

National Education Association Shares Teacher Dues with Many Organizations

An Education Intelligence Agency analysis of NEA's financial disclosure report for the 2007-08 fiscal year reveals the national union contributed \$11.7 million to a wide variety of advocacy groups, charities, and advisors. The total is about the same as it was in the previous fiscal year, but does not include spending from the final two months of the 2008 election campaign.

The expenditures fall into broad categories of community outreach grants, charitable contributions, and payments for services rendered. In this list, EIA has deliberately omitted spending such as media buys, or payments to pollsters or consultants that have no obvious ideological component. Nor does it include any direct payments to NEA affiliates. The grants range from more than \$1.2 million to fight a Florida property tax initiative down to smaller amounts to groups such as ACORN, FairTest, Planned Parenthood, and People for the American Way.

Here is an alphabetic list of the recipients of NEA's largesse:

ACORN - \$178.000 AFL-CIO - \$190,588 AIDS Walk - \$5,000 Alliance for a Better Minnesota - \$33,333 American Institutes for Research - \$26,466 American Library Association - \$10,000 Asian American Justice Center - \$5,000 Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund - \$6,000 Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies - \$5,000 Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance - \$5,000 Baptist Center for Ethics - \$10,000 Campaign for America's Future - \$45,000 Casa de Angeles Foundation - \$7,500 Center for Civic Action - \$25,000 Center for Community Change - \$25,000 Center for Economic Organizing - \$12,000 Center for Law and Education - \$50,000 Center for Policy Alternatives - \$5,000 Center for Teaching Quality - \$250,697 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association -\$81,500 Children's Defense Fund - \$5,000 Coalition for Our Communities - \$750,000 Coalition of Black Trade Unionists - \$5,000 Coalition on Human Needs - \$6,000 Committee for Education Funding - \$13,570 Committee on States - \$25,000 Communities for Quality Education - \$700,000 Community Teachers Institute - \$10,000

Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc. -\$31.700 Council of Chief State School Officers - \$171,248 Council of State Governments - \$14,000 Democracy Alliance - \$110,000 Democratic GAIN - \$10,000 Democratic Leadership Council - \$45,000 Denver 2008 Convention Planning Committee -\$1,000,000 Economic Policy Institute - \$325,000 Education Commission of the States - \$69.031 Education Development Center - \$5,000 Education Law Center - \$10,000 Everybody Wins DC - \$7,100 Fair Elections Legal Network - \$15,000 FairTest - \$35.000 Ford's Theatre - \$10,000 Fuse Washington - \$15,000 Gay Lesbian and Straight Education Network -\$157,500 GOP Convention Strategies - \$89,000 Great Lakes Center for Education Research and Practice - \$250,000 Harvard Labor and Worklife Program - \$5,000 Health Care for America Now! - \$500,000 Healthy Schools Network - \$5,000 Human Rights Campaign - \$15,000 Indianapolis Voting Rights Coalition - \$5,000 Institute for Collaborative Leadership - \$15,000 Iowa Politics.com - \$7,500 Japanese American Citizens League - \$5,000 Jobs for America's Graduates - \$5,000

Jobs with Justice - \$20,500 Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies -\$10,000 Leadership Conference on Civil Rights - \$17,000 League of United Latin American Citizens - \$10.000 Learning First Alliance - \$55,875 Learning Project - \$11,494 Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund - \$10,000 National Action Network - \$15,000 NASA Pre-Service Teacher Program - \$10,000 National Association for Asian and Pacific American Education - \$5,750 National Association for Bilingual Education -\$5,000 National Association for the Education and Advancement of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans - \$5,500 National Association of Hispanic Journalists -\$5,000 National Association of Legislative and Political Specialists for Education - \$13,019 National Baptist Voice - \$5,950 National Black Caucus of State Legislators Labor Roundtable - \$10,500 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards - \$7,500 National Coalition of ESEA Title I Parents - \$5,000 National Coalition on Health Care - \$25,000 National Conference of Democratic Mayors -\$7,500 National Conference of State Legislatures -\$54.775 National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education - \$279.230 National Council on Black Civic Participation -\$5,000 National Council of Nonprofits - \$10,000 National Indian Education Association - \$15,400 National Pan-Hellenic Council Foundation -\$10,640 National Partnership for Women and Families -\$5.000 National Parent Teachers Association - \$22,247 National Staff Development Council - \$25,000 National State Teachers of the Year - \$5,000 National Urban League - \$22,980 National Women's Law Center - \$10,000 Nebraskans United - \$25,000

New Democratic Network - \$25,000 New Teacher Center - \$150,000 No on 10 - \$350,000 North Carolina New Schools Project - \$100,000 One Wisconsin Now - \$25,000 Organization of Chinese Americans - \$10,000 Parent Teacher Home Visit Project - \$25,000 Partnership for 21st Century Skills - \$52,500 People for the American Way - \$125,000 People for Our Public Schools - \$450,000 Planned Parenthood - \$5,000 Princeton Organizational Advisors - \$187,950 Progress Michigan - \$25,000 Progress Ohio - \$20,000 Progressive Future Action Center - \$315,000 Project New West - \$281,125 Protect Colorado's Future - \$177,000 Public Agenda Foundation - \$17,500 Public Education Defense Fund - \$1,224,000 Rainbow/PUSH Coalition - \$10,000 Rebuild America's Schools - \$20,000 Republican Main Street Partnership - \$50,000 Ripon Society - \$15,000 SEIU - \$5,000 Sons of the Revolution - \$5,000 Southeast Asia Resource Action Center - \$5,000 State Legislative Leaders Foundation - \$5,000 State Net - \$46,675 Task Force Foundation - \$10,000 Teachers Count - \$50,000 Teaching for Change - \$14,922 The Foundation - \$10,000 This Is America with Dennis Wholey - \$150,000 University of Iowa Center for Evaluation and Assessment - \$40,325 U.S. Action - \$220,000 U.S. Fund for UNICEF - \$7,500 U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute - \$25,000 Utahns for Public Schools - \$231,944 Vote No: Protect Our Constitution - \$25,000 WAND Education Fund - \$12,500 Washington, DC Martin Luther King, Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation - \$142,927 Washington Internship Institute - \$5,000 Will Steger Foundation - \$9,370 Women's Campaign Forum - \$20,000 Working America - \$800,000 Youth Development Research Fund - \$5,000

Most of NEA's income comes from members' dues, with a small percentage derived from advertising and other miscellaneous revenues. However, in 2007-08 NEA was also the recipient of sponsorship funds from major corporations: \$25,000 from Verizon, \$67,000 from Target, and \$71,000 from Hyundai.

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