Our Grants

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Arizona Advocacy Foundation
Arizona
Year Approved: 2016 Amount: $50,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support their operations.

Maine Citizens For Clean Elections
Maine
Year Approved: 2016 Amount: $6,250 Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support creation of a video about Maine’s statewide public financing program.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

Rockwood Leadership Institute
National
Year Approved: 2016 Amount: $15,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support travel costs for cohort members in Rockwood’s new Fellowship for Strengthening Democracy, which will provide leadership training to New American Majority leaders in the fair courts and money in politics fields.

ReThink Media
National
Year Approved: 2016 Amount: $150,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support their democracy work to include voting rights, by launching a new initiative to build the communications capacity of the voting rights sector, and by integrating this work with the Collaborative Communications Initiative.

Washington Community Action Network Education & Research Fund
Washington
Year Approved: 2016 Amount: $15,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3
To support self-defense and situational awareness training, and hiring a security consultant in the wake of post-election threats against staff.
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<td>To support Center for Working Families Fund's DC Working Families as they advance efforts to enact public financing reform in Washington, DC through coordinating the DC Fair Elections Coalition to train advocates, educate the public, and create outreach materials in support of campaign finance reform, and as pass-through funding to campaign partners to offset coalition costs.</td>
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Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement
Iowa
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support work to elevate and advance campaign finance reform by exposing the influence of corporate agriculture on Iowa’s political process, and conducting public education on the need for money in politics reform.

Missouri Jobs with Justice
Missouri
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $30,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support work to educate Missouri voters about the influence of money in politics, lead a planning process to engage grassroots allies in a statewide reform effort, and coordinate a coalition to advance campaign finance reform in Missouri.

ReThink Media
National
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $220,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support the Collaborative Communications Initiative to build the communications capacity and continue to hone the messaging of the money in politics and fair courts sectors.

Justice Not Politics
Iowa
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $30,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support quick and effective responses to counter opposition attacks on the courts, communicating the significance of fair and impartial courts to lawmakers, and building a network of support for state courts.

Justice Not Politics Alaska
Alaska
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $10,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support public education work on the importance of Alaska’s current merit selection and retention systems.

State Voices
Ohio
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $60,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support Ohio Voice’s second phase of a planning process involving community-level conversations led by Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus, and Cleveland-based organizations, with two goals: developing reform proposals that resonate with communities and fostering broad-based engagement in reform efforts.

Win/Win Network
Washington
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support coordinating efforts for the implementation of Seattle’s new voucher system of public financing and to engage groups representing the New American Majority in leadership roles.

ReThink Media
National
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $15,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support polling on how to best elevate a conversation about transforming the Supreme Court’s jurisprudence on the issue of money in politics in the context of the current Supreme Court confirmation fight.

**Institute for Southern Studies**
National

Year Approved: 2016  
Amount: $42,750  
Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support critical research and analysis to build stronger connections between those working to expand access to the justice system and those fighting to strengthen fair and independent courts in the South, and to help launch the Julian Bond Fellowship, a new initiative aimed at growing the field of researchers and writers of color in the South who will focus on fair courts, access to justice, and other democracy issues.

**William J Brennan Jr Center For Justice**
National

Year Approved: 2016  
Amount: $95,525  
Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support hiring of a contract researcher to analyze spending in state judicial elections, and for the costs of hosting the Justice at Stake and New Politics of Judicial Elections websites.

**Common Cause Education Fund**
Oregon

Year Approved: 2016  
Amount: $15,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support Common Cause Oregon’s efforts to advance campaign finance reform in Portland, OR through training local advocates from grassroots organizations to be able to talk about money in politics reform, and connecting the subject to other issues that people care about.

**New Florida Majority Education Fund**
Florida

Year Approved: 2016  
Amount: $25,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support efforts to advance campaign finance reform in Miami-Dade County, Florida by coordinating the activities of multiple community organizations, polling the community, training money in politics reform advocates, and engaging youth and communities of color.

**Restaurant Opportunities Centers United**
District of Columbia

Year Approved: 2016  
Amount: $10,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support work to integrate money-in-politics reform messaging into the DC for $15 public education campaign to raise awareness around the minimum wage in Washington, DC.

**Tides Foundation**
New York

Year Approved: 2016  
Amount: $50,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support Center for Working Families Fund’s operations.

**Public Policy and Education Fund of New York**
New York

Year Approved: 2016  
Amount: $50,000  
Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support their operations.
New Florida Majority Education Fund
Florida
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $40,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support efforts to advance a new public financing system in Miami-Dade County, Florida by coordinating the activities of multiple community organizations, polling the community, conducting public education, and engaging youth and communities of color.

Washington Community Action Network Education & Research Fund
Washington
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $25,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support public education about Seattle’s new Democracy Voucher program in communities of color, and to ensure that the most marginalized Seattle voters understand and utilize the voucher program.

Win/Win Network
Washington
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $25,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support Win/Win Network to coordinate efforts to implement Seattle’s new voucher system of public financing and to engage groups representing the New American Majority in leadership roles.

ReThink Media
National
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $262,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support continued work of the Collaborative Communications Initiative at ReThink Media to build the communications capacity of the money-in-politics and fair courts sectors, to engage new constituencies, build collaboration, and support active and emerging campaigns.

Demos: A Network for Ideas and Action
National
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $75,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)

To support the Inclusive Democracy Partnership to continue to build a cohort of leaders of color in key states to incorporate an analysis of racial, economic, and gender justice into active and emerging campaigns for public financing and other democracy reforms.

Common Cause Education Fund
New Mexico
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $45,000  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, and to build momentum with community members to expand public financing into district court judicial races.

Kansas Values Institute
Kansas
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $130,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(4)

To support work to defend Kansas’ merit selection system by coordinating a broad fair courts coalition and implementing a strong and coordinated public education program on the importance of fair and impartial courts.
North Carolina Voters For Clean Elections
North Carolina
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $40,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(4)
To support work to lead statewide public education efforts around disclosure of election spending, the importance of judicial public financing, and to connect fair courts work to other democracy issues, including voting rights and redistricting.

Ohio River Valley Environmental Coalition
West Virginia
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $35,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support their operations.

Wellstone Action Fund
National
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $100,000  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, as well as to train and develop state-level fair courts leaders.

Arizona Advocacy Foundation
Arizona
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $25,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support organizational development and capacity building.

Common Cause Education Fund
Connecticut
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $45,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support Common Cause Connecticut's efforts to defend and strengthen the Citizens' Election Program (CEP), 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 campaign public financing.

Connecticut Citizen Research Group
Connecticut
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $25,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support efforts to defend and strengthen the Citizens' Election Program (CEP), 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 campaign public financing.

Maine Citizens For Clean Elections
Maine
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $35,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support their operations.
Common Cause Education Fund
North Carolina
Year Approved: 2016  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, the importance of judicial public financing, and to connect fair courts work to other democracy issues, including voting rights and redistricting.

Demos: A Network for Ideas and Action
National
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $8,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support fundraising trainings, consulting and coaching support to a set of people of color-led state organizations engaged in Demos' Inclusive Democracy Project, in order to further their efforts to achieve money in politics reform.

State Voices
Ohio
Year Approved: 2016  Amount: $40,000  Tax Status: 501(c)(3)
To support Ohio Voice's planning process involving community-level conversations led by Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Cleveland-based organizations, with two goals: developing reform proposals that would resonate with communities (many not previously engaged on fair courts issues); and fostering broad-based engagement in reform efforts, and funds shall be distributed among partner organizations as indicated in the proposal.