

Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education
(Los Angeles, CA)

Total Award: \$280,000 over 1 year

Jobs, Healthcare, and Environmental Justice Alliance State Building Project

To support the Jobs, Healthcare, and Environmental Justice Alliance State Building Project, a project of Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE). SCOPE's goal is to build a progressive state alliance of organizations representing key issue sectors, including health, environmental and labor groups, and strategic geographic regions of California with a strategic state public policy agenda, and the collective power to win specific state public policy campaigns. SCOPE will build on its work to develop strategic alliances and a statewide plan to eliminate structural barriers to social and economic opportunities for poor and economically disadvantaged communities. The project will focus on 1) developing the California Apollo Project as a substantive economic development strategy that delivers environmentally friendly, living wage jobs with career paths for low-income communities; 2) designing and launching a multi-year Tax and Fiscal Policy campaign by organizing a coalition of key sectors of the progressive community (healthcare, labor, economic development, environmental regulations, and education), sectors of the business community, and public policy makers united around a tax and fiscal policy reform agenda; and 3) organize at least twenty additional base-building groups to participate in a State Alliance capacity-building program to strengthen their capacity to participate in the state alliance and effectively operate in state public policy arenas.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

\$80,000 Environment Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$100,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*