

Midwest States Center

(Prairie Farms, WI)

General Support

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year

To support the Midwest States Center (MSC) promote progressive regional, state and local policies in the areas of health care, energy policy, environmental regulation, state budget policy, corporate accountability, and workers' rights. MSC will achieve this goal in three ways: (1) by assisting affiliated groups advance a perspective that addresses underlying systemic problems, including the connection between tax cuts and the resulting cuts in environmental protection, health care and other social programs, (2) by building a progressive infrastructure that links state and local elected officials, office holders and citizen groups, and elected officials and policy organizations, and (3) by building the organizational capacity of affiliated state and local partners through trainings, development and administrative support and other technical assistance. MSC also will build the base of local and state elected officials by expanding the Center's non-partisan Midwest Progressive Elected Officials Network (MPEON) and connecting its members with national policy organizations.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$25,000 Health Program: *Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

\$25,000 Environment/Contemplative Practice Programs: *Goal I, Objective II, Strategy 2*

\$50,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*