

Tides Center

(San Francisco, CA)

*People Organizing to Demand Environmental
and Economic Rights*

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year

Presidential Authority Grant

To provide support to People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER), a project of the Tides Center. PODER is a grassroots, membership-based organization that is working to advance community organizing, leadership development and capacity building efforts in order to ensure environmental justice and sustainable community development. PODER is also engaging in coalition- and network-building efforts with groups in the San Francisco Bay Area, in the state of California, and the Southwest region to develop concrete strategies that impact environmental and public policies affecting low-to-moderate income and people of color communities. Through its key programs, PODER is working to 1) maximize the participation of Latino immigrants in the land use and planning policy making processes pertaining to the Mission District and San Francisco; 2) increase the civic engagement of Latina/o immigrant youth from San Francisco; 3) empower the low-income Asian and Latino communities in Southeast San Francisco to address disproportionate environmental health risks and improve their access to and participation in environmental programs and policies and administrative decision-making; and 4) strengthen PODER's alliance-building activities in order to affect local, regional and state policy on issues related to community development, anti-displacement strategies and environmental justice.

Environment Program: *Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*