Our Grants

Piper Action Fund (PROTEUS Action League): Money in Politics

Every Voice
Washington
Year Approved: 2015 Amount: $105,000 Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support work with local advocates in Seattle around the Honest Elections Seattle campaign and to assess potential 2016 state and municipal money in politics ballot measure campaigns.

Washington Community Action Network
Washington
Year Approved: 2015 Amount: $200,000 Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support efforts to pass the Honest Election Seattle ballot initiative to implement an innovative public financing system, “democracy vouchers”, with a special focus on increasing voter education, engagement and mobilization in communities of color in support of the ballot initiative in November.

Arizona Advocacy Network
Arizona
Year Approved: 2015 Amount: $20,000 Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support a planning process to deepen and broaden Arizona’s Clean Elections coalition with a goal of winning the Clean Elections Initiative ballot measure in 2016, including engaging national money in politics reform advocacy organizations in assessing the campaign’s capacity building needs; and developing a communications and targeted field plan, voter modeling and targeting analysis, public opinion research and message testing, and a campaign plan.

Arizona Wins
Arizona
Year Approved: 2015 Amount: $20,000 Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support planning process to deepen and broaden Arizona’s Clean Elections coalition with a goal of winning the Clean Elections Initiative ballot measure in 2016, including engaging national money in politics reform advocacy organizations in assessing the campaign’s capacity building needs; and developing a communications and targeted field plan, voter modeling and targeting analysis, public opinion research and message testing, and a campaign plan.

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement Action Fund
Iowa
Year Approved: 2015 Amount: $40,000 Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support lobbying during the Iowa caucuses to prioritize federal money in politics reforms in their campaigns; to develop and train diverse leaders as spokespeople promoting systemic solutions including small donor public financing of campaigns; and highlighting the undue influence of corporate agriculture on environmental justice and family farming through engagement in state and federal campaigns.

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**Yes for Maine Clean Elections**
Maine

Year Approved: 2015  
Amount: $100,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(4)

To support efforts to win the Clean Elections Initiative ballot measure through lobbying, voter mobilization, and high-level stakeholder engagement strategies.

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**Washington Community Action Network**
Washington

Year Approved: 2015  
Amount: $137,500  
Tax Status: 501(c)(4)

To support efforts to pass the Honest Elections Seattle ballot initiative to implement an innovative public financing system, “democracy vouchers”, with a special focus on increasing voter education, engagement and mobilization in communities of color to turn out in support of the ballot initiative in November.

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**Win/Win Action**
Washington

Year Approved: 2015  
Amount: $137,500  
Tax Status: 501(c)(4)

To support efforts to pass the Honest Elections Seattle ballot initiative to implement an innovative public financing system, “democracy vouchers”, with a special focus on increasing voter education, engagement and mobilization in communities of color to turn out in support of the ballot initiative in November.

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**Public Citizen, Inc.**
National

Year Approved: 2015  
Amount: $42,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(4)

To support efforts to lobby for federal money in politics reforms through three collaborative campaigns: to win an Executive Order requiring disclosure by government contractors; to institute a new SEC rule requiring disclosure by publicly traded corporations; and to clarify and strengthen IRS regulations governing political activity by 501c4 nonprofits.

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**Yes for Maine Clean Elections**
Maine

Year Approved: 2015  
Amount: $250,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(4)

To support efforts to win the Clean Elections Initiative ballot measure through lobbying, voter mobilization, and high-level stakeholder engagement strategies.

**Piper Action Fund (Proteus Action League): Judicial Independence**

**North Carolina Voters For Clean Elections**
National

Year Approved: 2015  
Amount: $38,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(4)

To support work to lead statewide public education and lobbying efforts around disclosure of election spending and judicial public financing.

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**Common Cause**
Maryland

Year Approved: 2015  
Amount: $50,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support Common Cause Maryland’s grassroots and direct lobbying to win funding for the gubernatorial public financing program and adopt new small donor public financing systems for county elected officials in Maryland.

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To support direct and grassroots lobbying efforts to win the Clean Elections Initiative ballot measure and defend the Maine Clean Elections Law during the current legislative session.

To support direct and grassroots lobbying as they provide sustained leadership to win passage of a statewide public financing system and to support advocacy efforts to adopt small donor public financing in Buffalo, New York.

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