

Center for Public Integrity
(Washington, DC)

Total Award: \$150,000 over 1 year

Prescription for Inequality? The Political Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry

To support the Prescription for Inequality? The Political Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry project. They will present information on the pharmaceutical industry's influence on legislation on Medicare, drug importation and price controls. Prescription for Inequality? will look back on congressional trends over the last six years to identify and target political contributions from pharmaceutical interests to federal candidates, committees and parties. Based on their research, they will publish reports and articles and build several searchable databases that: 1) track the political contributions of pharmaceutical companies, medical device makers' associations, and insurance companies; 2) reveal true R&D costs (including those covered by tax payers) by tracking expenses and the extent to which drug companies' lobby medical doctors and the public; and 3) examine industry influence on those deciding drug trial policy and disclosure by revealing potential conflicts of interest of the members of the FDA advisory committees and identifying former FDA employees that have asset connections to major pharmaceuticals.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$100,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*

\$50,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy I*