

Jewish Council for Public Affairs
(New York, NY)
*Cover the Uninsured Week 2004 Interfaith
Activities*

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year

Program Contribution
Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice:
\$50,000
Health Program: \$25,000
Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic
Justice: \$25,000

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Jewish Council for Public Affairs (JCPA) to organize faith-based activities for *Cover the Uninsured Week 2004(CTUW)*. Communities of faith are essential to bringing the message of "moral urgency" to the issue of health coverage and ensuring success for the *Week's* activities. To raise awareness and build support for the *Week*, the JCPA will work with communities across the country to engage members of diverse faiths in a variety of activities during the spring that will culminate in participation in *CTUW* the week of May 10-16 and beyond. The main objective of the interfaith effort is to increase the participation of multiple faith communities in the movement to expand health care coverage to all Americans and most specifically to increase involvement in *CTUW 2004*. To this end, the JCPA will hire Interfaith Organizers in 17-25 targeted communities to organize thousands of faith leaders and their congregants to become involved. Interfaith Organizers will work closely with the *CTUW* Field Organizer, the designated Lead Local Religious Organization, and the Jewish Community Relations Council in each community to engage people through forums, articles and op-eds, prayer breakfasts, sermons, and educational materials. These interfaith activities also aim to communicate the moral dimension of the issue, build support for year-round involvement, and gain media coverage of faith communities' commitment to and participation in the fight for affordable health coverage for all Americans.

Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice: *Goal I, Objectives 3 & 4*

Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*