

Demos: A Network for Ideas and Action, Ltd.
(New York, NY)
Globalization, Equality and the Mixed Economy

Total Award: \$25,000 over 6 months

Organization: www.demos.org

To support the research and travel costs associated with the book, *Globalization, Equality and the Mixed Economy*, a project of Demos. Distinguished Senior Fellow Robert Kuttner's new book will seek to address the relationship between free trade and economic equality, disentangle the interests and conflicts among governments, private financial interests, and workers; and look for the common ground among advocates of social justice in rich nations and in poor ones.

Equal Rights Advocates
(San Francisco, CA)
General Support

Total Award: \$10,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.equalrights.org

For general support of the activities of Equal Rights Advocates (ERA). ERA works to protect and secure equal rights and economic opportunities for women and girls. ERA's agenda addresses the core issues in women's lives: education, employment, economic security, and work/life balance. Through high impact litigation, ERA addresses and remedies gender-based discrimination in many sectors, including the trades, high tech, retail, hospitality, farming, and gaming industries, and also addresses gender discrimination in education. ERA also advances policy efforts to institutionalize protections for workers with family responsibilities. ERA provides free legal advice, referrals, and community education to hundreds of women and girls around the country -- and to the organizations who serve them -- regarding gender discrimination.

Fiscal Policy Institute, Inc.
(Latham, NY)

Total Award: \$10,000 over 11 months

Are Property Tax Caps the Right Answer for New Yorkers' Dissatisfaction with Increasing School Taxes?

Organization: www.fiscalpolicy.org

To support the project, *Are Property Tax Caps the Right Answer for New Yorkers' Dissatisfaction with Increasing School Taxes?* The recent appointment of a Property Tax Relief Commission by New York's Governor Spitzer affords the opportunity to present the case for progressive state-local tax reform and to highlight the dangers and inequities inherent in school property tax caps. The Fiscal Policy Institute (FPI) will mount a public education effort that will provide relevant research and analysis. In addition to pointing out the dangers of property tax caps, FPI will suggest more equitable ways to reduce property tax burdens.

Progressive America Fund

(Brooklyn, NY)

National Open Ballot Project

Total Award: \$25,000 over 1 year

Organization: www.openballotvoting.org

To support the Progressive America Fund's National Open Ballot Project (NOBP), a 2008 state-based litigation campaign to expand "fusion" voting, or cross-endorsement, to Massachusetts. Fusion voting is when a candidate's name can appear on more than one party's ballot line, and people can choose on which line to vote for their candidate of choice. It is a way to counter the current winner-take-all, two party dominance system, by increasing third-party prominence, voter participation and candidate accountability. The National Open Ballot Project seeks to overturn Massachusetts' ban on fusion voting by means of a lawsuit, charging that the ban violates the state constitution's freedom of assembly provisions.

Public Interest Projects, Inc.

(New York, NY)

Bold Concepts

Total Award: \$10,000 over 1 year

To support Public Interest Projects' Bold Concepts, a national poll of a representative sample (1000) of the American public to be prepared, taken, and distributed from January through October, 2008. The ultimate goal of the project has been to set forth bold, progressive themes and policy recommendations in language and in a manner that will be appealing to and understood by the American public. The survey will test major themes as well as a wide range of specific issues, including the economy and jobs, taxation and fiscal policy, health care, energy, the environment, education, international and military policies, and governmental structure. The results of the poll will be widely distributed throughout 2008 to elected officials and their staffs of all political persuasions, to the media, to civic leaders, and to the general public.

US Friends of The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

(Washington, DC)

Local Government Administration for Palestinians

Total Award: \$35,000 over 1 year

Project: www.vanleer.org.il

To support Local Government Administration for Palestinians, a project of the US Friends of The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute. This intensive workshop hopes to answer the need for effective, grassroots-oriented training for local government administration long identified as critical for Palestinian society. The purpose of the course is to contribute to the formation of a stratum of professional and civic activists whose orientation is local government and grassroots community administration. The course will contribute to the professionalism of Palestinian local government by encouraging greater participation, transparency, and effective management methods and techniques. The short-term goal is to provide the Palestinian civic leaders with the skills needed to manage local constituencies, small organizations and political formations.