

PROPOSED CORE GRANTEES (2013)

Total Proposed c3 Grants:	\$27,492,423
Total Proposed c4 Grants:	\$ 2,620,000
Total Proposed Grants:	\$30,112,423 (20% of USP budget)

The attached list of core grantees and recommended grant amounts is very preliminary. It represents our first cut at identifying organizations that are key to fields that U.S. Programs has prioritized.

It should be noted that OSPC enabled staff have provided their best estimates for c4 funding recommendations. They have not however done the due diligence of having these discussions with the organizations involved to avoid raising expectations.

The definition of core grantees is that they fulfill the following purpose:

- Serve as thought partners for U.S. Programs
- Work more broadly than U.S. Programs in key fields
- Serve to advance, defend and promote open society priorities

Core grantee characteristics include:

- Leadership in the fields of U.S. Programs interest
- Proven track record of success
- National presence or presence in a key jurisdiction
- Sole voice on a critical issue/interconnected issues
- Meet a critical need
- Sustained OSF support in the past
- Address multiple issues in a field(s) of US Programs interest
- Could use additional OSF resources to be a thought partner to USP
- Have stable leadership and staff and can weather leadership change
- Have diversity in staff and board leadership
- Engage diverse voices/constituencies in the field
- Financially stable
- Have the capacity to manage its operations, including its financial operations, well
- Have the ability to identify and respond to new needs/issues
- Have the ability to share lessons learned with practitioners, policymakers and funders
- Work on a wide range of U.S. Programs priorities
- Willingness to partner or otherwise work with a large number of organizations (OSF grantees and others) on a range of issue

Obligations of Core Grantees:

- Hold regular meetings with U.S. Programs staff
- Advise U.S. Programs on critical questions which are vexing staff
- Co-plan/host strategy discussions with cohorts of U.S. Programs grantees and experts in the field as needed
- Provide unfiltered feedback to staff on any unintended consequences of its program strategies

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The organizations on this page (previously known as "anchor" grantees) pursue multiple strategies on a number of issues and advance multiple priorities. These grantees receive at least \$500,000 per year. Grant amounts reflect core funding going forward.

Grantee	Annual grant amount	Proposed c4 amount	Issue(s)	Grantee's annual budget	Percentage of grantee's budget USP supports (annualized)	2011	2012
Advancement Project	\$500,000		immigration, criminal justice, transparency, voting rights, racial justice	\$4,594,973	10.9%	\$500,000	\$500,000
American Constitution Society for Law and Policy	\$750,000		judiciary, civic engagement, criminal justice, national security	\$4,110,652	18.2%	\$1,500,000	\$0
Brennan Center	\$800,000	\$200,000	voting rights, criminal justice, judiciary, national security	\$6,639,115	15.1%	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Center for American Progress	\$400,000	\$100,000	economic security, national security, immigration	\$31,166,028	1.6%	\$0	\$1,000,000
Center for Community Change	\$700,000	\$700,000	economic security, immigration, civic engagement	\$14,949,840	9.4%	\$0	\$1,400,000
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities	\$750,000		transparency, economic security, civic engagement	\$17,234,000	4.4%	\$0	\$750,000
Drug Policy Alliance (Evergreen grant)*	\$5,000,000		criminal justice, drug policy	\$10,965,159	46.0%	\$4,000,000	\$5,000,000
Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund, Inc.	\$375,000	\$375,000	judiciary, voting rights, criminal justice, civic engagement	\$5,579,946	17.9%	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	\$500,000		racial justice, civic engagement, black male achievement, criminal justice	\$23,222,000	2.2%	\$500,000	\$500,000
Sub total:	\$9,775,000	\$1,375,000					

*Evergreen Grants: OSF provides "evergreen" funding, meaning ongoing support with at least 1 year notification before termination, to organizations that we consider to be crucial institutional partners

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The following grantees are deemed by U.S. Programs staff to be critical to advancing core open society goals in each of the areas in which we currently work. The amount for each organization are subject to change as board/staff discussions continue and as the structure of US Programs evolves and becomes clearer.

Criminal Justice				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organizational Budget	Program Strategy
Tier I:				
National Juvenile Defender Center	\$300,000		\$2,114,547	Advances the goals of securing a fair and equitable system of justice by improving indigent defense systems and by combating the criminalization of vulnerable populations such as poor children, and children of color.
Harm Reduction Coalition	\$520,000	\$30,000	\$2,914,662	Advances policy interests in broadening and advancing an alternative view and reconsideration of the appropriate response to the potential harms of drug use.
Equal Justice Initiative	\$562,500		\$2,629,000	Advances efforts to challenge life imprisonment without parole sentences imposed on children following the recent U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Graham v. Florida.
Southern Center for Human Rights	\$390,000		\$1,940,000	Advances advocacy to reform the criminal justice system in Georgia and the Deep South.
Tier II:				
Families Against Mandatory Minimums	\$225,000		\$1,510,918	Advances the goals of reducing mass incarceration and eliminating race and class disparities in sentencing and incarceration, promoting judicial discretion in sentencing, and reducing sentencing lengths and severity.
Sentencing Project	\$377,423		\$1,212,506	Advances research, public education, and policy advocacy to reduce the United States reliance on incarceration, reduce racial disparities, and ensure a more fair and effective criminal justice system.
Justice Policy Institute	\$150,000		\$1,311,331	Advances juvenile and criminal justice policies that improve public safety while reducing the reliance on incarceration and harsh punishment.
Innocence Project	\$175,000	\$25,000	\$6,500,000	Advances key priorities including eliminating harsh punishment by advocating reform of capital punishment and eliminating racial disparities, and securing the fair administration of justice by improving identification procedures, forensic science practices, and the provision of public defense services.
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Foundation for Criminal Justice)	\$212,500		\$463,250	Advances justice and due process for persons accused of crimes, to foster the integrity and independence of the criminal defense profession, and to promote the proper and fair administration of justice.
Sub total:	\$2,912,423	\$55,000		

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Equality and Opportunity				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organizational Budget	Program Strategy
Tier I:				
National Council of La Raza	\$755,000	\$25,000	\$42,962,664	Advances the goal of challenging the structural racism and exclusion faced by people of color and immigrants and supporting the development of structural policy solutions that address widespread inequality and advances the Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative's goals of: 1) supporting innovative efforts to overcome the bottleneck in mortgage modifications; 2) exposing and reversing the racial biases underlying the current mortgage crisis; 3) expanding sustainable credit options for lower-income borrowers and borrowers of color; 4) advancing civic engagement within diverse Latino communities nationwide, including voter protection and participation, and ongoing issue advocacy on multiple open society priorities.
National Employment Law Project	\$200,000		\$5,731,800	Advances the goals of: 1) ensuring justice and equality by lifting barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social and political life; and 2) focusing on low-wage workers' rights intended to spur the development of structural policy solutions that address widespread inequality.
National Immigration Law Center (NILC)	\$300,000		\$3,642,987	Advances the goal of challenging the structural racism and exclusion faced by people of color and immigrants and supporting the development of systemic policy solutions that address widespread inequality.
Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund	\$250,000		\$7,700,000	Advances goal of ensuring justice and equality by lifting barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social, and political life.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)	\$500,000		\$30,195,233	Advances the political, educational, social and economic equality of minority group citizens of the United States and eliminating race prejudice.
Asian American Center for Advancing Justice	\$300,000		\$3,700,000	Advances civil and human rights for Asian Americans to build an equitable society for all.
Center for Reproductive Rights	\$200,000		\$9,597,068	Advances the goal of protecting and defending women's reproductive freedom as a fundamental human right.

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Equality and Opportunity (Continued)				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organizational Budget	Program Strategy
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.	\$300,000		\$13,895,578	Advances overarching goal of supporting efforts to ensure justice and equality, prohibit arbitrary and discriminatory government action, and lift barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social, and political life. Also advances specific goals of challenging racial barriers, structural racism, eliminating racial disparities, and securing a fair and equitable system of justice.
Native American Rights Fund	\$150,000		\$7,181,153	Advances the goal of challenging the structural racism and exclusion faced by people of color and immigrants and supporting the development of structural policy solutions that address widespread inequality.
National Gay and Lesbian Task Force	\$200,000		\$7,588,500	Advances goals of 1) strengthening and expanding policies that advance LGBTQ rights; and 2) increasing the participation of diverse voices within the LGBTQ rights movement, with an emphasis on people of color and transgender people.
Groundswell Fund	\$100,000		1,006,308	Advances overarching goals of: 1) supporting efforts to ensure justice and equality, prohibit arbitrary and discriminatory government action, and lift barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social, and political life, and 2) engaging the most vulnerable communities –low-income women, women of color, and young women in advocating for equality and opportunity, and developing structural policy solutions to widespread inequality.
Tier II:				
National Domestic Workers Alliance	\$200,000		\$1,025,549	Advances overarching goals of: 1) supporting efforts to ensure justice and equality, prohibit arbitrary and discriminatory government action, and lift barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social, and political life and of 2) highlighting the shared interest people of color, women, immigrants, and LGBTQ people have in advocating for equality and opportunity, and developing structural policy solutions to widespread inequality.
New Orleans Workers Center for Racial Justice	\$100,000		\$1,006,308	Advances the goals of challenging the structural racism and exclusion faced by people of color and immigrants and supporting the development of structural policy solutions that address widespread inequality.
National Partnership for Women and Families	\$110,000		\$10,106,945	Advances overarching goals of ensuring justice and equality, prohibiting arbitrary and discriminatory action, and lifting barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social, and political life.
Sub total:	\$3,665,000	\$25,000		

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Black Male Achievement				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organization Budget	Program Strategy
Tier I:				
PolicyLink	\$1,500,000		\$12,279,620	Advances positive outcomes for children, including black males.
				Advances the Black Male Achievement Leadership & Sustainability Institute, which includes re-granting to core partners (i.e. Root Cause).
Center for Urban Families	\$500,000		\$4,688,820	Advances priorities of strengthening low-income black families by supporting responsible fatherhood initiatives and funding local demonstration efforts capable of influencing national advocacy and policy affecting black men and boys.
Children's Defense Fund	\$500,000		\$23,000,000	Advances priorities of: 1) supporting advocacy and organizing efforts, especially those that empower black males, call for education reform, ensure fair discipline policies, and avoid push-out tactics that fuel the school-to-prison pipeline, and 2) promoting educational equity to improve the life outcomes of black men and boys.
Sub total:	\$2,500,000			

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Democracy				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organization Budget	Program Strategy
Tier I:				
PICO	\$165,000	\$165,000	\$11,864,309	Advances faith-based advocacy from Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities, through 52 local affiliates in 17 states, on multiple open society priorities, including economic equity, educational equity, housing justice, immigrants' rights, and criminal justice reform.
State Voices	\$450,000		\$4,293,247	Advances state collaborative tables for nonpartisan civic engagement, voter engagement and protection.
National People's Action	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$2,537,400	Advances grassroots advocacy, through 26 local affiliates in 14 states, on multiple open society priorities, including economic equity, housing justice, immigrants' rights, and financial regulatory reform.
Young Elected Officials Network	\$425,000		\$1,848,188	Advances the formation of networks of open society friendly elected officials, aged 35 and under, who work to advance criminal justice reform, economic equity, educational equity, housing justice, and expansion of democracy policies in all 50 states.
Economic Policy Institute	\$400,000		\$7,200,000	Advances research, data analysis, the generation of ideas, and facilitates national and state level advocacy and engagement to raise the economic status of low- and middle-income Americans.
Faith in Public Life	\$325,000		\$1,371,000	Advances faith in the public sphere and maximizes the faith community's unique ability to shape public debates through the use of a compelling moral narrative and effective strategic communications.
League of Young Voters Education Fund	\$375,000		\$1,200,000	Advances civic engagement as a strategy to build the power of young people of color and low-income young people.

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Democracy (Continued)				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organizational Budget	Program Strategy
Tier II:				
United States Students Association	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$1,114,004	Advances student advocacy, through representing 4.5 million college students on 400 campuses, for educational access for all, regardless of race, ethnicity, and economic or immigration status.
New Organizing Institute	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$12,448,206	Advances online social media advocacy strategies that benefit the advocacy campaigns of hundreds of groups annually.
Partnership for Working Families	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$2,191,000	Advances, through 16 metropolitan affiliate organizations in 11 states, the development of local and state strategies to condition corporate welfare so that housing, job creation, transportation, and wage priorities are advanced for low- and moderate-income communities.
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed	\$400,000		\$6,999,300	Advances and facilitates full Latino civic participation in the American political process, from citizenship to voter protection to public service, and issue advocacy on expansion of democracy.
Sub total:	\$2,715,000	\$715,000		

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Transparency				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organizational Budget	Program Strategy
Tier I:				
Government Accountability Project	\$350,000		\$3,0770,00	Advances the goal of government watchdog organizations that serve a critical function in advocating for government transparency and access to information.
Media Democracy Fund	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$12,376,000	Advances information policy that ensures an open, democratic communications infrastructure for speech, information, and knowledge exchange.
Project on Government Oversight	\$450,000		\$2,515,200	Advances the goal of government watchdog organizations that serve a critical function in advocating for government transparency and access to information.
Free Press	\$375,000		\$4,625,000	Advances goals of 1) supporting information policy that ensures an open, democratic communications infrastructure for speech, information, and knowledge exchange; and 2) strengthening the field of journalism as an essential tool for transparency and accountability.
Justice at Stake	\$400,000	\$250,000	\$2,020,000	Advances goals of supporting effective, coordinated work by core judicial independence organizations in their efforts to ensure courts remain fair and impartial.
Center for Investigative Reporting	\$500,000		\$5,200,000	Advances the goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues at the state and local level.
Constitutional Accountability Center	\$800,000		\$1,900,000	Advances the goals of supporting the most innovative and effective efforts to shape discussions concerning the future of the Constitution and the courts, and equalizing access to the democratic process by reducing the influence of money in politics.
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law	\$400,000		\$7,119,838	Advances the goal of access to the ballot, particularly for historically disfranchised communities.
National Institute for Money in State Politics	\$300,000		\$1,952,100	Advances the use data of high quality data; collecting, aggregating, and disseminating open source data to the widest possible audience; and integrating state-based judicial independence efforts into TIF's wider state-based strategies.
Piper Fund	\$500,000		\$8,916,818	Advances the goal of ensuring that courts at the state and federal levels remain fair and impartial.

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Transparency (continued)				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organizational Budget	Program Strategy
Tier II:				
New America Foundation's Open Technology Initiative	\$500,000		\$4,900,000	Advances information policy that ensures an open, democratic communications infrastructure for speech, information, and knowledge exchange and strengthens the field of journalism as an essential tool for transparency and accountability.
Sub total:	\$4,875,000	\$450,000		
National Security and Human Rights				
Organization	Average Annual Grant	Proposed c4 Grant	Organizational Budget	Program Strategy
Tier I:				
Human Rights First	\$400,000		\$9,317,572	Advances priorities of: supporting core organizations working to challenge human rights abuses committed in the name of national security; restoring an absolute prohibition against torture; ending arbitrary and indefinite detention domestically and internationally; holding government officials and private actors accountable for past abuses and violations of the law; and supporting credible voices in the movement for a progressive national security policy.
The Constitution Project	\$400,000		\$2,245,840	Advances the priorities of: restoring an absolute prohibition against torture, holding government officials and private actors accountable for past abuses and violations of the law, and supporting credible voices in the movement for a progressive national security policy.
Center for Constitutional Rights	\$250,000		\$6,500,000	Advances the priorities of: restoring an absolute prohibition against torture; ending extraordinary rendition; closing secret prisons; restoring habeas corpus rights and ending arbitrary and indefinite detention; and holding government officials and private military contractors accountable for past abuses and violations of law.
Sub total:	\$1,050,000			
Total USP Core grantees:	\$17,717,423	\$1,245,000		

Additional grantees recommended to receive c4 funding (not core grantees)

The following grantees are recommended by U.S. Programs staff to receive c4 funding to take advantage of unique and unexpected opportunities on core open society issues.

Criminal Justice /Campaign for a New Drug Policy		
Organization	Proposed c4 Grant	Program Strategy
Families Against Mandatory Minimums	\$25,000	Advances the Criminal Justice Fund’s goals of reducing mass incarceration and eliminating race and class disparities in sentencing and incarceration, promoting judicial discretion in sentencing, and reducing sentencing lengths and severity.
National Legal Aid & Defender Association	\$30,000	Advances the Criminal Justice Fund's goals of eliminating racial disparities and securing a fair and equitable system of justice by improving the quality of and access to indigent defense services.
The Fortune Society	\$15,000	Advances the Criminal Justice Fund’s goal of eliminating harsh punishment by challenging unreasonable barriers to successful reentry, increasing access to education ,living wage employment, and career opportunities for people with criminal records, and promoting civic and political re-enfranchisement and economic inclusion.
Texas Criminal Justice Coalition	\$25,000	Advances the Criminal Justice Fund’s goal of reducing mass incarceration by exposing the social and economic costs of incarceration, challenging harsh and unjust sentencing practices, reforming parole and probation policies and practices, challenging the privatization of prisons and other criminal justice services, and fostering new approaches to drug policy.
California Campaign to Reduce Mass Incarceration*	\$250,000	Advances (1) the effective implementation of the 2011 Public Safety Realignment Plan; (2) sentencing reform to reduce low-level drug possession offenses and minor theft offenses from felonies to misdemeanors; (3) parole and probation technical violations reform; and (4) reform of current “Three Strikes” sentencing policies and practices.
NYC Communities United for Police Reform**	\$200,000	Advances (1) substantial decrease in bias-based encounters with police; 2) increases in the ability of the most affected communities to hold the police accountable and prevent abusive policing; and 3) builds the political will in New York City among the public and policymakers to advance a more just and humane policing paradigm in New York City.
Sub total:	\$545,000	
Democracy		
Ballot Initiative Strategy Center	\$62,500	Advances core priorities related to challenging the structural racism and exclusion faced by people of color and immigrants and supporting the development of structural policy solutions that address widespread inequality; and the Democracy Fund’s strategy to connect open society advocacy to non-partisan voter participation from key constituencies.
Gamaliel Foundation	\$175,000	Advances the Democracy Fund’s goals to engage key constituencies, people of faith in this instance, in open society advocacy.
Sub total:	\$237,500	

Additional grantees recommended to receive c4 funding (not core grantees)

Equality and Opportunity		
Working America	\$125,000	Advances the Democracy Fund's goal of catalyzing large scale engagement on open society priorities.
Jobs with Justice Education Fund	\$60,000	Advances the key goals of expanding public participation through grassroots organizing and coalition building; and building state-based capacity through bolstering issue advocacy efforts on multiple open society priorities at the local, state, and national levels.
Family Values at Work: A Multi-State Consortium	\$50,000	Advances justice and equality by lifting barriers that prevent people from participating fully in economic, social, and political life. Second, its focus on low-wage workers' rights helps to highlight the shared interest people of color, women, immigrants, and LGBTQ people have in advocating for equal opportunity.
Sub total:	\$235,000	
Strategic Opportunities		
Organization	Proposed c4 Grant	Program Strategy
National Center for Fair and Open Testing	\$100,000	Advances efforts to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline and is being recommended by the Strategic Opportunities Fund, together with the Campaign for Black Male Achievement, the Criminal Justice Fund and OSI-Baltimore, which have been working collaboratively to support timely strategies that aim to inform the 2011 debate about the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization. The effort is part of a broader cross-program strategy to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline.
Sub total:	\$100,000	
Transparency		
Proteus Fund	\$300,000	Advances the goal of supporting information policy that promotes an open, democratic communications infrastructure for speech, information, and knowledge exchange.
Sub total:	\$300,000	
OSI-Baltimore		
Maryland Women's Health Care Reform Coalition	\$70,000	Advances public education, advocacy and organizing efforts of the Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Reform to ensure that Marylanders have access to a full range of health care services, including comprehensive addiction treatment.
Sub total:	\$700,000	
Total:	\$2,117,500	