

April 2010 Approved Grants—Education

Advance Illinois

Chicago, IL \$88,200

To house the continued work of the Educator Advisory Council to advocate for education policy reforms in Illinois. (1 yr.)

The Chicago Public Education Fund

Chicago, IL \$620,000

To support the development of new teacher and principal evaluation systems in the Chicago Public Schools. (2 yrs.)

Consortium for Educational Change

Lombard, IL \$950,000

To work on collaboration with the New Teacher Project to help several Illinois school districts develop effective new teacher evaluation systems. (2 yrs.)

Education Counsel

Washington, DC \$200,000

To work with the New Teacher Project and New Leaders for New Schools to create a multi-state collaborative to accelerate state policy reform on teacher and leader effectiveness in Illinois, Indiana, and a few other states. (1 yr.)

Evanston Community Foundation

Evanston, IL \$50,000

To support the Illinois Early Childhood Fellowship, a special project of the Evanston Community Foundation focused on developing a pipeline of new, knowledgeable, diverse and committed leaders in the early childhood field. (1 yr.)

Illinois Network of Charter Schools

Chicago, IL \$450,000

To expand its role in supporting communities across Illinois to develop new charter schools, deepen relationships with existing charter school operators, and ensure high-quality outcomes for charter schools. (2 yrs.)

MDRC

New York, NY \$50,000

To develop and test an intervention in Chicago Public Schools to address the problem of high school graduates 'undermatching' in college selection. (1 yr.)

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National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

Washington, DC \$449,741

For support to the Illinois Network of Charter Schools, Indiana Public Charter Schools Association, and the Wisconsin Charter School Association around policy, communications and constituent list building and continued support of the Alliance's state model charter law project. (20 mos.)

New Teacher Center

Santa Cruz, CA \$443,904

To promote better federal and statewide induction policies in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. (2 yrs.)

Public Interest Projects

New York, NY \$200,000

To support Communities for Public Education Reform in Chicago, an initiative that provides grants and technical assistance to local and regional education organizing groups working to improve student outcomes in low-income communities by ensuring that parents and students have a strong voice in shaping the policies that affect their public schools. (2 yrs.)

Southsiders Organized for Unity and Liberation

Chicago, IL \$75,000

To support an education organizing campaign focused on teacher quality. (1 yr.)

Teach Plus

Boston, MA \$200,000

To mobilize reform-minded teachers in Chicago and Indianapolis and build a critical mass of informed teachers to influence state and district policy changes that are necessary to transform the teaching profession and retain outstanding teachers in the schools that need them most. (1 yr.)

The Thomas B. Fordham Institute

Washington, DC \$250,000

For the Policy Innovation in Education Network (PIE Net), which supports a network of state advocacy organizations working to improve schools in their states, including Advance Illinois and the possible creation of a new advocacy organization in Indiana. (2 yrs.)

Total Education: \$4,026,845

Total Foundation Grant Amount for April: \$9,898,808