

University of Wisconsin, Madison
(Madison, WI)
Center on Wisconsin Strategy

Total Award: \$150,000 over 1 year

To support the Center on Wisconsin Strategy (COWS) in their work promoting alternative state policies that: 1) build high road (high wage, low waste, democratically accountable) regional economies; 2) secure state revenues that meet social and public investment needs; and 3) promote a "progressive federalism" that benchmarks state social performance and secures support for and learning from constructive state experiment. This integrated program will simultaneously address problems in health, environment, and social justice, and unite diverse communities on the basis of common economic, social and ethical concerns. It will move regional economies and their member communities toward healthier and more sustainable production systems and patterns of consumption, increase state capacity to achieve public goals, and raise national standards while enlarging space for their further raising through state policy experiment. COWS will develop a comprehensive "map" of the changes needed in state and regional programs that affect economic development (eg. local and state taxes, industry partnerships regionally, industry modernization vertically and regionally, community benefit agreements, transportation, energy, etc.), develop a detailed specification of the model economic program, launch a major public education campaign on state financing (piloted in Wisconsin), and publish articles on the need for more global reform of federal-state relations.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

\$20,000 Environment Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

\$30,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*