

**Proteus Fund, Inc.**  
(Amherst, MA)  
*State Strategies Fund*

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

***Presidential Authority Grant***

To support the State Strategies Fund (SSF) to increase the capacity of multi-issue, state-based citizen groups with a long-term strategy for uniting diverse constituencies around a common vision and policy agenda for social, economic and environmental justice. Access to quality health care by low-income families and senior citizens is a priority issue for a number of the organizations with which SSF works. SSF advances its goal by exploring the strengths and weaknesses of state-based strategies to increase citizen participation and promote democratic reform, convening groups so that they can discuss strategic approaches for assessing and building public support for democratic reform with each other, and with experts, in such fields as public opinion polls, leadership development, and communications. It also educates grant making institutions and individual donors about the importance of these organizations to increase funding in the area.

***Program Contribution Breakdown:***

**\$100,000** Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*