

**The Transparency & Integrity Fund
Planned Grants for Docket III
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The Transparency & Integrity Fund supports groups working to promote: 1) broad and equitable access to information, 2) a vibrant and credible news media, 3) an impartial and diverse judiciary, and 4) broad and equitable access to the ballot. This Fund includes a portfolio of 65 grantees with a grantmaking budget of \$13.75 million in 2011. On this third docket of 2011, we will present 29 grants for approval, our contribution roughly totaling \$7.125 million. Of this rough amount, about \$2.8 million will support grantee partners that work at the local and state levels while \$4.3 million will support national organizations, including some with networks of local or state-based affiliates, chapters, or partner organizations. This docket also includes a renewal grant to Anchor Grantee the American Constitution Society.

I. Broad and Equitable Access to Information

Center for Responsive Politics

General Support, \$350,000 over two years (renewal)

The Center for Responsive Politics (CRP) is the pre-eminent source for non-partisan and accessible data on money in politics. CRP acquires, categorizes, codes, and disseminates information on money in politics. Its primary (and best known) work involves tracking individual federal campaign contributions: cleaning up data, categorizing and coding donors by industry and interest group, and building easily maneuverable databases. CRP also tracks and codes campaign and lobbying expenditures and monitors the revolving door between the lobbying industry and the federal government. CRP's information is widely cited in media coverage of elections and policymaking. This grant would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of guaranteeing broad and equitable access to information. Specifically, this grant will aid in collecting, aggregating, and disseminating data to the widest possible audience and create effective mechanisms for using data in organizing and advocacy efforts. Support for the Center for Responsive Politics would also advance the Fund's goals of increasing disclosure of information that exposes the influence of money in politics.

New Orleans Coalition on Open Governance

This renewal grant would provide project support for the New Orleans Coalition on Open Governance (NOCOG), a two year old initiative that brings together seven community-based, good government, and journalism organizations to build more transparent and accountable city governance structures. (Each organization is discussed further below.) In 2011-13, the Coalition will pursue three intertwining projects: 1) Continue its multi-year campaign to introduce an open and participatory budget process to the city. While it will begin with efforts to increase information about and participation in budgetary decisions related only to criminal justice matters, the aim is to create a municipal budgetary process responsive to the needs of local communities. 2) The Coalition will also continue to work on implementing a Citizen Participation Program that creates a formal structure and support for public engagement in city decision making. 3) Remaining funds will provide continued support to NOCOG's leadership training program for community leaders on issues of open government, with a focus on building advocacy capacity for NOCOG campaigns. Support for the New Orleans Coalition on Open

Governance would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goals of increasing state and local groups' capacity to advocate on transparency and accountability issues while encouraging communication and coordination between groups and across the Fund's issue areas.

Committee for a Better New Orleans

Project Support, \$200,000 over two years (accrual)

Committee for a Better New Orleans (CBNO) is a community organization focused on efforts to increase citizen engagement in city governance and development. As part of NOCOG, CBNO will focus on piloting and implementing a new Citizen Participation Program (CPP) in the city. This Program would create formal structures for citizen input in both community-level and city wide decisions (such as zoning, budgeting, etc.). CBNO will develop a pilot project in the Gentilly neighborhood, working with and strengthening existing neighborhood groups that will test and demonstrate the CPP concept. It will work to create a "community of interest" around housing, to engage people and groups concerned with housing issues across community lines. It will also create a similar community of interest for the city's Latino population (in conjunction with NOCOG member Puentes). Finally, CBNO will work with city government to create materials and trainings for residents about the CPP and how to participate in it.

Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana

Project Support, \$150,000 over two years (accrual)

Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana (PAR) is a nonprofit, non-partisan public policy research organization focused on making Louisiana government more efficient, effective, transparent and accountable. Within NOCOG, PAR has the most knowledge and experience relating to state and local sunshine laws. PAR will therefore continue to serve as an educational and technical resource to NOCOG, advocates, and city residents about the use of open records, open meetings, and other disclosure laws. PAR will conduct trainings and publish informational materials for people participating in NOCOG's public leadership fellows program. It will also develop a website containing information about public records, open meetings and financial disclosures. This portal will be a comprehensive resource for citizens, local governments and other stakeholders to access fundamental information about Louisiana's sunshine laws. PAR will support the implementation of policies, procedures and structures that promote increased openness and accountability in governance by working to develop and implement the electronic delivery of public records; and monitoring and providing briefings on legislation relevant to NOCOG and its constituencies.

Tulane Public Law Center

Project Support, \$285,000 over two years (accrual)

Tulane Public Law Center (TPLC), a joint venture of the Tulane and Loyola Law Schools, fulfills an important role in New Orleans' advocacy community by providing legal and administrative services that would not otherwise be readily available to nonprofit organizations and their clients. As part of NOCOG, TPLC will continue its work to build community capacity by preparing and presenting training sessions to community members and emerging leaders about the structures and functions of city government and city

ordinances relating to open governance. TPLC will continue its collaboration with *The Lens* to collect and publish city contracts on a public database (Document Cloud). More generally, TPLC will provide ongoing legal research and support to NOCOG members in planning and executing NOCOG's open budget campaign.

Puentes New Orleans, Inc.

Project Support, \$295,000 over two years (accrual)

Puentes is a community non-profit organization that addresses the increasing needs of the growing Latino population in the greater New Orleans area. As part of NOCOG, Puentes aims to improve civic decision-making by engaging, developing, and supporting new and emerging leaders to participate meaningfully in openness and accountability work in the city. Puentes will continue to lead and coordinate an 8-month public leadership training program that is building a cadre of open governance advocates around the city who will work within the NOCOG structure on NOCOG's various campaigns. Puentes will also play a key role in NOCOG's open budgeting campaign, working with NOCOG members as well as the Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association (VAYLA) to educate, inform, and engage community members about the city's current budget process and efforts to reform that system. Finally, Puentes will partner with VAYLA to push for better language access policies and practices in city government institutions.

Neighborhoods Partnership Network

Project Support, \$215,000 over two years (accrual)

Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN) is a citywide network of neighborhood associations that was established after Hurricane Katrina to facilitate neighborhood collaboration, increase access to government and information, and strengthen the voices of individuals and communities across New Orleans. As part of NOCOG, NPN will lead the coalition's campaign to reform city budgeting processes and create an open budget process. NPN will work with its network of neighborhood organizations to educate communities about the current budget process, creating a city budget monitoring and evaluation guide, producing monthly budget updates (on city spending and revenues), and training community groups to monitor city budgeting and spending on matters of concern to those communities. NPN will also work closely with Puentes in running the public leadership training program.

Greater New Orleans Foundation

Project Support, \$550,000 over two years (accrual)

Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF) is the premier community foundation in Louisiana, working with local, regional, and national donors in a variety of areas including community development, housing, and civic engagement. GNOF will continue to serve as the fiscal agent for NOCOG's shared activities, including coordinating staff, technical assistance, and capacity-building programs. In addition to coalition coordination (led by Linda Usdin), this grant will support strategic communications support for coalition activities (by Communications Director Deb Cotton), and NOCOG member participation in national trainings and conferences such as the National Freedom of Information Coalition, NeighborWorks, and Investigative Reporters and Editors. It will also provide support to

new NOCOG partners such as the Vietnamese American Young Leaders Association for participation in NOCOG campaigns and activities.

II. Journalism for an Open Society

University of California – Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism

Project Support, \$425,000 over one year (tentative placeholder: final grant amount still to be determined)

The Investigative Reporting Program (IRP) functions both as a specialized graduate-level training program and as a non-profit newsgathering operation, generating stories for major broadcast, print, and online outlets across the country. In the last decade, IRP students have produced dozens of stories on subjects including corruption in Mexico, the role of U.S. defense contractors in Nigeria and Saudi Arabia, and the environmental and social impact of American gold mining in Peru. IRP was founded in 1991 by Lowell Bergman, a producer/correspondent for the PBS documentary series *Frontline* and former investigative correspondent for the *New York Times*. The story of his investigation of the tobacco industry for *60 Minutes* was chronicled in the Academy Award nominated film *The Insider*. This grant would help enable IRP to expand the Investigative Reporting Program into a more ambitious working newsroom and training ground for reporters conducting complicated investigations of multinational corporations. Vast sums of corporate money alter the course of governments around the world, often invisibly and counter to the public good, and mainstream news organizations are no longer willing or able to devote the resources necessary to undertake these long, complicated, legally dangerous investigations. Support for IRP would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues. It would also support the Fund's goal of increasing or improving the production, distribution, and reach of international reporting for U.S. audiences.

Center for Public Integrity

Project Support, \$300,000 over three years (OSF-DC contribution: \$150,000)

Founded in 1989, the Center for Public Integrity (the Center) is one of the country's oldest and largest nonpartisan, nonprofit investigative news organizations. Its mission is to reveal abuses of power, corruption and dereliction of duty by powerful public and private institutions in order to cause them to operate with honesty, integrity, accountability and to put the public interest first. This grant would enable the Center to create a high-level reporting desk to focus on waste, fraud, and abuse in national security and defense spending. Two trillion dollars were added to the nation's military budget over the past decade and now it is nearly half of U.S. discretionary spending and 45 percent of the world's total defense spending. Every day, the Pentagon buys more than a billion dollars of goods and services, yet the military is the only part of the government whose operations are not subject to regular audits that track the flow of its expenditures. Support for the Center advances the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues. This grant will be co-funded with the OSI-DC office.

Money in Politics Journalism Fellowship Program (host institution to be determined)

Project Support, \$500,000 over one year, total up to \$2 million total depending on board approval of request

The Transparency and Integrity Fund will work with an academic institution to create an accountability reporting fellowship program that will fill the increasing gaps in reporting on the undue influence of money in the political system, especially at the state level. The fellowship will support twelve to fifteen reporters across the country. A seasoned editor will oversee the reporting and work with a range of publishing partners across the country to ensure effective distribution of the work. This Fund's grantees including the Sunlight Foundation, MAPLight, the National Institute on Money in State Politics, and the Center for Responsive Politics will provide training and possibly technical support for the reporting fellows. Support for this Fellowship Program advances the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues at the state and local level. It would also advance OSF's interest in addressing the undue influence of money on the American political process.

Mother Jones (Fiscal agent: Foundation for National Progress)

Project Support, \$400,000 over two years (tentative placeholder: final grant amount still to be determined)

Mother Jones is a nonprofit news organization that specializes in investigative and political reporting. *Mother Jones* currently has two main platforms: an award-winning bimonthly national magazine with a circulation of 240,000, and a website featuring new, original reporting, that attracts 2 million online monthly readers. This project grant would support *Mother Jones*' Dark Money reporting project, which will produce journalism that compellingly demonstrates the effects of the negative influence of corporate money on American political life, with a particular focus on state and local elections, including judicial elections. Dark Money will combine database-driven reporting with strong narrative journalism, and will make extensive uses of data visualizations—both static and animated—to help make complex stories accessible and transparent. Support for *Mother Jones* would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues at the state and local level, and would also advance OSF's interest in addressing the undue influence of money on the American political process.

Columbia Journalism Review

Project Support, \$300,000 over two years (tentative placeholder: final grant amount still to be determined)

Columbia Journalism Review's (CJR) mission is to encourage and stimulate excellence in journalism in the service of a free society. It is both a watchdog of the press in all its forms, from newspapers to magazines to radio, television, and the Web. Founded in 1961 under the auspices of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, CJR examines day-to-day press performance as well as the forces that affect that performance. Both online and in print, CJR delivers real-time criticism and reporting, giving CJR a vital presence in the ongoing conversation about the future of high quality journalism in the U.S., with a focus on ethics and standards. This grant would support CJR's Campaign Desk States Project, which will build a network of CJR correspondents in a dozen states deemed key to the 2012 elections and to policy and political debates beyond the elections. They will monitor local and regional press coverage

with two specific focus areas; first, they will patrol the public discourse and call out instances of ideological fear mongering, rhetorical distortion and manipulation, missing context, factual errors, intellectual dishonesty, etc. Second, they will report on how the impact of political money in their communities is covered by local media. CJR will develop partnerships with a range of organizations, including WNYC's *On the Media*, and with the Poynter Institute. Support for the Columbia Journalism Review advances the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues at the state and local level. This grant would also address U.S Programs' interest in countering extreme polarization, misinformation, and the decline of fact-based discourse, and OSF's interest in addressing the undue influence of money on the American political process.

Chicago Reporter

General Support, \$75,000 over one year

The Chicago Reporter is an investigative news organization that reports on the social, economic, and political issues of metropolitan Chicago with a distinctive focus on race and poverty. Founded in 1971, the *Reporter* now serves a wide, diverse and influential audience of policymakers and government officials, traditional and new media, social service providers, public policy experts and members of the general public interested in racial and economic equality. In the 1980's, the *Reporter* was used by Mayor Harold Washington to redress longstanding racial inequalities in the distribution of city services. Over 20 years later, the *Reporter's* investigation of racially disparate home mortgage lending sparked a lawsuit filed by Illinois Attorney General that resulted in an \$8.7 billion settlement with Countrywide Financial to modify more than 400,000 home loans nationwide. The *Reporter's* core areas of coverage are criminal justice, affordable housing, public health, government & politics, labor & employment, and immigration. The *Reporter* also hosts a weekly radio show and sponsors community forums. The *Reporter's* pioneering use of computer assisted reporting has brought to light important Chicago stories hidden in the city's databases. Support for *The Chicago Reporter* advances the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues at the state and local level. This general support grant will release an additional \$75,000 in matching funds from the Challenge Fund for Journalism.

Radio Bilingue

Project Support, \$500,000 over two years (tentative placeholder: final grant amount still to be determined)

Radio Bilingue, a non-profit radio network with Latino control and leadership, is the only national distributor of Spanish-language programming in public radio. Radio Bilingue produces and distributes Latino news and information programming for both commercial radio and the national public radio system. The network's flagship station, KSJV in Fresno, California was founded in 1976 by a group of farm workers, artists, and professionals with the mission of providing access to the airwaves for the Mexican-American community. Responding to the dearth of Latino news nationally, Radio Bilingue established its national news service *Noticiero Latino* in 1985, and the national talk show *Linea Abierta* in 1995, now serving 100 radio stations nationwide.

The only national Latino public radio service, Radio Bilingue broadcasts in Spanish, English, Mixteco, and Triqui. Radio Bilingue has developed programming exchanges and co-production

agreements with Radio Educación and other Mexican broadcasters, a partnership that has provided many U.S. stations access to a unique view of Mexico. In addition, Radio Bilingue has reached out to other underserved audiences. In the past eight years, Radio Bilingue's programming has also offered African-American and Southeast Asian music and public services. This project support grant will support Radio Bilingue's comprehensive, nonpartisan state level coverage of the 2012 elections, with an editorial focus on issues, ballot initiatives, candidates, and other election activities that are of most interest to Latino communities. Special programs will address voter registration, access and protection issues, and delve into fears and skepticism of the political process. Radio Bilingue voter protection coverage will closely follow proposals for new voter ID laws, proposals to require proof of citizenship for voter registration, and efforts to remove or set obstacles to voter participation, especially in low income communities of color. Support for Radio Bilingue advances the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of strengthening accountability journalism on critical open society issues at the state and local level. It also furthers the Fund's goal of revitalizing, expanding, and bringing greater diversity to the public media sector.

Public Radio Capital

Project Support, \$100,000 over one year (tentative placeholder: final grant amount still to be determined)

Public Radio Capital (PRC) is the only nonprofit organization in the nation that focuses on expanding the capacity and asset base of public radio. PRC's mission is to strengthen and expand public media to provide local communities nationwide with more in-depth information, unbiased news, diverse music and cultural programming. PRC has worked with more than 200 public media organizations, ranging from first time station owners to the largest, multi-channel public radio station owners in the country. PRC helps public media to buy and finance new channels, preserve existing public radio outlets, and strengthen their organizations and services. PRC has led its clients through more than \$260 million in radio transactions, securing public radio access for 56 million people. This project grant will enable Public Radio Capital to provide tailored strategic and operational planning for two national public media organizations: Native Public Media, a current OSF grantee, and Radio Bilingue, recommended in this docket. These organizations uniquely focus on underserved constituencies to fill critical information gaps and improve the wellbeing of their respective communities. Support for Public Radio Capital advances the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of revitalizing, expanding, and bringing greater diversity to the public media sector.

Public Radio Exchange

Project Support, \$100,000 over one year (tentative placeholder: final grant amount still to be determined)

The Public Radio Exchange (PRX) is public media's digital network, pioneering new paths in content and technology, and serving as the largest aggregator of independent and station-produced content in public media. The mission of PRX is to create more opportunities for diverse programming of exceptional quality, interest, and importance to reach more listeners. With the emergence of the Internet as a distribution channel for established public radio programming, PRX has developed a public radio resource that can cater to listeners – lower-income, racial minorities, or younger audiences – that major public broadcasting networks such as NPR do not reach. PRX is shaping new distribution channels for use by stations and

producers. PRX built and launched a series of mobile applications including the Public Radio Player – an iPhone application that aggregates hundreds of station streams and on-demand programs, the *This American Life* iPhone and Android apps, and the WBUR Boston iPhone app – first in a forthcoming series of local station apps built by PRX, demonstrating mobile approaches to localism, participation, and monetization strategies. This project support grant would enable PRX to develop a new focus on international public media programming. It would also support PRX efforts to bring new voices into public media. Support for Public Radio Exchange would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund’s goal of revitalizing, expanding, and bringing greater diversity to the public media sector. It would also support the Fund’s goal of increasing or improving the production, distribution, and reach of international reporting for U.S. audiences.

III. Ensure Fair, Impartial and Diverse Courts

American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education

Project Support, \$135,000 over one year (renewal)

The American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education is the 501(c)(3) arm of the American Bar Association (ABA), the world’s largest voluntary professional organization representing the American legal profession. Among its missions, the ABA is strongly committed to promoting judicial independence and reform of the judicial selection process. Its Standing Committee on Judicial Independence promotes public awareness of the role of an independent judiciary in protecting individual rights and the rule of law; mobilizes members of the bar and the judiciary to respond to inappropriate and misleading criticism of judges and our system of justice; and promotes improvements in the way state court judges are selected. This renewal grant would support the Standing Committee’s efforts to implement the ABA’s new standards on judicial recusal in cases involving campaign donors. Support for the American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education would advance TIF’s strategic goal of ensuring fair, impartial, and diverse courts by supporting core judicial independence organizations collaborating in the Justice at Stake campaign.

National Center for Access to Justice

Project Support, \$100,000 over one year (renewal)

The National Center for Access to Justice (NCAJ) is the only national organization exclusively dedicated to policy reforms to make courts fair and accessible. Created in 2010 with support from OSF, NCAJ engages in research, advocacy, and provision of technical assistance to state governments, reform advocates, and others on matters including court funding, indigent defense and language access in the courts. NCAJ’s key project is a “Justice Index” that will assess the performance of state courts systems in both civil and criminal contexts. NCAJ is partnering with TIF grantee the National Center for State Courts in developing the index. Support for the National Center for Access to Justice would advance TIF’s strategic goal of ensuring fair, impartial, and diverse courts by supporting core judicial independence organizations collaborating in the Justice at Stake campaign.

Proteus Fund

Project Support, \$350,000 over one year

The Proteus Fund is a foundation dedicated to supporting advocacy on issues of justice, democracy, human rights, and peace. It is home to the Piper Fund, a donor collaborative that combines research, evaluation, technical assistance, and direct grant making to support efforts to decrease the damaging influence of money in our democracy. This grant would support the creation of Piper's judicial independence project. The project is essentially a sub-fund that will support work to advance policies that can reduce the influence of corporate money on the judiciary, support state-level campaigns to push for judicial reforms (including recusal reform), broaden the membership of the judicial independence movement, build the communications capacity of advocates of judicial reform, and provide rapid response funds for advocates taking advantage of opportunities and threats as they arise. Support for the Proteus Fund would advance this Fund's strategic goal of ensuring fair, impartial, and diverse courts by supporting core judicial independence organizations collaborating in the Justice at Stake campaign.

Institute for Wisconsin's Future

General Support, \$75,000 over one year (tie-off)

The Institute for Wisconsin's Future is a public policy research and community outreach organization dedicated to state policies that benefit middle and low income families. IWF's mission is rooted in the belief that an educated, engaged citizenry is key to improving individual outcomes. With OSF support over the past few years, IWF has worked across Wisconsin to engage and educate residents on issues of transparency and equity in state spending. IWF works closely with the Demos Public Works project to provide access to information about state spending and revenues and train advocates to press for fair tax and spending policies. Support for the Institute for Wisconsin's Future would advance this Fund's goals of increasing state and local groups' capacity to advocate on transparency and accountability issues while encouraging communication and coordination between groups and across TIF's issue areas.

IV. Broad and Equitable Access to the Ballot

Demos

Project Support, \$550,000 over one year (renewal) (CJF Contribution: \$250,000)

Demos is a New York City-based non-partisan public policy, research, and advocacy organization that combines research, policy development, and advocacy to influence public debates and catalyze change. This grant would provide renewal support to Demos for three projects: Public Agency Voter Registration, Ending Prison-Based Gerrymandering, and Public Works. The Public Agency Voter Registration project ensures full implementation of federal law easing the voter registration process for low-income individuals. Ending Prison-Based Gerrymandering seeks to ensure that incarcerated people are counted as residents of their home districts rather than of their districts of incarceration. The Public Works Project seeks to create and disseminate narratives that support a strong and vibrant public sector, training advocates and government officials with tools to reinforce a civic understanding of the purpose and essential roles of government and public initiatives.

The Public Agency Voter Registration project advances this Fund's goal of ensuring broad access to the ballot, especially for historically disfranchised constituencies. The Ending Prison-

Based Gerrymandering project advances the Criminal Justice Fund's interest in reducing harsh punishment in the U.S. by securing the political enfranchisement for, and strengthening the political representation of, communities most directly impacted by criminal justice policies and resulting practices. It also advances this Fund's goal of supporting broader access to the ballot for underrepresented and marginalized constituencies. The Public Works project advances the USP-wide goal of increasing state and local groups' capacity to advocate on transparency, integrity, and equity issues.

The Pew Center on the States

Project Support, \$300,000 over one year

This grant would allow Pew to expand its Voting Information Project (VIP), an online tool that makes from state government information on polling locations and voter registration directly accessible to the public and decreases the amount of time and money election officials spend compiling and disseminating voting information. This tool can be embedded into any website and allows users to find directions to their polling site using Google or Microsoft powered BING maps. With this grant, PEW would extend VIP – from 25 states - to all 50 states. This grant would also allow PEW to continue its work to upgrade the nation's flawed voter registration systems. Specifically, the grant will allow Pew to work with IBM to build a central system - the Electronic Registration Information Center – that will allow states to safely share voter lists in order to be able to identify voters who have moved or died, and eligible voters who are not registered, and contact those citizens in order to register them accurately. Support for The Pew Center on the States would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of broadening access to the ballot, particularly for historically disfranchised communities.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law

Project Support, \$300,000 over one year

This grant would allow the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights to lead a coalition of national and state organizations engaged in election protection work. Some of the group's key strategies follow: 1) to broadly deploy the national 1-866-OUR-VOTE hotline and to otherwise support voters on election day and during early voting periods; 2) to establish local Election Protection Legal Committees that will develop comprehensive, localized election protection plans; 3) to promote innovative and proactive legal strategies to expand access to the ballot – including by ensuring implementation of the National Voter Registration Act and the use of a 'smartphone app' – and prevent disenfranchisement; and 4) to advocate for Election Day Registration, voter registration modernization, and combat voter intimidation. Support for this grant would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of broadening access to the ballot, particularly for historically disfranchised communities.

Project Vote

Project Support, \$220,000 over one year

This grant would allow Project Vote to deliver legal support, policy expertise, and increased capacity to state and national groups working to ensure that election administration systems work effectively, specifically for historically underrepresented Americans. Project Vote will hire locally based election administration staff to work in different states to increase the capacity, coordination, and expertise of local organizations to mitigate against bad laws, like photo ID requirements. Project Vote is working in collaboration with Anchor grantee Advancement

Project to divide photo ID litigation and mitigation efforts across 12 key states. Project Vote is also launching a media initiative to train and prepare reporters to adequately address and cover voter suppression issues when they come up. Working with this Fund's grantee the Campaign Legal Center, Project Vote will also devise and implement a comprehensive program to combat voter suppression by monitoring the work of suppressive groups throughout their anti-registration, and early voting and Election Day campaigns. They will train and place poll watchers to protect voters from intimidation tactics used by suppressive groups. Support for this grant would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of broadening access to the ballot, particularly for historically disfranchised communities.

State Infrastructure Fund (Fiscal agent: Public Interest Projects)

Project Support, \$300,000 over one year

The State Infrastructure Fund or SIF is a donor collaborative which, in 2010, distributed \$2 million to 41 organizations for work on voter engagement, election administration and communications strategy. Currently, SIF works with groups in ten states. We recommend placing these funds with SIF so that SIF can re-grant them to state-based groups addressing local election administration and voter protection concerns. Because SIF can function as a donor-advised fund, it will direct OSF funds to states this Fund identifies as priority states for election administration and voter suppression, which we will not be able to determine until we have fully assessed state groups and their capacity in November. Support for this grant would advance the Transparency & Integrity Fund's goal of broadening access to the ballot, particularly for historically disfranchised communities.

Money in Politics Journalism Fellowship Program (host institution to be determined)

Project Support, \$500,000 over one year, total up to \$2 million total depending on board approval of request

See description of project grant in *Journalism for an Open Society* above.

Corporate Disclosure Resource Center

Project Support, \$100,000 over one year

The Corporate Disclosure Resource Center serves as a research and communications center on corporate accountability, and focuses specifically on the US Chamber of Commerce and its vast influence on elections and policymaking. As one of the few organizations focused exclusively on corporate accountability, CDRC serves a unique role in the larger field of money and politics. In this next year, CDRC will expand its local chamber disaffiliation campaign, which involves educating local chambers of commerce about the political donation practices of the national U.S. Chamber of Commerce. CDRC will also continue providing research and communications support to the Public Citizen-led 'big tent' corporate accountability campaign, specifically the campaign's work to get the Securities & Exchange Commission to issue regulations that require companies to disclose corporate political spending. Support for the Corporate Disclosure Resource Center would advance the Transparency and Integrity Fund's goal of broadening access to the democratic process by reducing the influence of money in politics.

Public Citizen

Project Support, \$350,000 over one year

Public Citizen is a national organization founded by Ralph Nader and dedicated to assuring that government and corporations are held accountable for their actions. This grant would support Public Citizen and its partners in the Corporate Accountability Coalition (the Coalition), a broad-based alliance of grassroots community organizations, good government reform groups, social responsible investing firms, academic experts, and others whose goal is to increase accountability for corporations that seek to influence elections. The Coalition is working at the state and national levels to convince corporations to voluntarily withdraw from or disclose all campaign spending (including contributions to groups like the U.S. Chamber of Commerce) while simultaneously educating the public about the need for state and federal reforms that provide shareholders with more timely and reliable information about and control over corporate spending. Support for Public Citizen would advance the Transparency and Integrity Fund's goal of broadening access to the democratic process by reducing the influence of money in politics.

Anchor Grants

American Constitution Society

Project Support, \$1,500,000 over two years (renewal)

The American Constitution Society for Law & Policy (ACS) is a national membership organization, comprised of law students, law professors, judges, practicing lawyers and others, that seeks to transform and revitalize legal debate in the United States. Patterned on the model of the Federalist Society, ACS uses public education, organizing, idea generation, and strategic communications to promote an alternative vision of law that emphasizes protection of individual rights and liberties, respect for human dignity, equality under the law and equal access to justice. ACS currently has active chapters in over 120 law schools, and lawyer chapters in a growing number of cities. Since its founding in 2001, ACS has emerged as one of the nation's fastest growing legal organizations. Through campus and lawyer chapters, panel events and media programs, research and publications, web-based communications and other activities, ACS seeks to organize a new generation of law students and lawyers around a progressive vision of the law. Across a wide range of issues, including privacy, the environment, reproductive choice, international human rights, criminal justice, federalism, judicial nominations, civil rights and affirmative action, ACS seeks to ensure that the fundamental values of human dignity, individual rights and liberties, genuine equality and access to justice are accorded a central place in American law. This grant would advance U.S. Programs' goal of providing general support to organizations that work at a national level across multiple areas of core concern, including judicial independence, criminal justice, national security and human rights, and equality.