

Maine Citizen Leadership Fund
(Portland, ME)
Rx Express

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year

To support the Rx Express project as they continue their work in Maine to expand access to fairly priced prescription drugs. This renewal grant will help the Maine Citizen Leadership Fund (MCLF) defend Rx Express against ongoing challenges in court; continue to coordinate with the Maine Senior Action Network to train seniors and enlarge the grassroots base for prescription drug access reforms; promote Rx Express through public education campaigns; hold the pharmaceutical industry accountable for its marketing and pricing practices; and promote Rx Express as a model program in other regions. MCLF is also laying the groundwork for progressive tax reforms in Maine that will help maintain public revenues needed to fund essential services. They will work with organizing allies and help develop and expand their leadership in key areas of the state. As with their prescription drug activity, MCLF's experience in Maine on the tax front will serve as a model that they will disseminate through their extensive regional and national coalitions.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$25,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*