

Colorado Program 2009 Grants List

REGULAR GRANTS

9to5 National Association of Working Women

(2 year grant) **\$70,000**

General Support. Most of our goals are ongoing, long-term and related to achieving systemic change. Over the next two years, 9to5 will continue to have a multi-issue agenda in three main areas: (1) Work/family issues, including family and sick leave, good jobs, protections for temp/part-time workers; (2) Improving welfare, wages, income supports, while reframing the debate around low-wage work; and (3) Anti-discrimination including pay equity, affirmative action, and efforts against sexual harassment.

Center for Civic Policy

\$35,000

General Support. Our mission is to increase civic engagement through strategic campaigns and projects in New Mexico and through key partnerships across the country. We strive for an organizational culture characterized by simplicity of mission, agility of strategy, and discipline of implementation.

Colorado C3 Roundtable

\$37,000

General Support. The Colorado C3 Roundtable is an integrated network of 51 non-partisan organizations dedicated to achieving an inclusive, engaged, just, and equitable state for all Coloradans. The member groups share a common commitment to creating statewide change by galvanizing and sustaining citizen involvement in the political and civic spheres. The C3 Roundtable exists to make their efforts more effective by connecting them to resources, sophisticated technology, and to one another.

Colorado C3 Roundtable

\$54,000

Reframing Government Communications Project. This project will help the nonprofit sector lead the way in reframing the current debate on taxes and the role of government. If we are successful, we can create more room for dialogue on taxes, revenue and the role of government in 2010 and 2011. Objectives include increasing understanding of the role of public investments in the vitality of communities and developing a more positive view of the role of government in our lives.

Colorado ACORN

\$25,000

General Support. Colorado ACORN is dedicated to a broad spectrum of issues primarily concerning empowering low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. At the core of our work is a focus upon building leadership in low-income neighborhoods. When building leadership we focus on giving low-income families the tools and life skills in order to struggle in their own behalf to build a more progressive America.

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Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

\$35,000

General Support. 1) Strengthen the statewide base and movement to win fair and humane public policies affecting immigrants and refugees in Colorado; 2) Broaden and strengthen CIRC's strategic communications and membership development through education, training and new alliances and change public opinion to support pro-immigrant policies; and 3) Increase non-partisan civic engagement through supporting creation of new naturalization and voter programs.

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity & Reproductive Rights \$35,000

General Support. COLOR exists to organize a sisterhood of Latinas through education and advocacy on reproductive rights and quality health care. Through a reproductive justice frame, COLOR engages our constituency at every level of our organization, building leadership while proactively working with our allies to address the pressing issues facing our community.

Colorado Progressive Coalition

(2 year grant) **\$70,000**

General Support. CPC is an anchor of Colorado's progressive movement. Integrating multiracial grassroots organizing, policy change, and civic engagement at the state and local levels, CPC builds a progressive future for Colorado.

Compañeros

\$15,000

General Support. Compañeros major purpose is to advocate and to organize immigrants, Latinos and other minority voices in the Four Corners area and to teach to them to make their voices heard in local, state and federal decisions that affect their everyday lives. We create leadership opportunities for progressive low-income rural minorities, who would otherwise be silenced.

Front Range Economic Strategy Center

(2 year grant) **\$75,000**

General Support. FRESC's vision is for all people in Colorado to have jobs that pay livable wages, family-supporting benefits including health care, housing that is affordable, and the maximum opportunity to a good quality of life.

Latina Initiative

\$35,000

General Support. LI works to engage Latina/os in activism at every level -- voting, contact with elected officials and the media, being informed and active on policy issues and volunteering for campaigns or non-profit groups. A trusted messenger in the Latina/o community, we work to build political unity around issues like quality education, equal opportunity, access to excellent health care, humane immigration reform, and sound economic and environmental policies.

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New Era Colorado Foundation **\$15,000**

General Support. New Era Colorado Foundation is a multi-issue organization committed to engaging, educating, and preparing a new generation of active citizens and young leaders in Colorado. NECF is a full-spectrum civic engagement organization, in that we provide the resources and tools for young people to gain collective power in all levels of the democratic process, including issue organizing, electoral organizing, and the legislative process.

Rights for All People **\$25,000**

General Support. RAP's mission is to bring the voices of immigrant leaders and communities together with those in the Denver Metro Area who wish to work for equality, mutual respect and justice using information, education and community organizing. We are working to break the growing link between local law enforcement and immigration policy by creating community solutions that address national problems.

State Voices **\$35,000**

General Support. The mission of State Voices is to connect and support permanent, year-round state hubs or tables for nonpartisan 501(c)(3) organizations that foster collaborative multi-issue policy work, economies of scale, rigorous evaluation, and efforts to engage and empower socially responsible and historically underrepresented communities in our democracy -- in and out of election season.

The Bell Policy Center **\$15,000**

General Support. The Bell was founded to be a central part of the new progressive infrastructure, and we have worked hard to live up to that aspiration by using research and analysis to better understand both problems and solutions, and by working with our partners on public education, coalition building and advocacy to promote meaningful change.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Colorado C3 Roundtable **\$25,000**

Colorado C3 Roundtable 2009 Pilot Program. During 2008, the country saw a record number of new voters engaged -- in Colorado alone over 345,000 citizens registered to vote and many participated in town hall meetings and talked with their neighbors and friends about voting and politics. Coming off one of the most motivating elections in history, there is great potential to get first time and new voters re-engaged in the civic process, turning them into reliable, consistent voters for a long time to come.

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Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

\$15,000

Western Slope Organizing. CIRC's Western Slope Region seeks to: 1) Increase capacity to strengthen organizing, leadership development, implementation of campaigns for immigration reform and 2) strengthen base building with allies in the region and continue to foster strong relationships, civic engagement and active collaboration between the immigrant and receiving ally community.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

\$15,000

Rocky Mountain Organizing Project. The Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC) is a statewide membership-based coalition of immigrant, faith, labor, youth, and ally organizations founded in 2002 to improve the lives of immigrants and refugees in Colorado and the United States. CIRC's Rocky Mountain Organizing efforts will strengthen and expand the immigrant and ally power base in the expansive and influential ski industry region.

Colorado Progressive Coalition

\$10,000

Strategic Planning. The Colorado Progressive Coalition is a multicultural and cross-issue coalition of individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing social justice through grassroots community organizing and public policy advocacy. We are engaged in a new strategic planning process that will examine our past work and current practice, to strengthen our ability to have a major impact in the near-term and long-term.

Common Cause Education Fund

\$15,000

Just Vote Colorado. Just Vote Colorado is a collaborative nonpartisan election protection program created in 2004 to assist voters with election activities, expand access to information about the voting process, particularly among traditionally disenfranchised communities, and to monitor and document the electoral process across the state.

Environment Colorado Research and Policy Center

\$22,000

Colorado Targeting Database & Field Collaboration. The Colorado targeting tool & field collaboration project is an extensive update of field tool containing demographic data, voting trends, and biographical information of public officials. The project goal is to strengthen the progressive community's understanding of the political landscape for geographic regions across the state and its ability to mobilize constituencies. The project will be spearheaded by Environment Colorado RPC and the Colorado Environmental Coalition.

Front Range Economic Strategy Center

\$6,500

CCOC Coordination. The Colorado Community Organizing Collaborative (CCOC) is a collaboration of nine nonprofit community organizing groups headquartered in Denver, working on local, regional and statewide social change. This grant will support staffed coordination which will enable CCOC to advance its agenda and capacity.

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New Era Colorado Foundation **\$21,600**

General Support – Bridge Grant. New Era Colorado Foundation is a multi-issue organization committed to engaging, educating, and preparing a new generation of active citizens and young leaders in Colorado. NECF is a full-spectrum civic engagement organization, in that we provide the resources and tools for young people to gain collective power in all levels of the democratic process, including issue organizing, electoral organizing, and the legislative process.

New World Foundation **\$60,000**

BCORR: Building Capacity for Organizational Resilience and Renewal. To support select foundation grantees through coaching, leadership and organizational development so that they may achieve their missions. Also to support the learning about leadership and organizational development with BCORR partner foundations.

Public Interest Projects **\$2,500**

2009 Funders Committee on Civic Participation Membership Dues.

Public Interest Projects **\$5,000**

Funders Committee for Civic Participation's Annual Peer-to-Peer Training Program. Designed to strengthen the capacity of the state-based civic engagement field, Peer-to-Peer is a two-day training program that focuses on best practices, new lessons learned and emerging tools and technology for policy advocates and organizers working at the state level.