

## Memorandum

To: Aryeh Neier  
From: Ann Beeson  
Re: U.S. Programs Docket Meetings, July 24, 2009  
Date: July 20, 2009

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You will be meeting with U.S. Programs staff on July 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to discuss four dockets, summarized in the enclosed docket cover memos: the Equality and Opportunity Fund, the Transparency and Integrity Fund, the Strategic Opportunities Fund, and the JEHT Emergency Fund.

We are also recommending one out-of-docket grant from the Criminal Justice Fund to support Harvard University (Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management at the Kennedy School of Government), a \$150,000 project grant over nine months, to support Christopher Stone, Daniel and Florence Guggenheim Professor of the Practice of Criminal Justice, in assuming the role of chair of New York State Governor Paterson's Task Force on Police-on-Police Shootings. The Task Force will look beyond fatal shootings, attempting to gather data from police departments across the country regarding police-on-police shootings that resulted in injury, but not death, and will seek to make a lasting contribution to the wider issues that give rise to questionable police shootings more generally.

Finally, we are recommending two grants through the Seize the Day Fund. The recommendations total \$250,000, of which \$150,000 would come directly from the Seize the Day Fund and \$100,000 from co-funding with other U.S. Programs funds. Attached you will find a grant recommendation for **Good Jobs First** that would be co-funded through the Seize the Day Initiative, Transparency and Integrity Fund and Democracy and Power Fund (with \$50,000 being contributed from each). Good Jobs First is leading the States for a Transparent & Accountable Recovery coalition, a network of groups working at the state and local levels to ensure that the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is transparent, accountable, fair and effective. The second grant recommendation, for \$100,000, would be funded solely through the Seize the Day Initiative and support **Harvard University's** Ash Institute's Transparency Policy Project. The Project would carry out a one-year research program to study state-level policies and advocacy efforts related to economic recovery and transparency, to understand what policy approaches and other factors have the greatest impact on equity outcomes of the stimulus efforts.

We will discuss the dockets in the order listed below, and will be joined consecutively by the following staff:

Equality and Opportunity Fund: Raquiba LaBrie, Herb Sturz, Shawn Dove, Rashid Shabazz, Solomon Greene, Maria Teresa Rojas, and Diana Morris (by phone)

Transparency and Integrity Fund and two Seize the Day Recommendations: Laleh Ispahani, Tom Hilbink, Lori McGlinchey, and Michael McCutcheon

Strategic Opportunities Fund: Erlin Ibreck, Tom Hilbink, and Sophia Conroy

JEHT Emergency Fund and one Criminal Justice Fund Recommendation: Erlin Ibreck, Lenny Noisette, and Nancy Chang

We look forward to the meeting, and welcome any comments or questions ahead of time that you would like us to address.