Our Grants

**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 Kansas for Fair Courts project.

**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.

**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.

**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.
Justice Not Politics Alaska
Alaska
Year Approved: 2015    Amount: $30,000    Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support public education on the importance of Alaska’s current merit selection and retention systems.

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.

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.

William J Brennan Jr Center For Justice
National
Year Approved: 2015    Amount: $160,000    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.

ACCE Institute
California
Year Approved: 2015    Amount: $65,000    Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support their operations.

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.

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.
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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.

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.

To support 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.

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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 reforms.

To support their operations.

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

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.

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.

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.

Ohio River Valley Environmental Coalition
West Virginia
Year Approved: 2015  Amount: $41,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support their operations.

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.

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.
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: $35,000  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.