

Health Program Grants List

Consumers for Affordable Health Care Foundation

(Augusta, ME)

General Support

Total Award: \$125,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.maine cahc.org

For general support of the Consumers For Affordable Health Care Foundation (CAHC) to sustain its ongoing defense and support of Dirigo Health, Maine's first step toward guaranteeing affordable, quality health coverage for all people in Maine. Since Dirigo was enacted in 2003, CAHC has worked aggressively to build public support for the program through a strong communications, education and outreach strategy, while at the same time engaging in policy research and development and legal advocacy to defend the financing and other critical elements of the program. Maine is now poised for the next wave of needed reforms to control excessive insurance industry profits, spread medical risks more broadly, more effectively contain health care costs, and broaden revenue sources to expand access to coverage to more uninsured and underinsured Mainers. To help bring about these reforms, CAHC will continue in its advocacy role as a statewide policy and consumer health communications center and will begin planning for a pilot "Insurance Transparency Project."

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law

(Washington, DC)

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

Total Award: \$260,000 over 2 Years

Organization: www.poverty law.org

To support the Leveraging Access to Quality Health Care for Low-Income Working Families project to improve health access for low-income families in Illinois and elsewhere and to develop and disseminate replicable models to achieve similar gains in other states. The Shriver Center is a leader in advancing innovative policies that benefit low-income people and communities through a variety of activities, including public education, model policy development, advocacy, agenda setting, legal representation and coalition building. In this grant period, the Center will work with allies to promote a healthcare plan to cover everyone in Illinois, improve access to preventative and specialty care for children in Cook County, and address issues raised by citizenship documentation rules on access to health care.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$160,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

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

Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund

(Montpelier, VT)

Vermont Health Care for All Campaign

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.vpirg.org

To support the Vermont Public Interest Research and Education Fund (VPIREF) to ensure the successful implementation of the Catamount Health Plan, Vermont's recent first step toward quality affordable care for all people in the state. Over the next year, as policy details of the plan are developed, VPIREF will educate the public about the new program, provide technical assistance to policymakers, continue to lead a broad reform coalition that will monitor program implementation, facilitate public input and participation in policy-making, lead strong enrollment and outreach campaigns, and advocate to expand the program to include self-employed Vermonters, those working for small business, and others who may be paying high costs for existing coverage.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

Ocean State Action Fund

(Cranston, RI)

Healthcare Organizing Project

Total Award: \$40,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.oceanstateaction.org

To support the Healthcare Organizing Project (HCOP), an initiative of Ocean State Action Fund. HCOP is a coalition of 25 community organizations, social service and health care providers, business leaders, academics and labor unions fighting for quality, affordable health care for all Rhode Islanders. In the coming year, HCOP will double the size of its stakeholder group and launch a public education and organizing campaign to build support and momentum for universal health care. By January 2008, the coalition will have developed a well-researched health care proposal with broad-based input and support from key stakeholders and the public.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

Herndon Alliance

(Seattle, WA)

Herndon Communications and Coordination Strategies

Total Award: \$100,000 over 4 months

Organization: www.herndonalliance.org

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Herndon Alliance, a national coalition of over 50 minority, faith, advocacy, labor and provider organizations, to begin to develop the internal capacity to support and develop strategic initiatives adopted by members and allies. To this end, the Alliance will hold a national conference to share the findings from its social values and framing research and discuss potential next steps to building a health justice movement on the national, state and local levels. The goal of this work is to expand support for affordable health care for all by developing and promoting consistent values-based strategic initiatives, framing and communications among its members and allies.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

Herndon Alliance

(Seattle, WA)

Herndon Communications and Coordination Strategies

Total Award: \$250,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.herndonalliance.org

To support the Herndon Alliance, a national coalition of over 60 minority, faith, advocacy, labor and provider organizations that are working to assure guaranteed, affordable health care for all. As its first project, the Alliance has set out to design a set of values-driven initiatives aimed at increasing the base of support for the changes needed to accomplish this goal. To date, it has completed the initial phases of social values and framing research and has successfully engaged a broad spectrum of partner and member organizations in the development and early testing of strategic initiatives in actual campaigns. In the coming year, the Alliance and its members will engage in additional research in order to translate this work into policy solutions that can be easily customized and incorporated into state and national civic engagement activities.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

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

Community Catalyst, Inc.

(Boston, MA)

General Support

Total Award: \$150,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.communitycatalyst.org

For general support of Community Catalyst (CC) to increase its capacity to provide technical assistance to state and local health advocacy organizations engaging consumers and disadvantaged communities in health system reform efforts nationally. In the coming year, CC will increase its own communication capabilities, overhauling its website and implementing an organizational communications plan in order to more effectively support these efforts and better respond to the needs of its partner organizations. Central to this project will be the engagement of a Media/Communications Coordinator, who will work with program staff and selected stakeholders to support their use of information and communication tools produced by CC and its partners to more effectively engage with the public, the media and policy makers.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

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 depend on 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 jobs with decent pay, health benefits 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 industry-specific living wage and benefits initiatives, and by conducting and disseminating economic and policy research on insurance coverage and health and safety-related conditions for low wage workers. 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*

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

Community Catalyst, Inc.

(Boston, MA)

Prescription Access Litigation Project

Organization: www.communitycatalyst.org

Project: www.prescriptionaccesslitigation.org

To support the Prescription Access Litigation (PAL) project to reduce the inflated price of prescription drugs resulting from pharmaceutical industry pricing and marketing tactics. PAL is a coalitional vehicle for collaboration among leading class action litigators, consumer-based advocacy groups and labor organizations, non-profit third party payers and individual plaintiffs through which they bring lawsuits challenging a broad array of drug company practices that keep prescription costs high. It also provides information, training and technical assistance to the 125+ state and local organizations in 36 states plus several national organizations that have joined the PAL coalition. In the coming year, PAL will seek additional structural industry changes and recompense for consumer and other plaintiffs in its settlements and will generate media coverage of its coalition's activities in order to change public perception of the pharmaceutical industry and increase support for policy reforms to reshape industry pricing and marketing behavior.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$25,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*

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

Total Award: \$75,000 over 1 Year

Center for Practical Bioethics

(Kansas City, MO)

End of Life Breakthrough Strategy for the Future

Organization: www.practicalbioethics.org

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Center for Practical Bioethics (CPB) to develop strategies for increasing the use of end-of-life care planning and services by identifying the complex social values that affect the way Americans make -- or do not make -- decisions about end of life issues. In the Spring of 2007, CPB will convene key end-of-life care practitioners as well as leaders from religious, disability, academic, ethics, government and other groups from outside the field to evaluate the progress made over the last 10 years, identify remaining obstacles to increasing public support and acceptance of advance directives and other end-of-life planning methods, and map out a set of prioritized, achievable strategies for change.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$50,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 2*

Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 Year

Social Accountability International

(New York, NY)

Factory of the Future

Total Award: \$100,000 over 2 Years

Organization: www.sa-intl.org

Presidential Authority Grant

To support the Factory of the Future Project, an initiative of Social Accountability International to improve working conditions in the apparel industry and create a healthier and more productive workforce that will help New York City garment factories become more viable in the global marketplace. This project will bring together a diverse group of organizations, including human rights groups, garment industry employers, business leaders, labor groups and government agencies to work together to create a replicable "high road" model that will emphasize the development of innovative management and service delivery systems, the creation of sustainable jobs, and safer and healthier workplaces.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$75,000 Health Program: *Objective II, Strategy 1*

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Resolution, Inc.

(San Francisco, CA)

Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.newsreel.org

Project: www.unnaturalcauses.org

To support the production of *Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making us Sick?*, a four-hour PBS series and associated outreach campaign that investigates the root causes of health disparities in the United States. The goal of this project is to help shift the conventional understanding of the factors affecting good health, reframe the national debate regarding health to include the effects of race, class and disempowerment on health outcomes, and to introduce health consequences into considerations of social and economic policies around the environment, housing, racism, education, jobs, a living wage, community development, social supports and tax policy.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$25,000 Health Program: *Objective II, Strategy 2*

\$25,000 Arts and Culture Program: *Objective I, Strategy 3*

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

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Government Accountability Project, Inc.

(Washington, D.C.)

Corporate Accountability Campaign

Total Award: \$125,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.whistleblower.org

To support the Corporate Accountability Project's work to protect the public by assisting corporate and federal government whistleblowers in their efforts to expose corporate wrongdoing and/or undue influence on drug and food safety, environmental, worker and public health concerns. Its success derives from four intertwined strategies: legally representing and protecting whistleblowers; launching national campaigns to publicize and address whistleblower allegations; providing assistance to agencies and companies seeking to implement whistleblower policies, and publishing academic and other materials on occupational free speech issues. This year, the Campaign will continue to provide public education about the landmark corporate accountability whistleblower reforms from 2002 and advance the success of those reforms through test cases. It also will work closely with whistleblowers who come forward to disclose corporate actions and/or collusive government practices that pose serious threats to the public interest, as well as whistleblowers who are retaliated against for bringing their substantive concerns to public or official attention.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

\$50,000 Environment/Contemplative Practice Programs: *Goal I, Objective I, Strategy 1*

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy

(Los Angeles, CA)

General Support

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.laane.org

To support Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) to address the needs of Los Angeles workers and their families through initiatives that expand access to quality health care and a healthy environment, while developing and refining equitable community empowerment models that can and have been replicated elsewhere. Using a combination of coalition building, community organizing, advocacy and research, in the coming year LAANE will focus on improving the health of workers and residents affected by the environmental impacts of LAX and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, while at the same time working toward better jobs with health benefits in these communities, including in the retail and grocery, building and airline services, hospitality and tourism and port services industries.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$40,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1 and Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

\$40,000 Environment/Contemplative Practice Programs: *Goal I, Objective II, Strategies 1&2*

\$20,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*

Front Range Economic Strategy Center

(Denver, CO)

General Support

Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 Year

Organization: www.fresc.org

To support the Front Range Economic Strategy Center (FRESC) in its work to hold government 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. Using training, coalition-building, research, policy development, public education and grassroots mobilization, FRESC is engaged in a long-term campaign to shift city, regional and state economic development decision-making so that good quality jobs with health benefits, affordable housing, clean air and water, and other social outcomes are among the goals of development. In the coming year, FRESC and its allies will focus on negotiating for community benefits at the \$1 billion Union Station redevelopment, creating a local grassroots coalition in West Denver to address economic development issues, and begin organizing and educating for health care reform.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

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

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

\$25,000 Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice Program: *Objectives I & II*