

2011 Colorado Grants List

Center for Civic Policy

\$35,000

General Support. The Center for Civic Policy is a 501C3 nonprofit organization based in Albuquerque, NM. Our vision is for families and individuals to live life with happiness, safety and opportunity. Our mission is to increase civic engagement through strategic campaigns and projects. We help shape the national civic engagement sector by innovating in the areas of communications, redistricting, leadership development and technical assistance.

Colorado Civic Engagement Roundtable

\$37,000

General Support. The Colorado Civic Engagement Roundtable (Roundtable) is a permanent convening body of 57 non-partisan groups dedicated to achieving an equitable state. Participating organizations share a common commitment to creating statewide change by galvanizing and sustaining citizen involvement in the civic spheres. The Roundtable exists to make their efforts more effective by connecting them to sophisticated technology, and to one another.

Colorado Civic Engagement Roundtable

\$15,000

Communications Infrastructure Building Project. The Colorado Civic Engagement Roundtable (Roundtable) is a permanent convening body of 57 non-partisan groups dedicated to achieving an equitable state. The Roundtable will hire a set of consultants to work with Roundtable staff, key work-group leaders and members of the C3 Communications Hub to design a continuous communications plan that best uses the skills and assets of Roundtable members, and works with groups to comprehensively implement those plans.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

\$35,000

General Support. 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 achieves this mission through capacity building and membership development, non-partisan civic engagement, rapid response to human rights abuses, strategic communications and winning public policies that improve the lives of immigrants.

Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition

\$15,000

Northern Colorado Organizing Project. The Northern CO Organizing work will focus on immigrant and ally youth organizing and base building through four member organizations: Voices of Immigrant Children for Education (Boulder), Latinos in Full Effect (Lafayette), Longmont Youth For Equality (Longmont) and Estrellas (Yuma). These groups will collectively focus on: 1) outreach and recruitment; 2) regional and state youth coordination; 3) Technical assistance for students to attend higher education; and 4) civic engagement.

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Colorado Progressive Coalition

\$35,000

Civic Engagement Program. Building off of a successful 2010 and after demonstrating the power of successful collaboration, in 2011 CPC's Civic Engagement program will: work to build a base for fiscal reform, work in coalition to strengthen existing civic engagement collaboratives, and enhance campaigns and issue areas by successfully linking civic engagement to community organizing. We will work to ensure we are strong in all three areas of the state we represent (Denver Metro Area, Greeley and Pueblo).

Common Cause Education Fund

\$15,000

Just Vote Colorado Election Protection Program. Just Vote! Colorado Election Protection is a collaborative nonpartisan election protection program created in 2004 to assist voters in 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.

Great Education Colorado Fund

\$25,000

General Support. Great Education Colorado's major purpose is to support the critical public education and advocacy work to ensure that Colorado makes the investments necessary to promote a high-quality P-20 system of public education, strong communities, and a strong economy. Great Ed seeks to address gaps in achievement and equity and to expand the availability of quality education to all Colorado students.

Metro Organizations for People

\$10,000

General Support. Founded in 1979, MOP's mission is to empower people to strengthen and transform their communities through organizing. MOP is currently comprised of 34 member schools, congregations, youth and neighborhood associations representing 55,000 families in the seven county Metro Denver. Our goal is to build a regional multi-ethnic, multi-income community organization, which will develop, train and equip thousands of new community leaders in Metro Denver.

Mi Familia Vota Education Fund

\$15,000

General Support. MFVEF is a community based organization, committed to building permanent infrastructure that enhances civic participation in Latino and Spanish speaking communities through a year-round model. MFVEF encourages participation of immigrants and Latinos through voter education projects, voter registration, media outreach and citizenship drives. MFVEF ensures Latinos have equal access to the ballot box through election protection advocacy.

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New Era Colorado Foundation **\$35,000**

General Support. New Era Colorado is a multi-issue organization committed to engaging, educating, and training a new generation of active citizens and young leaders in Colorado. We are a full-spectrum civic engagement organization; 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 **\$15,000**

General Support. RAP's mission is to bring the voices of immigrant leaders and their allies to the struggle for equality, mutual respect, and justice in the Denver area through education, community, organizing, and successful campaigns. RAP has a base of over 500 members and a leadership team of around 60 immigrants and allies. Our campaigns come from the expressed needs of our immigrant members. A major focus is leadership development, skill building and ensuring members "own" the work of the organization.

State Voices **\$35,000**

General Support. State Voices is an innovative national network - built from the states up - that helps grassroots organizations win shared policy and civic engagement victories and build long-term power. State Voices supports and coordinates 501c3 state tables in 17 states and their 600+ partner organizations through work in four core focus areas: critical tools, state capacity building, driving resources to the states, and national partnerships and alliances.

The Bell Policy Center **\$10,000**

General Support. The Bell's mission is to make Colorado a "State of Opportunity" for all, regardless of background; to reinvigorate the debate on issues affecting the well-being of Coloradans; and to promote public policies that open gateways to opportunity. Our work often cuts across policy areas with a heavy focus on budget and fiscal issues because unless our state government is adequately funded, many of the policies to promote opportunity cannot be implemented.

Discretionary Grants List

Colorado Center on Law and Policy **\$10,000**

Colorado Fiscal Policy Institute. CO Fiscal Policy Institute dedicates research, education and advocacy towards 1) ensuring needs of lower income families are included in tax and budget policy decisions; 2) increasing understanding of fiscal structures and their impact on the state's ability to provide services that foster justice and economic security; 3) protecting the safety net; 4) enhancing the capacity of allied organizations to influence state budget debates; and 5) improving government transparency and accountability.

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Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition **\$15,000**

Rocky Mountain Organizing Project. By gaining a foothold throughout the 1-70 ski industry corridor since the beginning of the Rocky Mountain Project in June 2009, CIRC is now well positioned to further strengthen the new immigrant and ally organizing, leadership development and civic engagement throughout the Rocky Mountain Region of Colorado; filling a crucial gap that has existed in the statewide movement for years.

Companeros (sponsored by San Juan Citizens Alliance) **\$15,000**

General Support. The mission of Compañeros is to support Latinos, immigrants and their families in Southwest Colorado with a direct focus on economic advancement as a catalyst for meaningful civic engagement. In 2011, we will work towards 1) Civic engagement; 2) The formation of a regional human rights commission 3) and an aggressive campaign, in collaboration with coalition partners, to increase available resources for our underserved constituents.

Front Range Economic Strategy Center **\$5,000**

Coordination of the Colorado Community Organizing Collaborative. The CCOC Coordinator is responsible for coordinating meetings and initiatives as strategic vehicles to educate stakeholders, advance and link core campaigns, and develop capacity of individuals, organizations, and the collaborative as a whole. The Coordinator is also responsible for internal and external communication, facilitating CCOC and PCOC resource development, facilitating key meetings and working towards the achievement of CCOC's strategic vision.

Hispanic Affairs Project **\$15,000**

General Support. HAP is dedicated to attending to the needs and social development of the Hispanic immigrant community through a focus on leadership formation, community organizing and advocacy. HAP envisions Western Colorado communities where cultural diversity is recognized and Hispanic immigrants have opportunities to contribute as integral members through active civic participation.

New World Foundation **\$15,000**

BCORR: Building Capacity for Organizational Resilience and Renewal. BCORR seeks to provide social change leaders and organizations with well-resourced and flexible capacity building support so that they can develop and learn how to strengthen and renew their organizations over time.

ProgressNow Colorado Education **\$15,000**

General Support. ProgressNow Colorado Education works to create a healthy, just and more governable Colorado. We serve as an effective counter to the messaging capacity of the conservative voices in this state. We accomplish our mission and vision through creative earned and social media strategies. We work closely with our allied organizations to expand the overall communications capacity of the progressive community which in turn effectively mobilizes Coloradans in support of progressive issues in our state.

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Public Interest Projects

\$2,500

2011 Funders Committee on Civic Participation Membership Dues.

Opportunity Fund Grants

Colorado Civic Engagement Roundtable

\$25,000

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New World Foundation

\$21,000

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