

**Tides Center**

(San Francisco, CA)

**Total Award: \$50,000 over 1 year**

*People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights*

To support People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER), a project of the Tides Center. PODER is a grassroots, membership-based organization, promoting environmental and economic justice for low income, communities of color, and immigrant residents in San Francisco. Through its alliance building endeavors it is effecting the region and state as well. PODER's goals are to 1) ensure the participation of low-income and immigrant residents of San Francisco in advocating for the implementation of land use and planning policies that address the needs of healthy neighborhoods, 2) empower the low-income Asian and Latino communities in Southeast San Francisco to address disproportionate environmental health risks and improve their access to and participation in environmental programs, policies, and administrative decision-making, and 3) develop and advocate for city and statewide policies that will improve environmental health conditions in low income and immigrant communities. In addition, PODER has played a vital role in the California Alliance, which brings together over a dozen organizations throughout the state in order to plan joint statewide campaigns and policy initiatives.

***Program Contribution Breakdown:***

**\$40,000** Environment/Contemplative Practice: *Goal I, Objective II, Strategies 1 & 2*

**\$10,000** Interprogram Initiatives for Social and Economic Justice: *Objectives I & II*