

Connect U.S. (fiscal sponsor: Tides Foundation)

\$1,000,000 over 1 year, general support (renewal)

The **Connect U.S. Fund**, a foundation/NGO initiative co-founded by OSI, promotes responsible U.S. global engagement in an increasingly interdependent world through grantmaking and operations that advance critical foreign policy objectives and support an effective, collaborative community of individuals and organizations working toward common objectives. Since its launch in 2004, it has distributed \$8.8 million in grants to support responsible U.S. global engagement and using collaboration as a strategy to accomplish policy objectives. As a critical complement to grantmaking, the Connect U.S. Fund actively supports grantees and other NGOs in their efforts to collaborate effectively within and between issue areas, to engage policy makers, and to bring issues to the attention of the media. The Fund's 2010-2011 grantmaking program will support projects designed to influence U.S. foreign policy in four areas: maintaining U.S. leadership on multilateral human rights issues, and developing U.S. capacity to prevent mass atrocities; promoting effective regimes related to non-proliferation; U.S. international leadership on climate change and addressing developing country concerns; U.S. leadership on reform of the international financial and trade architecture for sustainable development. There is also money set aside for small rapid response and special opportunities grants to address challenges and opportunities that arise during the year. This renewal grant will fund year 2 of OSI's current three-year commitment to Connect U.S.