

**Pacific Institute for Community Organizations**  
(Oakland, CA)

**Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year**

*Health Policy Action Project*

To support the Health Policy Action Project to advocate for the uninsured and the underinsured in California and at the federal level. The Pacific Institute for Community Organizations (PICO) will advance this goal in two ways. In California, it will encourage the members of its statewide network of nineteen faith-based community organizations and the general populace to advocate for universal health care coverage for children. Its public education activities will highlight the link between the state budget crisis, an inequitable state tax structure that fails to require corporations and wealthy individuals to pay their fair share, and the lack of universal coverage for children. Nationally, community leaders from PICO's 50 affiliate organizations have identified health policy as a top priority. Over the next year, PICO will develop a national health policy agenda modeled on the success of its California affiliates.

**Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1***