

# Grants Approved

*The following grants were approved at the April 16, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors:*

## **Education**

### **Council of Chief State School Officers**

Washington, DC \$300,000

To work in collaboration with Education Counsel to analyze and improve the capacity of the Illinois State Board of Education and the Indiana Department of Education. (18 mos.)

### **The Education Trust**

Washington, DC \$608,635

To advance teacher quality policies by providing research, policy analysis, and strategy support to national civil rights groups, state-level advocacy organizations, and state legislators. (2 yrs.)

### **Evanston Community Foundation**

Evanston, IL \$50,000

To launch the Illinois Early Childhood Fellowship, a special project of the Evanston Community Foundation Inc. focused on developing a pipeline of new, knowledgeable committed leaders, and building institutional and field capacity in the early childhood field. (1 yr.)

## **MDRC**

New York, NY \$100,000

To support the Foundations of Learning Project, a large-scale test of an early childhood professional development model that includes training in classroom management skills, and provides students who are involved in the project with access to onsite clinically trained professionals who provide individualized clinical services to Head Start children identified as being at greatest risk. (1 yr.)

### **The Mind Trust**

Indianapolis, IN \$380,000

To promote improved teacher quality policies in Indianapolis and Indiana and to foster educational entrepreneurship in Joyce-targeted districts and cities. (2 yrs.)

### **Public Impact**

Chapel Hill, NC \$488,620

To provide tools and assistance to policy reformers who want to create meaningful teacher evaluation and tenure systems that enhance student learning. (2 yrs.)

### **Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville**

Edwardsville, IL \$221,815

To conduct a comprehensive study of the distribution of quality principals in Illinois. (2 yrs.)

### **University of Missouri**

Columbia, MO \$295,000

To analyze how the design of the Illinois and Indiana teacher pension systems impact the recruitment and retention of a high-quality teaching workforce. (18 mos.)

**Total Education: \$2,444,070**

## **Employment**

### **PublicVoice Inc.**

New Rochelle, NY \$538,200

To provide strategic communications assistance to the Shifting Gears state policy initiatives. (2 yrs.)

### **Illinois Community College Board**

Springfield, IL \$400,000

To continue its Shifting Gears Initiative, a state policy reform effort designed to create education options for low-skilled adults that lead to employment in industries experiencing workforce shortages. (2 yrs.)

### **Jasculca/Terman**

Chicago, IL \$400,000

To help disseminate research findings from the Joyce Foundation's Transitional Jobs Reentry Demonstration project. (2 yrs.)

### **MDRC**

New York, NY \$200,000

To support an evaluation and cost analysis of Ohio's TANF Educational Awards Program. (2 yrs.)

### **State of Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development**

Madison, WI \$600,500

For continuation of its RISE Initiative, a state policy reform effort designed to create career pathways for low-skilled adults that will lead to employment in high-demand jobs. (2 yrs.)

**Total Employment: \$2,138,700**

## **Environment**

### **American Rivers Inc.**

Washington, DC \$375,000

For a project to reduce polluted stormwater runoff to Milwaukee's rivers through the use of green infrastructure. (3 yrs.)

### **Center for Neighborhood Technology**

Chicago, IL \$350,000

For a project to frame and test methods to apply 'least cost water planning,' a method that would put different options for supplying drinking water and treating wastewater on equal footing in the Great Lakes region. (2 yrs.)

**Council of Great Lakes Governors Inc.**

Chicago, IL \$202,250

For the Great Lakes Water Resource Managers' Initiative, an effort to provide state and provincial water resource agency staff with the information and skills necessary to implement the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. (2 yrs.)

**Council of State Governments**

Lexington, KY \$150,000

To support the Great Lakes Legislative Caucus. The Caucus provides a forum for state legislators to exchange information and ideas about Great Lakes protection and restoration policy making. (2 yrs.)

**Environment Ohio Research and Policy Center**

Columbus, OH \$150,000

For continued participation on the stakeholder committee of the Midwestern Governors Association greenhouse gas accord and to work for policies in the state of Ohio that support the regional agreement. (2 yrs.)

**Fresh Energy**

St. Paul, MN \$300,000

To support the work of the REAMP media center. (2 yrs.)

**Georgetown University**

Washington, DC \$200,000

For its State-Federal Climate Resource Center. (1 yr.)

**Izaak Walton League of America Inc.**

St. Paul, MN \$350,000

To continue its efforts to develop policies that drive a transition away from conventional coal-fired electricity and promote low emissions alternatives. (2 yrs.)

**Michigan Environmental Council**

Lansing, MI \$250,000

To support the Michigan Clean Energy Project. Future funding is possible if the Michigan Environmental Council continues to make good progress toward its policy goals. (2 yrs.)

**Minnesota Environmental Partnership**

St. Paul, MN \$100,000

To perform watershed-based stormwater pollution reduction and habitat protection work in two priority Lake Superior watersheds and to leverage Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment funds to protect and restore Lake Superior tributaries. (1 yr.)

**Northeast-Midwest Institute**

Washington, DC \$150,000

To support the director of the Great Lakes Congressional Task Force. (2 yrs.)

**Prairie Stewardship Network**

Ashley, ND \$98,700

To support a climate and energy policy conference in 2009 in Bismarck, North Dakota. (1 yr.)

**River Revitalization Foundation**

Milwaukee, WI \$1,950,000

To support the participation of seven environmental nonprofit organizations in the Southeastern Wisconsin Watershed Trust (the Trust), an effort to achieve clean water in the Greater Milwaukee Watersheds. (3 yrs.)

**Total Environment: \$4,625,950**

## **Gun Violence**

**American College of Preventive Medicine**

Washington, DC \$203,193

To support education and advocacy around the continuation and expansion of the National Violent Death Reporting System. (1 yr.)

**International Association of Chiefs of Police**

Alexandria, VA \$250,000

To continue implementation efforts around the recommendations contained in the report of the Great Lakes States Summit on Gun Violence. (1 yr.)

**Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health**

Baltimore, MD \$179,971

For support of research on policies that can more effectively restrict firearm ownership to law-abiding persons. (2 yrs.)

**Legal Community Against Violence**

San Francisco, CA \$340,000

For core support to Legal Community Against Violence (LCAV) to provide legal and technical assistance in support of state and local gun violence prevention policy reform efforts. (20 mos.)

**University of California, Davis**

Sacramento, CA \$175,000

For core support of the Violence Prevention Research Program's work on research and policy development focused on firearm violence and its prevention. (2 yrs.)

**Total Gun Violence: \$1,148,164**

## **Money and Politics**

**Campaign Finance Institute**

Washington, DC \$125,000

To support a project entitled Small Donor Democracy: Options for the Midwest and for the U.S. Congress. (18 mos.)

**Citizen Advocacy Center**

Elmhurst, IL \$50,000

To support the promotion of policy recommendations of the Midwest Open Government Project; and the Center's educational and organizational efforts to achieve a full census count in DuPage County. (1 yr.)

**League of Women Voters of Minnesota Education Fund**

St. Paul, MN \$120,000

To support the State of Democracy in Minnesota project and a special 2010 Census initiative. (2 yrs.)

**League of Women Voters of Wisconsin Education Fund**

Madison, WI \$120,000

To support the development and promotion of a comprehensive political reform agenda for Wisconsin. (2 yrs.)

**Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund**

Los Angeles, CA \$150,000

To support the organization's census education, advocacy, and outreach activities in Illinois and elsewhere in the Midwest. (2 yrs.)

**Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.**

St. Paul, MN \$50,000

To manage a multi-organizational initiative entitled Census 2010: Collaborating for a Complete Count. (1 yr.)

**Total Money and Politics: \$615,000**

**Culture****Alliance of Artists Communities**

Providence, RI \$185,000

To support Midwestern Voices & Visions, a project designed to encourage minority participation at Midwestern artist communities. (3 yrs.)

**Americans for the Arts**

Washington, DC \$60,000

For continued support of a professional development program for minority arts administrators. (2 yrs.)

**The Art Institute of Chicago**

Chicago, IL \$50,000

To support the museum's Hispanic Outreach Initiative. (1 yr.)

**Black Ensemble Theater Corporation**

Chicago, IL \$150,000

To support capacity-building initiatives in audience expansion, marketing, and technology. (2 yrs.)

**Chicago Tourism Fund**

Chicago, IL \$50,000

To continue support of Millennium Park's Made in Chicago Jazz series. (1 yr.)

**Guild Complex**

Chicago, IL \$30,000

For continued support of Palabra Pura, a bilingual poetry series. (1 yr.)

**John F. Kennedy Center for The Performing Arts**

Washington, DC \$100,000

To support an online capacity-building program for mid-sized, culturally-specific arts groups in the Midwest. (2 yrs.)

**Muntu Dance Theatre**

Chicago, IL \$150,000

To support capacity building in the areas of financial management, fund-raising, and marketing. (2 yrs.)

**The Pew Charitable Trusts**

Philadelphia, PA \$100,000

To continue support of the Illinois Cultural Data Project, a standardized, statewide Web-based data collection system for arts and culture organizations. (2 yrs.)

**Total Culture: \$875,000**

**Special Opportunities**

**Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**

Washington, DC \$445,000

To support its research and policy analysis on fiscal policy matters and policies affecting low-income families, federally and in the Midwest. (2 yrs.)

**Chicago Community Trust**

Chicago, IL \$250,000

To support a coordinated campaign in the state to raise the 2010 census mail response rate among hard-to-count communities. (18 mos.)

**Latino Policy Forum**

Chicago, IL \$125,000

To support the policy research, development, education, and advocacy activities of the Latino Policy Forum. (1 yr.)

**Total Special Opportunities: \$820,000**

**TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$12,666,884**