

MEMORANDUM

TO: U.S. Programs Staff
FROM: Andy Ko and Kima Taylor, and Campaign for a New Drug Policy
DATE: September 19, 2011
RE: Prospective Campaign for a New Drug Policy Catch-Up Docket Grant Recommendations

The Campaign for a New Drug Policy expects to propose the following grants for U.S. Programs' Docket submission on October 24, 2011. These grants would advance our goals of establishing a drug policy based on public health principles and promoting alternatives to punishment-based drug policies.

PROMOTING DRUG POLICY BASED ON PUBLIC HEALTH PRINCIPLES

Grantmaking in this field seeks to engage medical professionals in drug policy reform through educational and organizational programs, expand access to addiction treatment, and support harm reduction programs, which advances the Campaign for a New Drug Policy's interest in shifting U.S. drug policy from its emphasis on law enforcement to a model based on public health principles.

California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM), \$150,000 over two years to build relationships between addiction medicine, pediatric, and family physicians in an effort to increase advocacy and support for increased access to high quality evidence based addiction screening and treatment. CSAM supports research, education, and advocacy to advance its mission of promoting access to high quality evidence based treatment. Long-term, this grant should advance the Campaign's objective of engaging the medical community in drug policy reform efforts.

PROMOTING ALTERNATIVES TO PUNISHMENT-BASED DRUG POLICIES

Grantmaking in this field supports drug policy reform work to educate policymakers and the public on the damaging effects of current policies and to support alternatives to punishment-based drug policy.

Protestants for the Common Good (PSG), up to \$75,000 over one year. This is a renewal project grant to educate people of faith in Illinois about and mobilize them to promote treatment, reinvestment of criminal justice resources, and alternatives to punitive drug policies in Illinois and nationally. OSF funding will enable PSG to reach out to congregations and work with others working with faith communities through educational forums and media communications. This grant would advance the Campaign's efforts to engage a broader range of opposition to punitive drug policies.

California Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP-CA), \$25,000 over 3 months. This is a new project grant to enable the NAACP-CA to award up to 25 scholarships to NAACP members nationally to attend the biennial 2011 International Drug Policy Reform Conference in Los Angeles. On July 26, 2011 delegates to the NAACP national convention passed a formal resolution calling for an end to the War on Drugs.

This grant would enable the California state chapter of the NAACP, which is led by the organization's national criminal justice committee chairperson, to deepen its members knowledge of reform work in the U.S., develop relationships with organizations and experts working in this field, and launch its own efforts to challenge the civil and human rights violations and overincarceration by which African Americans are disproportionately harmed. This grant advances the Campaign for a New Drug Policy's interest in engaging affected communities in reform of current drug policies.

Drug Policy Research Center, up to \$500,000 over 6 to 9 months. This would be a new general support grant. The Campaign has worked with OSF's U.S. Drug Policy Advisory Group and outside consultants to establish a university-based research center in the U.S. to develop and expand the body of knowledge regarding alternatives to current drug policy. The research center would produce long-term, peer-reviewed research, as well as issue driven, shorter term educational materials to inform policymakers' and the public's understanding of existing and potential policy choices. While there is a substantial body of government funded research regarding the potential harms of drug use, there is very limited public or private support for work that questions the impact of current policy and whether society would be better served by alternative drug policies. The Center would also provide essential diagnostic evaluation of alternative responses to drug use and economies in the U.S. and globally. This grant would provide start-up support for the center, which could receive up to \$1,500,000 annually for up to five years in ongoing support from OSF.