr.)

Old Town School of Folk Music

Chicago, IL \$80,000

To support the Neighborhood Cultural Advancement Program, which deepens relationships with ethnically-specific communities on Chicago's North Side through community partnerships and diverse public programs. (2 yrs.)

The Pew Charitable Trusts

Philadelphia, PA \$50,000

To support the planning phase and launch of the Illinois Cultural Data Project, a standardized, statewide Web-based data collection system for arts and culture organizations. (1 yr.)

Public Housing Museum

Chicago, IL \$50,000

To support the salary of an executive director to oversee the Museum's planning and start-up activities, which include outreach and audience development, oral history programs and public programming. (1 yr.)

Victory Gardens Theater

Chicago, IL \$80,000

To support the presence of Andrea J. Dymond as Resident Director and Aaron Carter as Literary Manager during the 2008 and 2009 seasons. (2 yrs.)

Total Culture \$600,000

Special Opportunities

Latinos United

Chicago, IL \$125,000

To develop and promote public policies designed to ensure the well-being of the Latino community, with an emphasis initially on improving access to and the quality of early childhood education programs for Latino children. (1 yr.)

Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund

Los Angeles, CA \$75,000

To support the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund's legal and public policy work in the Midwest. (1 yr.)

WBEZ Alliance Inc.

Chicago, IL \$125,000

To support two community-based satellite bureaus in Englewood and Humboldt Park. (18 mos.)

Total Special Opportunities: \$325,000

TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$14,598,664
