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Northwest Health Law Advocates
(Seattle, WA)
Herndon Alliance

Total Award: \$200,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.nohla.org

Project: www.herndonalliance.org

To support the Herndon Alliance, a group of national, state, faith and advocacy groups working to assure that all people in America have access to affordable health care. The Herndon Alliance is focused on broadening the base of support for universal care by designing a set of values-driven strategic initiatives, based on research into American social values, that are aimed at increasing the proportion of people in this country who understand and support the changes needed to guarantee health care for all. The Alliance will achieve this goal by creating a health justice roadmap, hosting strategic initiative and framing workshops, conducting focus groups and a survey to test the strategic initiative narratives, and developing a comprehensive communications plan to disseminate information to local and national organizations.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$200,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

Consumers for Affordable Health Care Foundation
(Augusta, ME)
General Support

Total Award: \$125,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.maine cahc.org

To support Consumers For Affordable Health Care Foundation's (CAHC) continuing fight to sustain Maine's first-in-the nation universal access to health coverage program, Dirigo Health. In its first year of operation, Dirigo Health has reduced systemic health costs in Maine by \$43.7 million and has provided over 12,000 people with health coverage. In the coming year, CAHC will strengthen and expand its outreach and education activities to build public support for this important program. Central to its efforts will be an enhanced communications strategy that will ensure that media reports and public discussion about the program include a strong pro-consumer perspective.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$125,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

Consumers for Affordable Health Care Foundation
(Augusta, ME)
Emergency Support

Total Award: \$50,000 over 4 months

Organization: www.maine cahc.org

Presidential Authority Grant

To support Consumers for Affordable Health Care Foundation (CAHCF) to meet unanticipated expenses arising from its participation in administrative proceedings and other activities on behalf of Maine's consumers to defend the financing structure of the Dirigo Health program. In June, the statute establishing the program was amended to provide for a series of steps, including an administrative hearing, to determine the "cost savings" from the program and thus the assessment that can be levied on insurers to fund the subsidies that enable low and moderate income Mainers to buy the program's health insurance. CAHCF will protect Dirigo Health by aggressively opposing the position of the insurers and large employers in the process. CAHCF also will seek to build public support for state efforts to prevent insurers from passing on the cost of the assessment to consumers in the form of higher premiums or out-of-pocket expenses by educating the public about the issues; developing and executing a communications plan; and by participating in all aspects of the administrative process.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

National Council of La Raza
(Washington, DC)
Health Policy Project

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.nclr.org

To support the Health Policy project, an initiative to strengthen the participation of the Latino community in national health policy debates over the availability and structure of publicly financed health programs, as well as in broader health reform efforts on the state and national level. Building on its existing relationships with the health care advocacy community and its large network of affiliates and local partners, the project will take a leadership role in the fight to protect and, where possible improve, Medicaid and SCHIP. It also will provide research and technical assistance to state-based efforts to increase health access for Latino and other communities and will engage in an aggressive communications strategy to raise the profile of Latino health concerns in Spanish-language and other media as well as directly with the public.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$100,000 Health Program: Objective I, Strategy 1 and Objective II, Strategy 2

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law
(Chicago, IL)

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year

Leveraging Access to Quality Health Care for Low-Income Working Families

Organization: www.povertylaw.org

To support the Leveraging Access to Quality Health Care for Low-Income Working Families project to improve health access for low-income children in Illinois and to develop and disseminate a replicable model to achieve similar gains in other states. The project is centered on and grows out of the class action lawsuit, *Memisovski v. Maram*, which the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law brought on behalf of 600,000 low-income children in Cook County, Illinois, seeking improved access to high quality health care. In the aftermath of the groundbreaking settlement of this litigation in 2005, the project will focus on implementation of the settlement consent decree, integrating it with broader policy movements in Illinois to provide health coverage to all children using a primary care case management system. The Center also will provide information, training and consultative support to advocates and other audiences outside of Illinois about the lessons, methods and tactics involved in the project.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Health Program: Objectives I, Strategy 1

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

National Health Law Program, Inc.
(Los Angeles, CA)
Health Activist Court Watch Project

Total Award: \$150,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.healthlaw.org

To support the National Health Law Program's (NHeLP) Health Activist Court Watch Project to protect court access for individuals who face the denial or curtailment of critical public benefits, particularly Medicaid. Building on the accomplishments of the Project to date, NHeLP will focus on legal cases in which beneficiaries seek to hold federal and state governments accountable under federal and constitutional law. It also will concentrate on fighting policies that will diminish government responsibility to beneficiaries by granting states unprecedented flexibility to eliminate needy populations and essential services from their Medicaid programs. Central to its approach will be litigation, technical assistance and legal support, policy analysis, and education and outreach to affected communities, policymakers and advocates across the country. Together these strategies will improve capacity among advocates assisting low-income clients, facilitate coordinated action by coalitions of health and welfare advocates at the state and national levels and raise public awareness of the costs of limiting private individuals' access to the courts when laws are violated.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$150,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

William J. Brennan Jr. Center for Justice, Inc.
(New York, NY)
Economic Justice Project

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.brennancenter.org

To support the Economic Justice Project to improve the lives of low-income people by expanding access to decent pay, health care and safe workplaces. The project will advance this goal by providing legal and technical assistance to grassroots economic justice coalitions to help them more effectively develop, promote and defend policy initiatives that protect the health and well being of low-income families and their communities. The project will focus on defending the New York City and Suffolk County grocery industry health care laws and advising other cities such as San Francisco and Los Angeles on similar health standards legislation. The Brennan Center will continue developing new policies establishing combined health and wage standards for employers in the "big box" retail industry. The project will continue to give priority to new policy models that can be replicated elsewhere and, ultimately, translated to the national level.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

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

Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education Total Award: \$100,000 over 5 months

(Los Angeles, CA)

Capacity Building Project

Organization: www.scopela.org

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Capacity Building Project, a project of Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE). SCOPE's broad goal is to assemble a progressive state-wide alliance of organizations representing key issue sectors, including health, environmental and labor groups, as well as strategic geographic regions of California, with the capacity to research, develop and implement a state public policy agenda and the collective power to win specific state public policy campaigns. This project will develop regional coalitions by providing training and technical support to member organizations that will anchor and ultimately build these coalitions in at least four critical regions of the state. SCOPE will also work with local organizations comprising these coalitions to organize and build an educated and active base of constituents committed to substantial tax and fiscal policy reform as a way to address health and environmental justice issues.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$36,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1 and Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$28,000 Environment/Contemplative Practice Programs: *Goal I, Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$36,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Center for Public Integrity
(Washington, DC)

Total Award: \$150,000 over 1 year

Prescription for Inequality? The Political Influence of the Pharmaceutical Industry

Organization: www.publicintegrity.org

Project: <http://www.publicintegrity.org/rx/>

To support the Center for Public Integrity's (CPI) *Prescription for Inequality* project to expose the impact of the pharmaceutical industry's influence on the availability and price of prescription drugs in the United States. CPI will compare domestic and foreign drug approval processes and drug pricing systems to determine the effect of industry lobbying and business practices on U.S. costs and consumer safety. CPI also will report on efforts by pharmaceutical companies to exploit loopholes in the patent approval system and will explore the public health implications of the financial relationships between industry and the academic organizations that test new drugs. Central to its approach will be an aggressive communications strategy and continued work with the Center's *LobbyWatch* database to highlight stories that illustrate the troubling aspects of the close relationships between the pharmaceutical industry and U.S. government agencies.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

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

Community Catalyst, Inc.

(Boston, MA)

Prescription Drug Consumer Advocacy Center

Total Award: \$125,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.communitycatalyst.org

To support the establishment of a Prescription Drug Consumer Advocacy Center (PDCAC) to reduce the inflated prices paid in the United States for prescription drugs. Building on the ongoing work of the Prescription Access Litigation (PAL) project, which focuses on bringing legal challenges against illegal drug pricing and marketing, PDCAC also will advocate for Medicare Part D reform, build strong consumer-led coalitions in key states, and engage in aggressive public education to build public demand for consumer-responsive industry and policy reforms. Taken together, these approaches will support innovative state-based experiments with policy models that will serve as precedents for efforts to reform Medicare Part D while generating more effective prescription drug policy nationally.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

\$75,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Maine Equal Justice Partners, Inc.

(Hallowell, ME)

Prescription Policy Choices

Organization: www.mejp.org

Total Award: \$35,000 over 1 year

Presidential Authority Grant

For a planning grant to support Prescription Policy Choices (PPC), a project of Maine Equal Justice Partners, to educate policymakers and the public about the most effective options for providing access to affordable medications for millions of Americans who lack prescription drug coverage. To achieve this goal, PPC will develop independent and objective information about policy models applied in different states, analyze the different models and their on-the-ground results and develop education and outreach materials describing the prescription drug policies that work. It also will promote collaboration among stakeholders including shareholder advocates, consumer protection groups, health policy experts and progressive policymakers who currently do not work together on prescription drug issues. PPC seeks to focus on public opinion and promote progressive policies on the state level, where creative and effective strategies have been pioneered.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$35,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

Institute of Public Life

(Omaha, NE)

Solidarity Works

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Solidarity Works project to address economic injustice and threats to the occupational health and safety of immigrant workers in Nebraska and Iowa. In the third year of the Solidarity Works project, the Institute of Public Life (IPL) will conduct leadership development and training for meatpacking workers in order to address the health and safety problems that are rampant in the meatpacking plants where these workers are employed. IPL leaders will conduct actions within the plants to improve working conditions. They also will educate the public and policymakers about the health and safety violations that occur in meatpacking plants, which will help influence economic development policy with respect to subsidies available to these plants. In addition, IPL will organize public hearings about occupational health and safety issues affecting meatpackers.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$40,000 Health Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$10,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Front Range Economic Strategy Center

(Denver, CO)

General Support

Total Award: \$125,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.fresc.org

For general support of the Front Range Economic Strategy Center (FRESC) to hold governments and corporations in the Denver metropolitan area accountable for responsible community-centered development and the protection of health and welfare for 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. Currently, FRESC is engaged in a long-term campaign to ensure that when public dollars are spent on a project, the public will receive returns on that investment, such as good jobs with health benefits, affordable housing, and healthy urban environments. In the coming year, FRESC and its allies will focus on enforcing the terms of a community benefits template it secured in a large publicly-subsidized development campaign in the Cherokee-Gates redevelopment site, building capacity in the coalitions that negotiated that template and laying the groundwork for extending the template to other development sites along Denver's \$4.7 billion FasTracks mass transit corridor.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Health Program: *Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

\$25,000 Environment/Contemplative Practice Programs: *Goal I, Objective II, Strategy 1*

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