

Memorandum

To: Aryeh Neier
From: Ann Beeson & Erlin Ibreck
Re: JEHT Emergency Fund Docket Meeting, April 1, 2009
Date: March 25, 2009

You will be meeting with U.S. Programs staff next week on April 1 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm to discuss recommendations for the JEHT Emergency Fund. Recommendations come from: the Criminal Justice Fund, the Equality and Opportunity Fund, the Transparency and Integrity Fund, and the National Security and Human Rights Campaign. This package contains the nineteen recommendations for your review in advance of that meeting.

As you are aware we have coordinated our grant recommendations with Atlantic Philanthropies and the Ford Foundation. We jointly hired a consultant in early February to review the impact of the JEHT Foundation closure on its former grantees. Organizations were asked a series of questions to determine the impact of JEHT's closure on their staffing levels, program activities being funded by JEHT, core program capacity, and their ongoing viability. Grantees were also asked to discuss their current funding sources, financial stability, and plans for dealing with the loss of JEHT funds. OSI's recommendations are therefore informed by the consultant's feedback. Staff expects to consider another round of JEHT Emergency Fund grants. Consideration will be given to funding a select number of former JEHT grantees that were expecting renewed funding; additional groups to be considered may not necessarily be OSI grantees but groups whose work is aligned with OSI priorities.

Joining us at the docket discussion will be the following staff:

Criminal Justice Fund: Leonard Noisette, Susan Tucker, William Johnston and Terrance Pitts

Equality and Opportunity Fund: Raquiba LaBrie and Maria Teresa Rojas

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

Transparency and Integrity Fund: Laleh Ispahani

We have also invited Merrill Sovner to the docket meeting since NSHR has been coordinating their grantmaking with the President's Office.

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