

Front Range Economic Strategy Center
(Denver, CO)
General Support

Total Award: \$125,000 over 1 year

For general support of Front Range Economic Strategy Center (FRESC) to hold governments and corporations in metro Denver accountable for responsible community-centered development and the protection of health and welfare for all low-income workers and their families. FRESC programs include training, coalition-building, research, policy development, public education and grassroots mobilization to advance the economic status of immigrants, minorities, and women. FRESC is currently engaged in several major campaigns related to ensuring that when public dollars are spent on a project, the public will receive returns on that investment, such as good jobs, affordable housing, and healthy urban environments. Two projects focus on publicly subsidized development campaigns in the Cherokee-Gates redevelopment site, which requires a full environmental assessment and cleanup of the toxic contamination, and Denver's Union Station, where a community benefits proposal is being developed and promoted. FRESC is also promoting responsible public investment encouraging the city to require that all businesses with whom they contract provide livable wages and affordable health care to their employees. The leadership training program will be expanded this year to include a new Strategy School of Community Leaders, focusing on giving activists a more comprehensive and advanced understanding of and ability to impact economic and social policy in the Denver metro area.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Health Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$25,000 Environment Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

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