

# Grants Approved

*The following grants were approved at the July 17, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors:*

## Education

### **Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois**

Chicago, IL \$30,000

To inform policy makers and other stakeholders in downstate Illinois about critical issues confronting early childhood education. (1 yr.)

### **Consortium for Educational Change**

Lombard, IL \$275,000

To fund a Great Lakes Compact for Comprehensive Union Leadership, as well as to fund an initial planning year to begin exploring the creation of a network of high school charter schools across Illinois. (2 yrs.)

### **Education Sector Inc.**

Washington, DC \$329,980

To promote improvement in teacher policies at the federal and local levels. (1 yr.)

### **Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies**

Bloomington, IL \$95,700

To support activities aimed at establishing a statewide early childhood credentialing system. (1 yr.)

### **National-Louis University**

Wheeling, IL \$75,000

For its McCormick Tribune Center for Early Childhood Leadership to engage in advocacy aimed at promoting high standards in early childhood program administration. (1 yr.)

### **The Public Agenda Foundation**

New York, NY \$215,000

To collect and analyze data on the career expectations and attitudes of teachers under 30, including their views on teachers unions, alternate forms of compensation, pensions, hiring practices, and teacher evaluation and tenure reforms. (15 mos.)

### **Stanford University**

Stanford, CA \$399,413

To help the Milwaukee Public Schools better support the recruitment, development, and retention of strong school leaders. (2 yrs.)

### **Target Area Development Corporation**

Chicago, IL \$100,000

To carry out a grassroots education and organizing initiative to develop several hundred informed parents, students, and community organizers who are well-positioned to participate in progressive dialogues about education challenges in Illinois. (1 yr.)

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**Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania**

Philadelphia, PA \$300,000

For its Consortium for Policy Research in Education to analyze the most effective set of teacher and principal quality policies in three Midwestern states. (2 yrs.)

**The University of Chicago**

**Consortium on Chicago School Research**

Chicago, IL \$400,000

To study the implementation of a new teacher evaluation system being piloted in the Chicago Public Schools (2 yrs.)

**Wisconsin Council on Children and Families Inc.**

Madison, WI \$75,000

To conduct advocacy aimed at advancing public policies and increasing public investments in high-quality early education. (1 yr.)

**Total Education: \$2,295,093**

**Employment**

**Center for Economic Progress**

Chicago, IL \$100,000

For research and advocacy efforts to improve tax policies and access to work-related benefits for low-income workers. (1 yr.)

**Center on Budget and Policy Priorities**

Washington, DC \$200,000

For its national budget and policy analysis and for technical assistance to state-level advocates in the Midwest. (1 yr.)

**Michigan League for Human Services**

Lansing, MI \$200,000

For ongoing policy analysis and advocacy on workforce and education policies in Michigan. (2 yrs.)

**Minnesota State Colleges and Universities**

St. Paul, MN \$500,000

For the FastTRAC Initiative, which is designed to help low-skilled adults obtain the postsecondary occupational credentials needed for most good paying jobs. (1 yr.)

**National Center on Education and the Economy**

Washington, DC \$200,000

To establish and manage a Senior Congressional Staff Network for Workforce Development and Economic Security. (18 mos.)

**National Employment Law Project, Inc.**

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New York, NY \$700,000

For technical assistance and policy analysis on Midwest-focused, state-level unemployment insurance reform; implementation of the Trade Adjustment Assistance program; and advocacy for federal policies that support economic security for working families. (2 yrs.)

**National Governors Association Center for Best Practices**

Washington, DC \$75,000

To support the participation of a team of Wisconsin policy makers and researchers in the Accelerating State Adoption of Sector Strategies project. (1 yr.)

**Ohio Board of Regents**

Columbus, OH \$500,000

To provide technical assistance and develop a sustainability plan for statewide implementation of a career pathways system. (1 yr.)

**The Workforce Alliance**

Washington, DC \$1,000,000

For its ongoing advocacy, policy analysis, and organizing around state and federal workforce issues. (2 yrs.)

**Total Employment: \$3,475,000**

## **Environment**

**Alliance for the Great Lakes**

Chicago, IL \$175,000

For its work to build a constituency for the Great Lakes, to promote and measure urban habitat restoration, and to advance federal restoration priorities. (1 yr.)

**Clean Wisconsin Inc.**

Madison, WI \$350,000

To continue its work to promote global warming policies in Wisconsin and through the Midwestern Governors Association. (2 yrs.)

**Energy Center of Wisconsin Inc.**

Madison, WI \$600,000

To support the Midwest Efficiency Cities project, which is pioneering new approaches to design and implement energy efficiency programs. (2 yrs.)

**Great Lakes United**

Buffalo, NY \$75,000

For continued coordination of Canadian Great Lakes restoration strategies and communications and to serve as a bridge between U.S. and Canadian restoration efforts. (1 yr.)

**Michigan Environmental Council**

Lansing, MI \$60,000

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To support efforts to adopt and implement the Great Lakes Compact and to take advantage of opportunities to improve water management and water protection at the state and local levels. (1 yr.)

**Michigan League of Conservation Voters Education Fund**

Ann Arbor, MI \$75,000

For the production of environmental briefing books in Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. (1 yr.)

**Michigan United Conservation Clubs**

Lansing, MI \$60,000

To support efforts to establish a set of restoration goals for Michigan's Great Lakes modeled on the national Great Lakes restoration priorities. (1 yr.)

**National Audubon Society**

Washington, DC \$101,916

For a project to promote the Great Lakes Compact and Great Lakes restoration strategies in Ohio and to participate in local restoration efforts through targeted efforts in the Maumee River watershed. (1 yr.)

**National Wildlife Federation**

Reston, VA \$200,000

For continued coordination of the Healing our Waters Campaign and to begin an effort to develop strategies for managing Great Lakes ecosystems as they respond to global warming. (1 yr.)

**Rockefeller Family Fund**

New York, NY \$100,000

To support the steering committee of the Renewable Energy Alignment Mapping Project. (2 yrs.)

**State Environmental Leadership Program**

Madison, WI \$205,000

To implement a multistate Global Warming Campaign. (1 yr.)

**The Regents of the University of Michigan**

Ann Arbor, MI \$50,000

For continued support of the Environment Report's coverage in the region. (1 yr.)

**Valerie Denney Communications**

Chicago, IL \$60,000

To continue to provide media coverage for the campaign for Great Lakes restoration. (1 yr.)

**Wisconsin Wetlands Association**

Madison, WI \$100,000

To advance stronger wetland policies in Wisconsin and the region and to share lessons with partners throughout the Great Lakes. (1 yr.)

**Total Environment: \$2,211,916**

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## **Gun Violence**

### **Harborview Medical Center**

Seattle, WA \$100,000

To partner with the City of Seattle on the Washington Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, a new statewide coalition focused on gun violence prevention policies and strategies. (1 yr.)

### **Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence**

Chicago, IL \$100,000

To hire an executive director, recruit member organizations, develop and implement policy, advocacy, and communications plans, and manage the day-to-day operations of a new Chicago based initiative, For Kids' Sake: Safer Homes, Schools and Communities. (1 yr.)

### **Legal Community Against Violence**

San Francisco, CA \$100,000

To increase staff capacity that would enable LCAV to respond to requests for technical assistance and policy analysis from mayors, state legislators, and county executives as well as key state based gun violence prevention groups. (1 yr.)

### **The University of Chicago**

Chicago, IL \$100,000

To support hiring an executive director and research associate for the Crime Lab, a new center that will work with City of Chicago agencies and community organizations to develop and evaluate a series of promising interventions to reduce youth gun violence. (1 yr.)

### **United Against Illegal Guns Support Fund**

New York, NY \$175,000

To support the state legislators' and county executives' coalition and growth. (1 yr.)

### **WAVE Educational Fund**

Milwaukee, WI \$50,000

To plan a statewide public education campaign focused on specific gun policy reform goals. (6 mos.)

**Total Gun Violence: \$625,000**

## **Money and Politics**

### **The Campaign Legal Center**

Washington, DC \$150,000

To support The Campaign Legal Center's monitoring and participation in administrative and legal proceedings related to the interpretation and enforcement of federal campaign finance and communications laws. (1 yr.)

### **Common Cause Education Fund**

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Washington, DC \$250,000

To support the Midwest Democracy Initiative, an effort to rebuild the infrastructure of the organization's state chapters in Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Illinois, and increase their capacity to contribute more fully to the political reform movement within the region. (2 yrs.)

### **Illinois Campaign for Political Reform**

Chicago, IL \$251,200

To support the Midwest Democracy Network, including supervision of staff, whose responsibilities would include project coordination, fund-raising, communications, and capacity-building activities. (2 yrs.)

### **Minnesota Council of Nonprofits Inc.**

St. Paul, MN \$100,000

To support an initiative entitled Strengthening Democracy: Minnesota Reforms and Civic Engagement. (2 yrs.)

### **Wisconsin Democracy Campaign Education Project Inc.**

Madison, WI \$465,000

To promote a comprehensive political reform agenda through policy research, development, and advocacy; public education and media outreach; and organizing and coalition-building. (2 yrs.)

**Total Money & Politics: \$1,216,200**

## **Culture**

### **Arts & Business Council of Chicago**

Chicago, IL \$100,000

To continue support of IMPACT (Increasing Multi-cultural Perspectives in the Arts, Culture and Theater), an initiative designed to increase minority participation on Chicago's major cultural boards. (1 yr.)

### **Cambodian Association of Illinois**

Chicago, IL \$100,000

To continue support of capacity building initiatives, which include staffing, programming, and marketing. (2 yrs.)

### **Chicago Historical Society**

Chicago, IL \$50,000

To support *Abraham Lincoln and Benito Juarez*, a new interpretative exhibition designed to expand and diversify museum attendance. (1 yr.)

### **Chicago Sinfonietta Inc.**

Chicago, IL \$150,000

For continued support to deepen audience and board diversity as well as the implementation of actions in its updated strategic plan. (2 yrs.)

### **Congo Square Theatre Company**

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Chicago, IL \$100,000  
To support staff salaries. (2 yrs.)

**Court Theatre**

Chicago, IL \$50,000  
For continued salary support for African American director Ron OJ Parson as a resident artist. (1 yr.)

**Gillourey Institute**

Chicago, IL \$100,000  
For staff salaries and to update its strategic plan. (2 yrs.)

**Luna Negra Dance Theater**

Chicago, IL \$100,000  
To support staff salaries. (2 yrs.)

**National Museum of Mexican Art**

Chicago, IL \$150,000  
For continued support of capacity-building strategies to expand programs, build audience, and increase earned revenue opportunities. (2 yrs.)

**Steppenwolf Theater Co.**

Chicago, IL \$125,000  
For continued support of its minority fellowship program to train young African Americans in theater management. (2 yrs.)

**Total Culture: \$1,025,000**

**Special Opportunities**

**The Chicago Community Trust**

Chicago, IL \$200,000  
To support the 2016 Olympics Fund for Chicago Neighborhoods. (1 yr.)

**Congressional Research Service**

Washington, DC \$112,000  
To organize a January 2009 conference, entitled "Legislative Issues & Procedures," for the newly elected members of the 111<sup>th</sup> Congress. (1 yr.)

**Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights**

Chicago, IL \$150,000  
To support the "We Want to Learn English Initiative"—a collaborative effort with state government agencies, local governments, educational and training institutions, and community-based service organizations—to develop a statewide policy and strategy for increasing the English language skills of Illinois' growing immigrant community. (2 yrs.)

**Total Special Opportunities: \$462,000**

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**TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$11,310,209**

