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PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Common Cause Education Fund

Maryland

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$10,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Common Cause Maryland's work to conduct public education in Howard County, Maryland around the importance of public financing and the value of a system modeled after the Montgomery County, Maryland small donor public financing system.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Kansas Values Institute

Kansas

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$15,000 Tax Status: 501(c)4

To support research and polling for the Kansans for Fair Courts project.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Arizona Advocacy Foundation

Arizona

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$25,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support work to recruit individuals and organizational partners to build a strong, resilient fair courts coalition, with the goal of educating and engaging diverse individuals on the importance of fair and impartial courts.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Interfaith Alliance of Iowa

Iowa

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$20,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support work to encourage progressive Iowans of differing faiths to speak out to protect Iowa's merit selection system of choosing judges, and to organize a diverse group of clergy leaders and faith communities in direct opposition to conservative religious groups campaigning to politicize Iowa's Supreme Court.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Justice At Stake

Iowa

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$105,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Justice Not Politics (Iowa) to deliver quick and effective responses to counter opposition attacks on the courts, and to communicate the significance of fair and impartial courts to Iowans and build a network of support of the courts.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Justice Not Politics Alaska

Alaska

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$30,000 Tax Status: 501(c)4

To support public education work on the importance of Alaska's current merit selection and retention systems.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Progress Florida Education Institute

Florida

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$70,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support work with SAVE and Mi Familia Vota to continue to recruit organizational partners to build a strong, resilient fair courts coalition with the goal of educating and engaging diverse individuals on the importance of fair and impartial courts.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Wellstone Action Fund

National

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$89,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support continuing efforts to build the organizing capacity and strategic thinking of the fair courts field through trainings, consulting, and coaching for state fair courts coalitions.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

William J Brennan Jr Center For Justice

National

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$150,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support state fair courts coalitions through strategic litigation and review of policy proposals; research and development of best practices for recusal reform, and identification of new models of judicial selection; and coordinating with state and national groups.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

ACCE Institute

California

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$55,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Common Cause Education Fund

Hawaii

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$20,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Common Cause Hawaii's efforts to lead public education, coalition building, grassroots advocacy, and outreach to establish a statewide Clean Elections program for candidates for office in the House of Representatives.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Missouri Jobs with Justice

Missouri

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$30,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support research to determine public will for a series of structural money in politics reform policies; to test persuasive and effective messages across targeted demographic groups; to assess the viability of combining some policies into a constitutional initiative ballot question.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Justice At Stake

Kansas

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$63,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Kansas Values Institute's work to defend Kansas' merit selection system by engaging in a broad fair courts coalition and implementing a strong and coordinated public education program on the importance of fair and impartial courts.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Common Cause Education Fund

California

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$40,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support California Common Cause to facilitate a statewide planning process to explore advancing comprehensive money in politics reform with a broad coalition of nontraditional partners, to raise public awareness of the considerable positive impact of the Los Angeles city council public financing program, and to conduct coalition building and public education effort to support small donor public financing in San Diego county, connecting with multi-issue advocacy organizations that serve communities of color.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Common Cause Education Fund

Connecticut

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$50,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Common Cause Connecticut's efforts to defend and strengthen the Citizens' Election Program, Connecticut's landmark program for public financing of elections, ensure the sustainability of the Citizens' Election Fund, and raise public awareness of the benefits of the program.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Connecticut Citizen Research Group

Connecticut

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$30,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support efforts to defend and strengthen the Citizens' Election Program, Connecticut's landmark program for public financing of elections, ensure the sustainability of the Citizens' Election Fund, and raise public awareness of the benefits of the program.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project

Montana

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$15,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Montana Voices' planning process in partnership with Montana Women Vote, Western Native Voice, and Forward Montana to convene multi-issue advocacy organizations and coalition partners in the state to research money in politics reform priorities and to explore the possibility of developing a public education campaign and coalition to advance comprehensive money in politics reform.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Maine Citizens for Clean Elections

Maine

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$30,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

ReThink Media

National

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$820,300 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support the Collaborative Communications Initiative to build the communications capacity of the money in politics and fair courts sectors.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

Demos: A Network for Ideas and Action

National

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$75,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support the Inclusive Democracy Project, which will hone and disseminate an analysis connecting money in politics to issues of racial and economic justice, and build a cohort of leaders of color in key states to incorporate this analysis into active and emerging campaigns.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Common Cause Education Fund

New Mexico

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$35,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Common Cause New Mexico to build a broader coalition and conduct public education, media outreach, and polling to preserve and update New Mexico's existing public financing system, expand the program to additional judicial races, and build public momentum behind these reforms.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Common Cause Education Fund

North Carolina

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$15,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support Common Cause North Carolina's work to lead statewide public education efforts around disclosure of election spending and the importance of judicial public financing.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Justice At Stake

National

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$20,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support the Fair Courts State Summit, which will bring together state and national advocates to hone their strategic thinking, build partnerships, and strengthen state efforts to protect the courts from undue influence.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Ohio River Valley Environmental Coalition

West Virginia

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$41,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund

National

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$25,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support research and publication project with the goal of better understanding how LGBT people can achieve fair and impartial courts and describing the importance of these courts to the LGBT movement.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Arizona Advocacy Foundation

Arizona

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$30,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support ongoing efforts to defend and strengthen the Arizona Clean Elections Act, through a grassroots public education campaign with focus on engaging new voices and constituencies from the Rising American Electorate (Latino, Native American, & youth); an earned media strategy including targeted efforts in Spanish language media; public opinion research and reports; and organizational development.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Common Cause

Montana

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$15,000 Tax Status: 501(c)4

To support Common Cause Montana's targeted grassroots education and lobbying campaign to raise statewide public awareness of enhanced disclosure reform policy during the legislative session.

Maine Citizens for Clean Elections

Maine

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$20,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

Center for Working Families

New York

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$25,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

Public Policy and Education Fund of New York

New York

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$50,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

Ohio River Valley Environmental Coalition

West Virginia

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$10,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

ReThink Media

National

Year Approved: 2015 Amount: \$175,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support expansion of the money-in-politics & fair courts Collaborative Communications Initiative, including deepening its state work, coordinating messaging research, and developing tools for Piper Fund's Courts & Issues Project.

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