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Arizona Advocacy Foundation

Arizona

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

To support their operations.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Progress Florida Education Institute

Florida

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$45,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support the Florida Access to Justice Project in continuing to recruit organizational partners and building a strong, resilient coalition with the goal of educating and engaging diverse individuals on the importance of fair and impartial courts.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Progress Florida Education Institute

Florida

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$5,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support the Florida Access to Justice Project in continuing to recruit organizational partners and building a strong, resilient coalition with the goal of educating and engaging diverse individuals on the importance of fair and impartial courts.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

Rockwood Leadership Institute

National

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$250,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support the leadership development of a cohort of emerging money in politics and fair courts leaders representing the New American Majority (people of color, women, and youth).

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

William J Brennan Jr Center For Justice

National

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$150,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support fair courts work to provide assistance to fair courts coalitions through strategic litigation, review of policy proposals, research, and development of new models of judicial selection.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

ACCE Institute

California

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$30,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Common Cause Education Fund

California

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$30,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support California Common Cause to conduct coalition building and public education efforts in support of small-donor public financing in Los Angeles and San Diego, to raise public awareness of the positive impact of public financing in Berkeley, and to explore advancing money in politics statewide.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Tides Foundation

District of Columbia

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$20,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement

Iowa

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$25,000 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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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 Iowans, and building a network of support for state courts.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Justice Not Politics Alaska

Alaska

Year Approved: 2016 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

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Win/Win Network

Washington

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$25,000 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.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Tides Foundation

New York

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

To support Center for Working Families Fund's operations.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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

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PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

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.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Kansas Values Institute

Kansas

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$150,000 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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Ohio River Valley Environmental Coalition

West Virginia

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$35,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

Wellstone Action Fund

National

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$300,000 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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Arizona Advocacy Foundation

Arizona

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

To support organizational development and capacity building.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

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.

PIPER FUND: MONEY IN POLITICS

Maine Citizens For Clean Elections

Maine

Year Approved: 2016 Amount: \$35,000 Tax Status: 501(c)3

To support their operations.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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.

PIPER FUND: FIELD BUILDING

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.

PIPER FUND: JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

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.

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