



## PIPER FUND

### PROGRAM OFFICER, RIGHT TO PROTEST

#### ABOUT PROTEUS FUND AND THE PIPER FUND

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Proteus Fund partners with foundations, advocates and individual donors to advance democracy, human rights and peace. We work towards the realization of a just, equitable and democratic world. Our current major initiatives work to address money in politics and protect judicial independence and freedom of assembly; to counter anti-Muslim sentiment and build the capacity of organizations representing Muslim, Arab, and South Asian communities; and to support collaboration between reproductive justice and LGBTQ advocates and faith leaders to protect fundamental rights.

The Piper Fund is a donor collaborative focused on building a healthy democracy that works for all. Piper:

- **Achieves money in politics reform** by engaging underrepresented constituencies to build community power through organizing, and advocate for state and local money in politics reform as a path towards civic participation;
- **Advocates for judicial independence** by engaging communities to ensure that the courts—perhaps the last defense for fundamental liberties—stand strong as a check on attempts to strip rights; and
- **Defends the right to protest in our democracy** by engaging advocacy groups and the public to fight back against state level assaults seeking to criminalize protest.

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

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The Program Officer for the Right to Protest facilitates Piper Fund's and Piper Action Fund's work to protect freedom of assembly. The Program Officer conducts rapid response grant making to state and local organizations, coordinates a network of national organizations, and engages with philanthropic partners to raise funds to support this program.

##### Key Responsibilities

- Manage rapid response grant making as threats to freedom of assembly arise, including tracking threats, prioritizing states, identifying and assessing potential grantees, reviewing and evaluating proposals and reports for public education grants and for lobbying grants.
- Build and maintain expertise about the field, including monitoring of trends in state and federal attempts to restrict the right to protest, and strategic responses of state and national groups, and fostering relationships with grantees and other leaders at both the national and local levels.

- Manage proposal review process for field building grants to national organizations, including requests for proposals, researching and evaluating proposals, conducting site visits, and writing assessments.
- Convene the national Protect Dissent Network, including organizing and facilitating biweekly calls and semiannual in-person convenings, and coordinating other national efforts in support of state groups.
- Fundraise for the program by actively researching and identifying donor prospects, meeting with potential funders, and collaborating with the Piper Grant Writer as well as the Director of Partnerships & Communications to ensure that proposals and reports to donors are accurate and comprehensive.
- Develop strategic communications to the funding community, including blog posts, email blasts, webinars and sessions for Piper meetings and other philanthropic events.
- Collaborate with the Piper Program Director, Chief Financial Officer, Controller and other finance staff in the creation and monitoring of the annual budget as well as financial reports for Piper's right to protest work.
- Collaborate with the Director of Partnership & Communications to develop communications materials and maintain relevant sections of the Proteus website and newsletter to engage the funding community around defending freedom of assembly.

**The Ideal candidate will have the following competencies:**

- Commitment to the vision, mission and values of Proteus Fund as a progressive social justice grantmaker
- Collaboration
- Communication proficiency
- Facilitation skills
- Project management
- Problem solving
- Adaptability
- Ability to work efficiently and independently in a remote, virtual setting

**To be successful in this roll you will need:**

Bachelor's degree and a minimum of five years full-time professional work experience in the foundation, nonprofit, or government sector(s).

- Experience leading organizing campaigns and/or lobbying at the state level;
- Experience facilitating broad-based coalitions;
- Advanced racial equity analysis and demonstrated commitment to building power around issues such as the right to protest among underrepresented communities.

## COMPENSATION

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The Proteus Fund offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience and a comprehensive, progressive benefit program to attract, retain, and motivate a high-performing and dedicated workforce.

## TO APPLY

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For immediate consideration, please provide cover letter, resume by August 23, 2019 to:

<https://proteus-fund-inc.checkwritersrecruit.com/job/139748/program-officer-right-to-protest>

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