

Memorandum

To: Aryeh Neier
From: Ann Beeson
Re: U.S. Programs Docket Meetings, September 22, 2009
Date: September 15, 2009

You will be meeting with U.S. Programs staff on September 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 pm to discuss four dockets from: the Criminal Justice Fund, the Democracy and Power Fund, the National Security and Human Rights Campaign, and two grants to advance U.S. Program's work on global warming.

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

Criminal Justice Fund: Lenny Noisette, William Johnston, Terrance Pitts

Democracy and Power Fund: Bill Vandenberg, Josh Alex, Patricia Jerido, and Rachel Pecker

Global Warming Grants: Nancy Youman

National Security and Human Rights Campaign: Nancy Chang and Sophia Conroy

Nancy Youman in conjunction with the Democracy and Power Fund recommend renewed support for the Energy Action Coalition (EAC), which serves as the core and coordinator of the youth climate movement in the U.S. EAC was founded and is led by young people, and is made up of more than 50 diverse environmental and social justice organizations from across the U.S. and Canada. U.S. Programs has been supporting EAC since its inception. EAC's success has made it a critical player in the climate movement and it has also become a model for other youth-led organizations, which is why it is of interest to both the global warming desk and D&P. EAC is in the process of spinning off into a free-standing, independent entity. In the interim, a one-year project grant of \$500,000 is recommended to Earth Island Institute, which serves as EAC's fiscal agent.

The attached docket also includes a write-up recommending a grant to the Tides Foundation to provide renewal support of \$1 million for one year to fund the Connect US funders collaborative. Connect US promotes responsible U.S. global engagement by combining a program of grantmaking with operational activities to make progress in four foreign policy areas: human rights, nuclear non-proliferation, climate and development, and civilian capacity to conduct foreign policy. You will recall that with Nancy Soderberg's assumption of the Presidency of Connect US, OSI indicated its intention to continue its support of the Connect US fund for three years starting with the grant recommended here.

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