

Midwest States Center
(Prairie Farm, WI)
General Support

Total Award: \$100,000 over 15 months

Program Contribution

Health Program, \$50,000

Environment Program, \$25,000

Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic
Justice, \$25,000

For general support to promote model state and local policies in the areas of health care, energy policy, environmental regulations, state budget policy, corporate accountability, and worker rights. The Midwest States Center (MSC) will advance this goal in three ways. It will expand and provide information, training and opportunities for joint strategy development to members of its non-partisan Midwest Progressive Elected Officials Network. It will increase the capacity of affiliated state-based coalitions to educate and engage the general public around the connection between shrinking public coffers, tax cuts for the wealthy and cuts in healthcare and environmental protection, by improving the organizations' communications and popular education skills. It will build alliances between state and local elected officials, and between office holders and citizen groups, by creating forums outside of the formal legislative process through which model public policies on public health, a safe environment, and an economy that supports the common good can be explored.

Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy, 1 and Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

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

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