

State Issue 1: Powered By Big Money

Out-of-State Donors

Claim

Issue 1 is powered by a vibrant coalition of Ohio citizens.

The Facts

Issue 1 is powered by money from wealthy out-of-state donors. It is based on laws that the same donors have had enacted in other states.

Here are 5 of the biggest donors to the Issue 1 campaign in the past year:¹

1. Open Society Policy Center, Washington DC – \$1.5 million
2. Open Philanthropy Project Action Fund, San Francisco CA - \$1 million
3. Chan Zuckerberg Advocacy, Palo Alto CA - \$1 million
4. Tides Advocacy, San Francisco CA - \$604,142
5. Center for Community Change Action Fund, Washington DC - \$150,000

Additionally, the effort to put Issue 1 in Ohio's Constitution is led by the Ohio Organizing Collaborative who lists five "national partners" that all receive funding from George Soros' Open Society Policy Center. Here is who they are and how much they received in 2016 and 2017:²

1. Center for Popular Democracy/Center for Popular Democracy Action - \$2.7 million
2. Center for Community Change/Center for Community Change Action - \$2.1 million
3. PICO National Network - \$750,000
4. Alliance for Safety and Justice (a project of the Tides Center) - \$600,000
5. National People's Action - \$400,000

Finally, the Ohio Justice and Policy Center, the organization responsible for drafting the language of Issue 1 also received funding from George Soros' Open Society Policy Center:³

1. Ohio Justice and Policy Center - \$50,000

¹ https://www6.sos.state.oh.us/ords/?p=CFDISCLOSURE:45:219201300900862::NO::P45_ENTITY_ID:14752

² <https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/grants-database>

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