



SANDLER  
FOUNDATION

**We invest in strategic organizations and exceptional leaders to improve the rights, opportunities and well-being of others, especially the most vulnerable and disadvantaged.**

- Emphasis on general support (and for the long-term)
- Impact (effect transformational change that can improve the lives of large numbers of people)
- Fill gap and/or potential for leverage
- High tolerance for risk (including start-ups)
- Relatively large grants to relatively few organizations
- Extensive due diligence
- Macro-management (not micro-management) on big picture issues (excellence, effective leadership, strong management, strategic planning, accountability, risk management)
- Look for opportunities to add value beyond funding
- National emphasis – not local, regional, or international

Advance Policy Change			Support Innovative Scientific Research and Improve Health
Policy Development and Advocacy	Expose Corruption and Abuse To Produce Systemic Reform	Strengthen Research, Networks and/or Capacity	
<p>Center for American Progress</p> <p>Center for Responsible Lending</p> <p>ACLU (including affiliate support)</p> <p>Environment: Oceana, Earthjustice, Sierra Club, climate and clean energy projects, Center for Biological Diversity, Baja California projects</p> <p>Learning Policy Institute (uses evidence-based policy to improve pre-K-12 learning)</p> <p>Success for All (literacy program for high-poverty children)</p> <p>Tax Policy Center</p> <p>Center for a New American Security</p>	<p>ProPublica</p> <p>Human Rights Watch</p> <p>Campaign Legal Center</p> <p>Civil Rights Corps</p> <p>Alliance for Securing Democracy</p> <p>UC Berkeley investigative journalism fellowships</p> <p>Human Rights Center (UC Berkeley)</p> <p>National Center for Youth Law</p> <p>Credit card standards (with Pew)</p> <p>Sentencing Project</p> <p>Efforts to protect and enhance voting rights</p>	<p>Washington Center for Equitable Growth and UC Berkeley Center for Equitable Growth</p> <p>Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (emphasis on the State Priorities Partnership network)</p> <p>American Constitution Society</p> <p>PICO (national faith-based community organizing)</p> <p>MDRC (evaluates social policy)</p> <p>Center for Community Change</p> <p>Truman National Security Project</p> <p>J Street Education Fund</p> <p>Faith in Public Life</p>	<p>American Asthma Foundation Research Program</p> <p>UCSF Sandler Asthma Basic Research Center (SABRE)</p> <p>UCSF Program for Breakthrough Biomedical Research (support for innovative basic science)</p> <p>UCSF Neurosciences Center</p> <p>Stanford Clinical Excellence Research Center (high quality health care at lower cost)</p> <p>UCSF Center for Next-Gen Precision Medicine Diagnostics</p> <p>Public Library of Science (PLoS) (open access science journals)</p> <p>Johns Hopkins: National initiative to reduce central line infections</p> <p>UCSF parasitic disease research and drug development</p>

- The foundation helped launch these organizations/initiatives.
- The foundation has provided support, both financial and other, to help catalyze the expansion and/or improved operating capacity of these organizations/initiatives.
- The foundation provided support to these organizations/initiatives that are now completed or self-sustaining or outside the foundation's current areas of focus.